

the business from his uncle, Roland Hemond, making note of textures and tastes, but, most critically, realizing that the key to award-winning products is time, patience, and diligence. The Patrys ensure that all their ingredients come from local farmers so as to maintain the integrity and freshness of their world-class dairy.

After generations of making the butter for friends and family, Mr. Patry decided to share this creamy spread with the world. The same process for making butter that was used in 1900 is still employed today, further proving Kate's Homemade Butter's commitment to quality over quantity. In 2006, the Patry family's hard work was rewarded when Kate's Homemade Butter won the first of its two gold medals from the World Dairy Expo, beating out thousands of entrants from around the world!

Winning their first gold medal in 2006 helped put Kate's Homemade Butter on the map in the eyes of national producers and highly esteemed culinary circles, including *Food & Wine Magazine* and *Down East Magazine*. In a move rarely seen at the World Dairy Expo, Kate's won again in 2008, achieving a very improbable score of 98.8 out of a possible 100. This accomplishment was described as a David versus Goliath moment by the Professor Emeritus in the Department of Food Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Robert Bradley, who is widely regarded as a pre-eminent industry authority. Dr. Bradley noted, "Here you have this relatively small producer in Maine, who, literally, makes his butter just in time to give his customers the absolute freshest product possible. He comes into the Expo arena this year, going up against the biggest names in the business—the largest manufacturers in the entire industry—and walks away with a near-perfect score. The finished product is his passion."

So, thank you, Daniel Patry for your passion and commitment to excellence at Kate's Homemade Butter and congratulations to you and your family on your award-winning product at the World Dairy Expo.●

TRIBUTE TO DONALD AND ELEANOR BUNN

● Mr. THUNE, Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Donald and Eleanor Bunn of Colorado Springs, CO. Donald and Eleanor will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year on December 23.

Donald and Eleanor first met in 1947 while on a double date to a drive-in movie; however, at the time the two of them were on the date with other people. Following this meeting, they began dating sporadically until Don finished his active duty in the Navy. After Don's service in the Navy, their courtship resumed in full, and Donald and Eleanor were married on December 23, 1958 at the Virginia Avenue Baptist Church in Bristol, TN. The service was

performed by Reverend Haynes with Don's father, Silas Clifton Bunn, and Eleanor's sister, Anne Blevins Helms, as their witnesses. Eventually, Don and Eleanor made their home in Garden Grove, CA, where they raised their only daughter, Sharada.

I offer my congratulations to Donald and Eleanor on their 50th wedding anniversary and wish them many years of continued happiness.●

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of November 17, 2008, the following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3526. A bill to enhance drug trafficking interdiction by creating a Federal felony relating to operating or embarking in a submersible or semi-submersible vessel without nationality and on an international voyage.

S. 3535. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to index certain assets for purposes of determining gain or loss.

S. 3646. A bill to authorize and expedite lease sales within the outer Continental Shelf, and for other purposes.

S. 3688. A bill to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation, to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to authorize loans to automobile manufacturers and component suppliers, and for other purposes.

S. 3689. A bill making supplemental appropriations for job creation and preservation, infrastructure investment, and economic and energy assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6842. To restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

H.R. 6867. An act to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation.

H.R. 6899. An act to advance the national security interests of the United States by reducing its dependency on oil through renewable and clean, alternative fuel technologies while building a bridge to the future through expanded access to Federal oil and natural gas resources, revising the relationship between the oil and gas industry and the consumers who own those resources and deserve a fair return from the development of publicly owned oil and gas, ending tax subsidies for large oil and gas companies, and facilitating energy efficiencies in the building, housing, and transportation sectors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7110. An act making supplemental appropriations for job creation and preservation, infrastructure investment, and eco-

nomics and energy assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8686. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dairy Forward Pricing Program" (RIN0581-AC86) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8687. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Russia and Azerbaijan to the List of Regions Where African Swine Fever Exists" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0107) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8688. A communication from the Administrator, Livestock and Seed Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Beef Promotion and Research; Reapportionment" (Doc. No. LS-07-0141) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8689. A communication from the Assistant Director of the Directives and Regulations Branch, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarification for the Appropriate Use of a Criminal or a Civil Citation to Enforce Mineral Regulations" (RIN0596-AC38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8690. A communication from the Secretary of the Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress: Regarding the Accuracy of the Do Not Call Registry"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8691. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel for Regulations, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rail Transportation Security" (RIN1652-AA51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8692. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Electronically Controlled Pneumatic Brake Systems" (RIN2130-AB84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 12, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-8693. A communication from the Staff Assistant, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Seating Systems, Occupant Crash Protection, Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages, School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection" (RIN2127-AK09)