1879, the town of Worthing will celebrate its 130th anniversary this year. Located in Lincoln County, Worthing possesses the strong sense of community that makes South Dakota such an outstanding place to live and work. Throughout its rich history, Worthing has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota’s greatest values and traditions. The city of Worthing has much to be proud of, and I am confident that Worthing’s success will continue well into the future.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Worthing on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.

MESSAGES 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 31. An act to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes.

H.R. 23. An act to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

H.R. 453. An act to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the “Frederic Remington Post Office,” to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2173. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the “Frederic Remington Post Office Building,” to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2090. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1009 Crystal Road in Island Falls, Maine, as the “Carl B. Smith Post Office”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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-1787. A communication from the Director of Regulations Management, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Headstone and Marker Application Process” (RIN2900-AM53) received in the Office of the President, to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

EC-1788. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sale and Issuance of Marketable Book-Entry Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds” (Docket No. BPD GSR89-02) received on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1789. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the country of origin and sellers of uranium and uranium enrichment services purchased by owners and operators of U.S. civilian nuclear power reactors for calendar year 2008; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1790. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to private contracts for energy development adjacent to a designated wilderness area in Marin County, California; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-1791. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: HI-STORM 100 Revision 6” (RIN3350-Al90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1792. A communication from the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration’s 2009 Annual Report on the Supplemental Security Income Program; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1793. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committee Vacancies and Public Disclosures for Fiscal Year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1794. A communication from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to animal drug user fees and related expenses for Fiscal Year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1795. A communication from the Acting Administrator, National Aeronautics and Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report for the period ending March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1796. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1797. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Department’s Inspector General; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1798. A communication from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1799. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1800. A communication from the Acting Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1801. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1802. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Office of Inspector General’s Semiannual Report for the period of October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1803. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, U.S. Postal Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report on the Audit, Investigative, and Security Activities of the U.S. Postal Service for the period of October 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1804. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission’s Performance Budget for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.


EC-1807. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia,
transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18–80, “Newborn Safe Haven Temporary Act of 2009”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1808. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18–81, “Department of Parks and Recreation Term Employee Appointment Temporary Amendment Act of 2009”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC–1809. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18–82, “Rent Administrator Hearing Authority Temporary Amendment Act of 2009”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.


EC–1813. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18–86, “Retail Service Station Amendment Act of 2009”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.


EC–1817. A communication from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18–90 “Closing, Dedication and Designation of Public Streets at The Yards Act of 2009”; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.


EC–1819. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the revised NASA FAR Supplement to update NASA’s Mentor-Protege Program (RIN 2700–AD41); to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1820. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2008 Report on Apportionment of Membership on the Regional Fishery Management Councils; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1821. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Beatty and Goldfield, Nevada)” (MB Docket No. 08–68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1822. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Nevada City and Mineral, California)” (MB Docket No. 08–191) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1823. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Amendments of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Nevada City and Mineral, California)” (MB Docket No. 08–191) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1824. A communication from the Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Sales to the States of the 2009 Commercial Fishery for Black Sea Bass in the South Atlantic; Closure of the 2009 Commercial Fishery for Red Snapper” (RIN0648–XO98) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1825. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “‘Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Designations; Effective Areas–North- eastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Limited Access General Category Scallop Fishery to Individual Fishing Quota Scallops ‘’Red Snapper’ ’” (RIN0648–XP03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1826. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “‘Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure of the 2009 Commercial Fishery for Red Snapper’ ” (RIN0648–XP03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1827. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “‘Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Sea Trawl Catcher Vessels Participating in the Trawl Gear Pilot Program in the Gulf of Alaska’ ” (RIN0648–XO96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1828. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “‘Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Sea Trawl Catcher Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Gulf of Alaska’ ” (RIN0648–XO96) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1829. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “‘Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Designations; Effective Areas–North- eastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Limited Access General Category Scallop Fishery to Individual Fishing Quota Scallops ‘’Red Snapper’ ’” (RIN0648–XP03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1830. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “‘Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure of the 2009 Commercial Fishery for Red Snapper’ ” (RIN0648–XP03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1831. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “‘Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Closure of the 2009 Commercial Fishery for Red Snapper’ ” (RIN0648–XP03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1832. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “‘Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; North- ern Rockfish and Pelagic Shelf Rockfish for Trawl Catcher Vessels Participating in the Entry Level Rockfish Fishery in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska’ ” (RIN0648–XN06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1833. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “‘Guideline Harvest Levels for Charter Halibut Fisheries in the International Pacific Halibut Commission Regulatory Area 2C’ ” (RIN0648–XN07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1834. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “‘Guideline Harvest Levels for Charter Halibut Fisheries in the International Pacific Halibut Commission Regulatory Area 2C’ ” (RIN0648–XN07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Biennial Specifications and Management Measures” (RIN0648–AX24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1835. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States: Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; 2009 Atlantic Bluefish Specifications” (RIN0648–AX49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1836. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, transmitting, pursuant to law, “Fisheries of the Northeastern United States: 2009 Specifications for the Spiny Dogfish Fishery” (RIN0648–AX57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 29, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1837. A communication from the Attorney, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Use of Force Training Ships, San Pablo Bay, CA” ((RIN1625–AA00)(Docket No. USCG–2009–0300)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1838. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone: Coup Canyon Clean Up” ((RIN1625–AA00)(Docket No. USCG–2009–0232)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1839. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Sea World May Fireworks; Mission Bay, San Diego, California” ((RIN1625–AA00)(Docket No. USCG–2009–0296)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1840. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Paradise Point Fourth of July Fireworks; Mission Bay, San Diego, CA” ((RIN1625–AA00)(Docket No. USCG–2009–0125)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1841. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; June and July Northwest Harbor Safety Zone; Northeast Harbor, San Clemente Island, CA” ((RIN1625–AA00)(Docket No. USCG–2009–0303)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1842. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safezone One; ESL Air Race, Detroit, MI” ((RIN1625–AA00)(Docket No. USCG–2009–0089)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–1843. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Safety Zone; Red Bull Air Race, Detroit River, Detroit, MI” ((RIN1625–AA00)(Docket No. USCG–2009–0089)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 1, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:
By Mr. AKAKA, from the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title.
S. 467. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2009, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111–114).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:
By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary:
S. 1184. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:
S. 1188. A bill to amend title XVIII and title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that low-income beneficiaries have improved access to health care under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. BROWN):
S. 1189. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance to the Government of Haiti to end within 5 years the deforestation in Haiti and restore within 30 years the extent of tropical forest cover that existed in Haiti in 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DeMINT, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. BARRASSO):
S. 1181. A bill to provide for greater diversity within, and to improve policy direction and oversight of, the Senior Executive Service; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN:
S. 1182. A bill to amend the Chinese Student Protection Act of 1992 to eliminate the offset in per country numerical level required under that Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself and Mr. BROWNACK):
S. 1183. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance to the Government of Haiti to end within 5 years the deforestation in Haiti and restore within 30 years the extent of tropical forest cover that existed in Haiti in 1990, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. DeMINT, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. BARRASSO):
S. 1184. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to permit employers to pay higher wages to their employees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN:
S. 1185. A bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that low-income beneficiaries have improved access to health care under the Medicare and Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. HARKIN):
S. 1186. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the in-home restriction for Medicare coverage of mobility devices for individuals with expected long-term needs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY:
S. 1187. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize grants for use in response to homeland security events of national and international significance; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):
S. 1188. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to mental health services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. BROWN):
S. 1189. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of the impact of energy-intensive manufacturing and measures to mitigate those effects; to