

beers. Mr. Tod noticed the prevalence of British and German style beers, but felt that consumers were missing out on a quality product. And so, he began producing Allagash White, his version of the traditional Belgian white beer. It was an immediate hit in the Portland area, and Mr. Tod soon began shipping the beer across Maine. He also hired two additional brewers and embarked on the production of a new Allagash Double Ale, modeled after another Belgian style established by Trappist monks centuries ago, and still popular to this day. Over time, Allagash's line of beers has grown to include roughly 20 exquisite styles available in over 20 States nationwide, including a "Reserve" line of distinctive beers that have been fermented twice, through a time-honored process known as the *méthode champenoise*.

As a unique way to give back to the greater Portland community, the brewery has established an Allagash Tribute Series, whereby the company donates \$1 from the sale of every bottle of specific beers to local nonprofits, charities, and other civic organizations. For example, sale of the Fluxus variety helps the Allagash Pediatric Scholarship, established to support the training of nurses at the Maine Medical Center. Additionally, the sale of Hugh Malone Ale assists the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, America's oldest and largest coalition of State organic farmers with over 5,500 members. And Victoria Ale benefits the restoration of downtown Portland's Victoria Mansion, a national historic landmark.

In addition to caring for its neighbors, Allagash takes care of its own employees. Mr. Tod offers health care to all 20 of his employees. Furthermore, to invest in his company's—and, therefore, his employees'—future, Mr. Tod has already taken advantage of a small business expensing provision that was part of the Recovery Act signed into law earlier this year. The measure provides an extension for 2009 of enhanced section 179 small business expensing at a level of \$250,000, allowing small businesses in Maine and throughout the Nation to make investments in plant and equipment that they can deduct immediately instead of depreciating over a period of 5, 7, or more years. This offers entrepreneurs like Rob Tod the ability to grow and bolster their businesses despite the troubling economic picture.

A small brewery with a big heart, Allagash Brewing Company's commitment to community and employees is impressive, and a model for other small businesses. Additionally, Allagash is working in smart and effective ways to emerge from this recession stronger than before. I commend Rob Tod and everyone at Allagash for their stellar work ethic and their fine products, and wish them much success in crafting a solid future.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:33 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H.R. 2346) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

At 11:14 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 614. An act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP").

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 403. An act to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans.

H.R. 780. An act to promote the safe use of the Internet by students, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1674. An act to amend the National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act to allow for the treatment of the nonprofit corporation affiliate of the Bank as a community development financial institution for purposes of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994.

H.R. 2247. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to make technical amendments to certain provisions of title 5, United States Code, enacted by the Congressional Review Act.

H.R. 2470. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 403. An act to provide housing assistance for very low-income veterans; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 780. An act to promote the safe use of the Internet by students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1674. An act to amend the National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act to allow for

the treatment of the nonprofit corporation affiliate of the Bank as a community development financial institution for purposes of the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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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-2011. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant Price Discovery Contracts on Exempt Commercial Markets; Final Rule" (RIN3038-AC76) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2012. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conflicts of Interest in Self-Regulation and Self-Regulatory Organizations" (RIN3038-AC28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2013. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation relative to the Defense Cyber Crime Center: Authority to Admit Private Sector Civilians to Cyber Security Courses and the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2014. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2010; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2015. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard S. Kramlich, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2016. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye (AHE) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2017. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2018. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the six-month periodic report on

the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2019. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket ID FEMA-2008-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2020. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations; Interim Rule" ((44 CFR Part 65)(Docket ID FEMA-2008-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2021. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility; Final Rule" ((44 CFR Part 64)(Docket ID FEMA-2008-0020)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2022. A communication from the General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a confirmation in the position of Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing in the Department of Housing and Urban Development; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2023. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Bismarck, North Dakota" ((DA 09-1236)(MB Docket No. 08-134)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2024. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation relative to authorizing the Transportation Security Administration to adjust the fee imposed on passengers of air carriers and foreign air carriers to pay the costs of aviation security and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2025. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Canton, Ohio" ((DA 09-1209)(MB Docket No. 08-126)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2026. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Television Broadcasting Services; Spokane, Washington" ((DA 09-1225)(MB Docket No. 08-129)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2027. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; 2009 Atlantic

Bluefin Tuna Quota Specifications and Effort Controls" (RIN0648-AX12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2028. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rulemaking to Reaffirm the Promulgation of Revisions of the Acid Rain Program Rules" (RIN2060-AP35) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2029. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inclusion of CERCLA Section 128(a) State Response Programs and Tribal Response Programs" (RIN2050-AG53) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2030. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Northern Virginia Reasonably Available Control Technology Under the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 898-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2031. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alkyl Amine Polyalkoxylates; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8418-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2032. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Reasonably Available Control Technology Under the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" (FRL No. 8918-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2033. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2034. A communication from the Chief of the Border Security Regulations Branch, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Port Limits of Dayton, Ohio, and Termination of the User-fee Status of Airborne Airpark in Wilmington, Ohio" (CPB Dec. 09-19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 12, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2035. A communication from the Chief of Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Election of Investment Tax Credit in Lieu of Production Tax Credit; Coordination with Department of Treasury Grants for Specified Energy Property in Lieu of Tax Credits" (Notice No. 2009-52) received in the Office of the President of

the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2036. A communication from the Chief of Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Under Section 7874 Regarding Surrogate Foreign Corporations" (RIN1545-BI81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2037. A communication from the Chief of Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application of Separate Limitations to Dividends from Noncontrolled Section 902 Corporations" (RIN1545-BB28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 11, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2038. A communication from the Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of proposed legislation relative to Radio Free Asia and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2039. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2008, through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2040. A communication from the District of Columbia Auditor, transmitting a report entitled "Letter Report: Sufficiency Review of the Water and Sewer Authority's Fiscal Year 2009 Revenue Estimate in Support of the Issuance of \$300,000,000 in Public Utility Senior Lien Revenue Bonds (Series 2009A)"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2041. A communication from the Acting Administrator, General Services Administration, Department of Defense and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, a report relative to the Fiscal Year 2010 Capital Investment and Leasing Program; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2042. A communication from the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report from the Office of the Inspector General for the period from October 1, 2008, through March 31, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals From the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2009" (Rept. No. 111-28).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. SHAHEEN:

S. 1277. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on bitolyene diisocyanate (TODI); to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. BROWN):