

the sacrifices that the men and women of our Armed Forces have made over the past 235 years. Indeed, Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the freedoms and liberties we enjoy because of the heroic deeds of these brave service members. For those who made it back, many seek to continue giving back to the nation they love. Today I wish to recognize one such veteran, Philip Lander, who is the owner of Atlantic Defense Company, a small, service-disabled veteran-owned construction firm in my home State of Maine that provides other veterans with an opportunity to find meaningful employment upon their return. For his efforts, Mr. Lander has been named the Small Business Administration's 2010 Maine Veteran Small Business Champion, a truly prestigious honor that only begins to highlight his incredible work to help America's veterans.

Indeed, Mr. Lander can lay claim to a distinguished record of service to our Nation dating back to 1970, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army during his time at the University of Maine. After 2 years of service, he returned to Maine to complete a degree in agricultural engineering during which time he joined the Air National Guard. Mr. Lander was called up to active duty during several notable conflicts, including Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and the Bosnian war in the 1990s, and was recalled to duty after the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Mr. Lander founded Atlantic Defense Company in 2005, after retiring from the U.S. Air Force the year before. Atlantic Defense immediately got to work upon its inception, renovating the well-known Jordan Pond House in Maine's Acadia National Park, as well as taking on a contract for the New Jersey Air National Guard rebuilding ground support equipment. Shortly after the scandal at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Atlantic Defense sought to help America's veterans receive the care they are entitled to by assisting in the rehabilitation of the Nation's VA hospital system. The company performed work at several hospitals across New England, including Togus in Maine and Westhaven in Connecticut.

Always seeking to give back to those who have served, Mr. Lander is involved in the Helmets to Hardhats program, which has the goal of helping veterans of the military, Reserves, and Guard transition from active duty to jobs in the construction industry. His company also transports a medical van to remote spots throughout the northwest portion of Maine, to ensure that veterans living in those areas are able to receive care from the Togus VA system. Mr. Lander also seeks to employ veterans in his company, which currently has 15 to 20 year-round employees, as well as through subcontracting opportunities with similar service-disabled veteran-owned firms.

It has been said of the members of our Nation's Armed Forces that some

gave all, but all gave some, and clearly, Philip Lander continues to give back even after his longtime career of service to our nation. His generous and selfless efforts to employ fellow veterans and provide them with critical opportunities back home is admirable. I congratulate him on his recognition as the 2010 Maine Veteran Small Business Champion, and wish everyone at Atlantic Defense Company success in future projects.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting nomination which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:58 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5026. An act to amend the Federal Power Act to protect the bulk-power system and electric infrastructure critical to the defense of the United States against cybersecurity and other threats and vulnerabilities.

H.R. 5133. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 331 1st Street in Carlstadt, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Frank T. Carvill and Lance Corporal Michael A. Schwarz Post Office Building".

H.R. 5278. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 405 West Second Street in Dixon, Illinois, as the "President Ronald W. Reagan Post Office Building".

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4173) entitled "An Act to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets, and for other purposes", and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. FRANK of Massachusetts, KANJORSKI, Ms. WATERS, Mrs. MALONEY, Messrs. GUTIERREZ, WATT, MEEKS of New York, MOORE of Kansas,

Ms. KILROY, Messrs. PETERS, BACHUS, ROYCE, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mrs. CAPITO, Messrs. HENSARLING, and GARRETT of New Jersey.

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of subtitles A and B of title I, sections 1303, 1609, 1702, 1703, title III (except sections 3301 and 3302), sections 4205(c), 4804(b)(8)(B), 5008, and 7509 of the House bill, and section 102, subtitle A of title I, sections 406, 604(h), title VII, title VIII, sections 983, 989E, 1027(j), 1088(a)(8), 1098, and 1099 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. PETERSON, BOSWELL, and LUCAS.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 3009, 3102(a)(2), 4001, 4002, 4101-4114, 4201, 4202, 4204-4210, 4301-4311, 4314, 4401-4403, 4410, 4501-4509, 4601-4606, 4815, 4901, and that portion of section 8002(a)(3) which adds a new section 313(d) to title 31, United States Code, of the House bill, and that portion of section 502(a)(3) which adds a new section 313(d) to title 31, United States Code, sections 722(e), 1001, 1002, 1011-1018, 1021-1024, 1027-1029, 1031-1034, 1036, 1037, 1041, 1042, 1048, 1051-1058, 1061-1067, 1101, and 1105 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WAXMAN, RUSH, and BARTON of Texas.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 1101(e)(2), 1103(e)(2), 1104(i)(5) and (i)(6), 1105(h) and (i), 1110(c) and (d), 1601, 1605, 1607, 1609, 1610, 1612(a), 3002(c)(3) and (c)(4), 3006, 3119, 3206, 4205(n), 4306(b), 4501-4509, 4603, 4804(b)(8)(A), 4901(c)(8)(D) and (e), 6003, 7203(a), 7205, 7207, 7209, 7210, 7213-7216, 7220, 7302, 7507, 7508, 9004, 9104, 9105, 9106(a), 9110(b), 9111, 9118, 9203(c), and 9403(b) of the House bill, and sections 112(b)(5)(B), 113(h), 153(f), 201, 202, 205, 208-210, 211(a) and (b), 316, 502(a)(3), 712(c), 718(b), 723(a)(3), 724(b), 725(c), 728, 731, 733, 735(b), 744, 748, 753, 763(a), (c) and (i), 764, 767, 809(f), 922, 924, 929B, 932, 991(b)(5), (c)(2)(G) and (c)(3)(H), 1023(c)(7) and (c)(8), 1024(c)(3)(B), 1027(e), 1042, 1044(a), 1046(a), 1047, 1051-1058, 1063, 1088(a)(7)(A), 1090, 1095, 1096, 1098, 1104, 1151(b), and 1156(c) of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CONYERS, BERMAN, and SMITH of Texas.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sections 1000A, 1007, 1101(e)(3), 1203(d), 1212, 1217, 1254(c), 1609(h)(8)(B), 1611(d), 3301, 3302, 3304, 4106(b)(2) and (g)(4)(D), 4604, 4801, 4802, 5004, 7203(a), 7409, and 8002(a)(3) of the House bill, and sections 111(g), (i) and (j), 152(d)(2), (g) and (k), 210(h)(8), 319, 322, 404, 502(a)(3), 723(a)(3), 748, 763(a), 809(g), 922(a), 988, 989B, 989C, 989D, 989E, 1013(a), 1022(c)(6), 1064, 1152, and 1159(a) and (b) of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. TOWNS, CUMMINGS, and ISSA.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sections 1071 and 1104 of the Senate amendment, and