

decided to relocate her firm to Maine for a number of reasons, including our State's high-skilled workforce and quality of life. Over the past 13 years, Sterling Rope has grown in size, moving from its original Maine location in Scarborough to a larger facility in Saco, before settling at its present location in the Biddeford Industrial Park.

The company manufactures rope for a plethora of activities an uses, including climbing, rope rescue, and industrial safety. In particular, Sterling Rope prides itself as a leader in the advancement and production of life safety rope and cord. One of the company's products, the FireTech 32, is the direct result of its partnership with New York City's Fire Department, which provided Sterling with feedback on how to best construct the rope. The FireTech 32 is now FDNY's official escape rope. Indeed, the firm is noted for its exceptionally creative and collaborative product development. The company has created a Sterling Athletes Team, which is a collection of expert climbers from around the world that test Sterling's products and provided critical feedback for the company.

Additionally, Sterling helps promote and support a variety of climbing events and philanthropic efforts on its multifaceted Web site. One inspiring event that Sterling has publicized is the Climb for Cancer Cure, a mountain-climbing fundraiser held each summer since 2006 to raise both funds and awareness for people suffering because of cancer. All of the money raised from the climbs goes to help comfort cancer patients at the Marshall L. and Susan Gibson Pavilion at Maine Medical Center in Portland, by donating amenities like CD and DVD players. Climb for Cancer Cure also provides family members with baskets containing gift cards to help them defray the costs associated with visiting their loved ones, such as for lodging and gas. I thank Sterling Rope for recognizing this tremendous initiative.

Sterling Rope is a prime example of a leading manufacturing company in my home State that is dedicated to making quality products and providing responsiveness to its customers. I am proud that Carolyn Brodsky moved her company to Maine nearly a decade and a half ago, and I hope she continues to expand her extraordinary operations. I thank her and everyone at Sterling Rope Company for their hard work, and wish them continued success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 6162. An act to provide research and development authority for alternative coinage materials to the Secretary of the Treasury, increase congressional oversight over

coin production, and ensure the continuity of certain numismatic items.

H.R. 6166. An act to authorize the production of palladium bullion coins to provide affordable opportunities for investments in precious metals, and for other purposes.

At 3:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6473. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

At 4:45 p.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. 3307. An act to reauthorize child nutrition programs, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 6469. An act to amend section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to include a condition of receipt of funds under the child and adult care food program.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4853) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes, with an amendment.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 6:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 1338. An act to require the accreditation of English language training programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1421. An act to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp.

S. 3250. An act to provide for the training of Federal building personnel, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4387. An act to designate the Federal building located at 100 North Palafox Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the "Winston E. Arnow Federal Building".

H.R. 5283. An act to provide for adjustment of status for certain Haitian orphans paroled into the United States after the earthquake of January 12, 2010.

H.R. 5651. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 515 9th Street in Rapid City, South Dakota, as the "Andrew W. Bogue Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5706. An act to designate the building occupied by the Government Printing Office located at 31451 East United Avenue in Pueblo, Colorado, as the "Frank Evans Government Printing Office Building".

H.R. 5773. An act to designate the Federal building located at 6401 Security Boulevard

in Baltimore, Maryland, commonly known as the Social Security Administration Operations Building, as the "Robert M. Ball Federal Building".

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 8:51 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 4783. This Act may be cited as "The Claims Resettlement Act of 2010".

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 6469. An act to amend section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to include a condition of receipt of funds under the child and adult care food program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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-8295. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Department of the Air Force and was assigned case number 09-03; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-8296. A communication from the Deputy to the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deposit Insurance Regulations; Unlimited Coverage for Noninterest-Bearing Transaction Accounts" (RIN3064-AD65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8297. A communication from the Associate Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Belarus Sanctions Regulations" (31 CFR Part 548) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8298. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Audit of the Exchange Stabilization Fund's Fiscal Years 2009 and 2008 Financial Statements; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8299. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Land and Minerals Management, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Renewable Energy Alternate Uses of Existing Facilities on the Outer Continental Shelf—Acquire a Lease Noncompetitively" (RIN1010-AD71) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 30, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8300. A communication from the Chief, Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting,