

Club in Anchorage for years. Although she was quick to downplay her role in Alaskan history, she had a key position as first lady. Neva also accompanied her husband to Washington, DC, for 19 months during the period when Alaska was being considered for statehood.

In DC it was a time of adjustment, traffic, “hot weather” and big-city living for the girl from small-town Kansas. After her husband, William A. Egan, was elected as Alaska’s first Governor, she took great pride in supporting him, as well as all the Alaskan legislators and their families. She was known to invite legislator’s children to the Governor’s Mansion while living in Juneau during session. Although, Neva rarely spoke publicly about politics, she was the firm shoulder on which many legislators leaned. She was a strong woman that worked hard to care for others behind the scenes when it mattered most.

Neva was the third in a family of four girls and one boy. She graduated from high school in the midst of the Great Depression in 1932 and then worked for a year in her father’s grocery store. After a year, she decided to continue her education and attended Kansas State College, but soon transferred to be closer to her sister and aunt at the University of Wyoming. Quickly, she was recruited to teach in Glenrock, WY, for the “fabulous” salary of \$1,000 a year, while her friends were making \$25 a month. Her musical background and teaching career led her to Valdez, where she expected to only stay a year and was told the town was “a little rough.” Shortly after she arrived, one of the few local guys with a car, a quiet man, who read the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for fun in junior high school, expressed interest in Neva. Apparently, the first date was disastrous, but friends recall “love at first sight.”

William and Neva Egan were married on November 16, 1940, in Valdez. It was the same month that William was elected to the Alaska Territorial House of Representatives from the Third Judicial Division that started his drive into Alaskan political history. As a Representative, an advocate pushing for statehood in DC, a Governor, and as a family man, there was never any question as to whom William could look to for support. Neva was the rock that held up her family. While overseeing issues, her son, Dennis Egan who was born in 1947, once asked if since Neva is the first lady is he “the first kid?” Well, that “first kid” grew up to be a Juneau radio personality, the former mayor of Juneau, and now a State senator.

Neva was known to start the legislative session with buffet receptions for all the Senators and Representatives and their spouses. She was consistently the rock that others leaned upon; ironing shirts, making beds, and taking the initiative to perform any needed repairs on the Governor’s Mansion.

Neva Egan worked hard every day and that resulted in a lifetime of con-

tributions to Alaska. Neva is survived by her son Dennis and daughter-in-law Linda; her granddaughters and their husbands, Jill Egan and Sandy Vergano and Leslie Egan and Tyler Malstrom; and brother Richard McKittrick. Neva was preceded in death by her husband William Egan, daughter Elin Carol Egan, and sisters Helen Spiegelberg, Margaret McKittrick and Josephine Trowbridge. I extend my sympathies to the Egan family and feel blessed to come from the same state where she made such a difference. May she rest in peace.●

#### 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 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 12:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 514) extending expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 relating to access to business records, individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and roving wiretaps until December 8, 2011.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), and the order of the House of January 5, 2011, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. SHIMKUS of Illinois.

#### MEASURE HELD AT THE DESK

The following measure was ordered held at the desk, by unanimous consent:

S. 223. An act to modernize the air traffic control system, improve the safety, reliability, and availability of transportation by air in the United States, provide modernization of the air traffic control system, reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration, 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-594. 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 “Citrus Seed Imports; Citrus Greening and Citrus Variegated Chlorosis” (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0052) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 16, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-595. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Limitations on Procurements with Non-Defense Agencies” ((RIN0750-AG67)(DFARS Case 2009-D027)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-596. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Repeal of the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program” ((RIN0750-AG44)(DFARS Case 2011-D001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-597. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Publication of Notification of Bundling of Contracts of the Department of Defense” (DFARS Case 2009-D033) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-598. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Award-Fee Contracts” ((RIN0750-AF51)(DFARS Case 2006-D021)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 15, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-599. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Report Regarding Effect on Military Readiness Caused by Undocumented Immigrant Trespassing on Operational Ranges—Implementation Update”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-600. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran as declared in Executive Order 12957; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-601. 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 No. FEMA-7917)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 16, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-602. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy announcement in the position of Deputy Under Secretary, received