

create a whole-of-government approach to combat these dangers by not only reducing the flow of HME, but also by helping to eliminate the enemy networks that seek to use these materials for the nefarious purposes of harming our troops, attacking civilian populations, and furthering instability.

General Barbero has approached his work with a high degree of transparency, integrity, and focus. Few missions are as important as JIEDDO's in working to defeat the IED as a weapon of strategic influence. Lieutenant General Barbero carried out that mission superbly. No one has done more or worked harder to find ways to counter the threat posed by IEDs. I have especially appreciated his efforts to encourage others across government to do all they can in order to maintain a level of preparedness to deal with this asymmetric threat. Under his leadership, JIEDDO further improved its processes and control measures to make for a more effective and efficient organization that will be a model for other leaders to emulate.

I have gotten to know LTG General Michael Barbero well during his tenure at JIEDDO. He is an inspiring leader, a fine example for his fellow servicemembers, and a fellow Pennsylvanian. I am proud to share in the celebration of Lieutenant General Barbero, his extraordinary leadership of JIEDDO, and his distinguished military service.●

RECOGNIZING KELOLAND TV

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize KELOLAND TV's 60th anniversary. Opening their doors on May 19, 1953, KELOLAND became South Dakota's first television station. Over the past 60 years, KELOLAND has been a source for critical information and programming to countless South Dakotans.

Providing timely news, weather, and sports across the rural and vast South Dakota plains is no simple task, but through hard work and dedication, KELOLAND has served South Dakota with continuous and critical coverage of all the news of the day. Through challenging times in South Dakota, KELOLAND has been a mainstay for viewers in the region to turn to for up-to-date coverage of the events and happenings in their local communities. In October of 1954, KELOLAND offered its first live programming, which led shortly after to KELOLAND offering the first live sporting event in February of 1957. On March 11, 1955, "Captain 11" signed on for the first time. Little did they know that "Captain 11" would become the longest continuous running children's program in the world. "Captain 11" ran for 42 years before signing off for the last time on December 28, 1996.

In September of 1968, KELOLAND added live color cameras. The year 1997 was very busy for KELOLAND due to the September introduction of the Live Doppler Network, which brought live

weather radar pictures to South Dakota homes, and the December launch of Keloland.com, which gave South Dakotans the ability for the first time to check their local news online. In 2011, KELOLAND made two more cutting-edge technology advancements by creating their first mobile phone app, in February, followed by offering full high definition broadcasting in October.

KELOLAND has provided critical information for the State of South Dakota for 60 years; however, its impact on the region and the community it serves does not stop there. In the spring of 1998, a violent tornado tore through the town of Spencer, and in an effort to help rebuild the Spencer community, KELOLAND organized a telethon to assist the victims of the tragedy. The telethon was a success and raised more than \$1 million.

KELOLAND's commitment to excellence and to its service to the region has not only been recognized by South Dakotans but also on a national stage. Along with winning 10 regional Emmy Awards, KELOLAND, in August of 2000, was awarded an Emmy for its outstanding public service.

KELOLAND's commitment to service to the State of South Dakota makes it an honor to congratulate them on their 60th anniversary of broadcasts and wish them another 60 years of success.●

REMEMBERING AL NEUHARTH

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I wish today to honor the life and accomplishments of Al Neuharth.

Al Neuharth was born in Eureka, SD, on March 22, 1924, where he spent his childhood years. Al's passion for journalism was evident at a very young age when at 11 he began his first job working as a newspaper carrier in his hometown. In high school, Al began writing for his school newspaper and later became editor.

Soon after his graduation, Neuharth enlisted in the Army. Al honorably served his country during World War II in the 86th Infantry Division, under General Patton's 3rd Army. During his time in the service, Neuharth was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge for his bravery.

After the war, Neuharth moved back to South Dakota, where he enrolled at the University of South Dakota. In 1950, he graduated with a degree in Journalism and upon graduation began working at the Associated Press in Sioux Falls, launching a historic career.

In 1953, Neuharth moved to Florida to work for the Miami Herald. After spending several years at the Herald, in 1960 Neuharth left to work at the Detroit Free Press. In 1966, Neuharth launched a new paper called "Today," which would later become "Florida Today" and eventually grow into the USA TODAY which was published for the first time on September 15, 1982. The USA TODAY would grow rapidly

throughout the country and in 2001 was the most widely read paper in the country.

Neuharth's career also included becoming the chairman and CEO of Gannett Co., Inc., where he oversaw a drastic expansion of the company's holdings. In 1991, Neuharth founded Freedom Forum, a nonpartisan international foundation dedicated to free press, free speech, and free spirit to all people. Freedom Forum funds and operates the Newseum, a museum dedicated to the history and impact of journalism. In 1999, Neuharth was honored for his lifetime achievements by the National Press Foundation with the Distinguished Contributions to Journalism Award.

Al Neuharth passed away on April 19, 2013, at Cocoa Beach, FL, at the age of 89. He will be forever remembered for his impact on journalism and will always be one of South Dakota's favorite sons.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:39 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 356. An act to clarify authority granted under the Act entitled "An Act to define the exterior boundary of the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation in the State of Utah, and for other purposes".

H.R. 384. An act to transfer the position of Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Office of the Secretary, and for other purposes.

H.R. 573. An act to amend Public Law 93-435 with respect to the Northern Mariana Islands, providing parity with Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

H.R. 701. An act to amend a provision of the Securities Act of 1933 directing the Securities and Exchange Commission to add a particular class of securities to those exempted under such Act to provide a deadline for such action.

H.R. 767. An act to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project.