

In bringing women business owners together from throughout the state, the chapter makes it easier for members to work together on a local level. In 1994, NAWBO North, a networking group of Northern Oakland County members, was formed. In the years since, following the successful model of NAWBO North, satellites have been established in Plymouth, Detroit, Sterling Heights, Brighton, Southfield and Ann Arbor. Involvement in a satellite allows chapter members to work with one another to benefit the community. Currently, 89 percent of chapter members donate money to charities, 76 percent volunteer their time to local organizations, 65 percent serve on local boards, and 61 percent mentor other women.

The Greater Detroit Chapter of the NAWBO has also established many programs to assist women owned businesses. In 1990, the Greater Detroit Chapter helped to launch the EXCELI (The Initiative for Entrepreneurial Excellence) Project in Detroit, along with corporate partner Deloitte and Touche, the Small Business Administration, NAWBO's National Foundation and the YWCA. In 1994, the chapter took over sole responsibility of this program.

In 1993, Huntington Banks of Michigan entered into a partnership with the chapter to offer market-rate financing to chapter member companies through a special lending process for service businesses. And in June of 1996, Comerica Bank announced its Power Perks Program, in which ideas, resources, and benefits are provided exclusively to NAWBO members. Over the next two years, Comerica invested approximately \$10 million in the program.

Mr. President, women-owned small businesses are the fastest growing segment of the business community. By the year 2010, they will make up more than one-half of all businesses in the United States. Traveling through the State of Michigan I know that women business owners are working very hard to be successful. The twentieth anniversary of the National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit Chapter is certainly evidence of this.

And this incredible growth has been accomplished in spite of some disadvantages. For example, it is clear that the federal government does not do business with a representative percentage of women-owned businesses. This issue was brought to my attention by NAWBO members at a Small Business Committee meeting I held last August in Troy, Michigan.

Mr. President, in 1994, the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act established a modest five percent goal of federal procurement dollars for women-owned businesses. Last year, though, women-owned businesses received only 2.4 percent of the total dollar value of all prime federal contracts.

Mr. President, these standards have to change. There are too many women in this nation working too hard, only to not find the proper support from Washington. Earlier this week, I co-sponsored Senate Resolution 311, a resolution urging the President to adopt a policy in support of the five percent federal procurement goal, and to encourage the heads of the federal departments and agencies to undertake a concerted effort to meet this five percent goal before the end of the fiscal year 2000. I strongly hope that this action on my part and the part of my colleagues will lead to an increased procurement for women owned businesses this fiscal year.

Mr. President, I applaud the many members of the National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit Chapter on the great work they are doing for women business owners throughout the State of Michigan. I feel that there is much more we can do here in Washington to support them, and I hope that changes will be made, and followed through upon, in this regard. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I wish the greater Detroit Chapter a happy 20th Anniversary, and continued success in the future. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 a withdrawal and sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED ON MAY 30, 2000

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered during the adjournment of the Senate, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 4489. An act to amend section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3293. An act to amend the law that authorized the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to authorize the placement within the site of the memorial of a plaque to honor those Vietnam veterans who died after their service in the Vietnam war, but as a direct result of that service.

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

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2645. A bill to provide for the application of certain measures to the People's Republic of China in response to the illegal sale, transfer, or misuse of certain controlled goods, services, or technology, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3244. An act to combat trafficking of persons, especially into the sex trade, slavery, and slavery-like conditions in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, through prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and through protection and assistance to victims of trafficking.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-9119. A communication from the Oklahoma City National Memorial Trust transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Rules and Regulations for Oklahoma City National Memorial", received May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9120. A communication from the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Indiana Regulatory Program" (SPATS No. IN-147-FOR), received May 23, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9121. A communication from the Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Oklahoma Regulatory Program" (SPATS No. OK-027-FOR), received May 23, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-9122. A communication from the Bureau of Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Revisions and Clarifications to the Export Administration Regulations; Commerce Control List" (RIN0694-AB86), received May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9123. A communication from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Privacy of Consumer Financial Information" (RIN1557-AB77), received May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-9124. A communication from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Milk in the New England and Other Marketing Areas; Order Amending the Orders; Correction" (Docket Number DA-97-12), received May 22, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-9125. A communication from the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Spearmint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class 3