

commemorate such a monumental milestone in the history of Pine Ridge.

It has been nearly 20 years since Congress adopted the Mni Wiconi Act to bring clean water sources to the Pine Ridge Reservation. Bringing the Missouri River to the people of Pine Ridge will have an enormous impact in the overall quality of life of tribes and residents in the area. I have been pleased to work on this project with tribal leaders and residents during my tenure in Congress.

I commend the Oglala Sioux Tribe Rural Water Supply System, the concerned tribal officials, and residents who have worked tirelessly, some since the 1960s, to bring a clean drinking water source to the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation. The event on August 20 is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the hard work and commitment involved in making this dream a reality, while looking forward to the great results that Missouri River water will bring to future generations. The impacts will be positive, they will be far-reaching, and they will be impressive.

Again, congratulations to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the Oglala Sioux Tribe Rural Water Supply System on this historic event. People have waited a long time for this day to come, and I am glad it is finally a reality.●

90TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. MAURICE ALBERTSON

● Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. President, I wish today to make a statement celebrating the 90th birthday of Dr. Maurice Albertson, a Colorado citizen whose compassion for his fellow human beings is evident in his every accomplishment.

Dr. Albertson has dedicated his career to enhancing the quality of life of people all over the world. The success he has had in reaching this goal is not just a matter of personal pride, but of global triumph. It is with great pleasure that I wish him a happy birthday.

Dr. Albertson began his career as a professor of civil engineering at Colorado State University in 1947. He is responsible for the development of CSU's large and prestigious water resources management program and was named as director of the Colorado State University Research Foundation.

Dr. Albertson's accomplishments outside of the university are even more impressive. At the request of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, he established a graduate school of engineering in Bangkok, Thailand. Known today as the Asian Institute of Technology, Dr. Albertson's creation still thrives.

Dr. Albertson and two colleagues, Ed and Miriam Shinn, convened an international conference at CSU on the subject of sustainable village-based development in the developing world. The conference was attended by over 350

persons from 34 nations. Following the conference, Dr. Albertson and the Shinn's founded Village Earth, an international nongovernmental organization that provides training to communities and organizations in the methods of sustainable participatory development. To date, Village Earth has helped hundreds of people in 15 countries to lift themselves out of poverty.

And perhaps most impressively, Dr. Albertson played a pivotal role in the formation of the Peace Corps. In 1960, Dr. Albertson and his team won a contract from the U.S. State Department to undertake a congressional study of the feasibility of creating a Point Four International Youth Corps. The following year, Dr. Albertson coauthored *New Frontiers for American Youth: Perspective on the Peace Corps* with Pauline Birky and Andrew Rice. This work was embraced by Sergeant Shriver and the Kennedy administration as the concept paper for creation of the Peace Corps. Dr. Albertson continued to work closely with the Kennedy administration in launching the Peace Corps, which has benefited countless volunteers and residents of developing countries worldwide.

Dr. Albertson has served as a consultant to the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and many other agencies dealing with development issues. He has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Colorado Governor's Award of Merit for Science and Technology, and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Colorado State University in 2006 in recognition of his exceptional contributions to industry and developing nations.

From such an extensive list of achievements, it is abundantly clear that Dr. Albertson has had an industrious and meaningful 90 years.

Dr. Albertson, I am inspired by the life that you have led. Our State and our Nation are blessed to have you as a citizen. I wish you a very happy birthday.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, 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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:54 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4137) to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

At 5:13 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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 6432. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to revise and extend the animal drug user fee program, to establish a program of fees relating to generic new animal drugs, to make certain technical corrections to the Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007, and for other purposes.

At 6:17 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1108. An act to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products.

H.R. 2339. An act to encourage research, development, and demonstration of technologies to facilitate the utilization of water produced in connection with the development of domestic energy resources, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2851. An act to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Public Health Service Act, and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure that dependent students who take a medically necessary leave of absence do not lose health insurance coverage, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3815. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to make full and efficient use of open source information to develop and disseminate open source homeland security information products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 3957. An act to increase research, development, education, and technology transfer activities related to water use efficiency and conservation technologies and practices at the Environmental Protection Agency.

H.R. 4806. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop a strategy to prevent the over-classification of homeland security and other information and to promote the sharing of unclassified homeland security and other information, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5170. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for a privacy official within each component of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5531. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify criteria for certification relating to Advanced Spectroscopic Portal monitors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5892. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modernize the disability