our Nation, and I am sure that they will continue to serve and make many contributions to their communities.●

TRIBUTE TO MARIAN ORFEO

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Marian Orfeo, director of Planning and Coordination with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, MWRA, on being named the new president of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, NACWA.

Ms. Orfeo has been an environmental champion for the city of Boston, State of Massachusetts, and the Nation. She is an exceptional leader and public steward dedicated to the improvement of Boston's water quality and public health.

Ms. Orfeo has worked for with MWRA, a founding member of NACWA, for nearly 20 years. The Authority provides wholesale water and sewer services to 2.5 million people in 61 communities across eastern and central Massachusetts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

As the director of Planning and Coordination, her responsibilities include long-range planning to construct and renew MWRA's water and wastewater facilities, as well as infrastructure and short-term strategic business planning for all agency functions. She also manages the Authority's performance reporting system and is a member of the steering committee for the MetroFuture initiative of the Boston Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Before joining the Authority, Ms. Orfeo previously worked in Boston city government for 16 years. She held a range of positions including operations, administration and finance, and planning.

She has been an active member of NACWA since 1994, was elected to its board of directors in 2000, and has chaired the Association's Legislative Policy, Strategic Planning, Finance, and Awards Committees. Ms. Orfeo is also a consistent champion for the need to develop a new, holistic approach to the nation's complex 21st century water challenges.

Being elected NACWA president is not onlyan impressive personal accomplishment but will help secure NACWA's role as the leading advocate for responsible national policies that advance clean water and a healthy environment.

Mr. President, I congratulate Marian Orfeo on becoming president of NACWA. I am certain the association will greatly benefit from her able leadership.●

CONGRATULATING THE OLDENBURG GROUP

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I would like to congratulate Oldenburg Group on the 150th anniversary of the Oldenburg Lake Shore product line. The Oldenburg Group has a major presence in Milwaukee and Rhinelander, WI. What began on the shores of Lake Superior as a line of outboard motors has grown into a significant contributor to our Nation's defense.

As a qualified small business with both military and commercial product lines, Oldenburg Group has shown that they are a leader within the Nation's defense industry. Their products support the U.S. Navy with refueling systems to allow our ships to remain at sea and ready. They support the U.S. Army with systems for offloading warfighting equipment when no port facility is available, as well as supporting the U.S. Department of Defense in many other ways as well. Oldenburg Group's history of customer satisfaction and excellence is immensely important as it contributes daily to the security of our Nation.

It is because of quality products and exceptional support service that the U.S. Department of Defense trusts Oldenburg Group to provide vital equipment and services used by the military. Oldenburg's dedication to continually looking toward the future and considering how products can practically be applied to homeland security is one reason for their considerable success, and I congratulate that spirit.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 6:43 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2967. An act to provide for certain Federal employee benefits to be continued for certain employees of the Senate Restaurants after operation of the Senate Restaurants are contracted to be performed by a private business concern, and for other purposes.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 3257. A bill to extend immigration programs to promote legal immigration and for other purposes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3258. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110–416).

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3260. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110–417).

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Appropriations, without amendment:

S. 3261. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 110–418).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 3258. An original bill making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3259. A bill to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the priority of certain high cost credit debts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 3260. An original bill making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 3261. An original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Appropriations; placed on the calendar.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 3262. A bill to reauthorize the women's entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. SMITH):

S. Res. 611. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the crisis in

Zimbabwe, and for other purposes; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. CASEY):

S. Res. 612. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that President George W. Bush, President Dmitry Medvedev of the Russian Federation, and other participants in the 2008 Group of Eight (G8) Summit in Toyako, Hokkaido, Japan should work together to foster a more constructive relationship, and that the Government of the Russian Federation should eschew behaviors that are inconsistent with the Group's objectives of protecting global security, economic stability, and democracy; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KERRY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DODD, Mr. HATCH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. Res. 613. A resolution designating the week beginning September 8, 2008, as ''National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week''; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 617

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 617, a bill to make the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass available at a discount to certain veterans.

S. 999

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 999, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve stroke prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation.

S. 1738

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the names of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1738, a bill to establish a Special Counsel for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction within the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, to improve the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, to increase resources for regional computer forensic labs, and to make other improvements to increase the ability of law enforcement agencies to investigate and prosecute predators.

S. 2035

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media.

S. 2042

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2042, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct activities to rapidly advance treatments for spinal muscular atrophy, neuromuscular disease, and other pediatric diseases, and for other purposes.

S. 2204

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2204, a bill to assist wildlife populations and wildlife habitats in adapting to and surviving the effects of global warming, and for other purposes.

S. 2422

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2422, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain computer-assisted remote hunting, and for other purposes.

S. 2549

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2549, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice to provide guidance to Federal agencies on the development of criteria for identifying disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations, and for other purposes.

S. 2579

At the request of Mr. INOUYE, the names of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) were added as cosponsors of S. 2579, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the United States Army in 1775, to honor the American soldier of both today and yesterday, in wartime and in peace, and to commemorate the traditions, history, and heritage of the United States Army and its role in American society, from the colonial period to today.

S. 2618

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2618, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss Facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal muscular dystrophies.

S. 2668

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2668, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 2844

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2844, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify provisions relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes.

S. 3038

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3038, a bill to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the adoption incentives program, to authorize States to establish a relative guardianship program, to promote the adoption of children with special needs, and for other purposes.

S. 3122

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3122, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to provide for the regulation of oil commodities markets, and for other purposes.

S. 3134

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3134, a bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act to require energy commodities to be traded only on regulated markets, and for other purposes.

S. 3185

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 3185, a bill to provide for regulation of certain transactions involving energy commodities, to strengthen the enforcement authorities of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Natural Gas Act and the Federal Power Act, and for other purposes.

S. 3186

At the request of Mr. SANDERS, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID), the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS), the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 3186, a bill to provide funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

S. 3223

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3223, a bill to establish a small business energy emergency disaster loan program.

S. 3233

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3233, a bill to promote development of a 21st century energy system to increase United States competitiveness in the world energy technology marketplace, and for other purposes.

S. 3237

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3237, a bill to assist volunteer