

relief has got to come the consumers way. This is all political and the oil companies are gouging this country—make them accountable and they should be fined and monies returned to the citizens of this country.

LINDA.

I travel about 140 miles two to three times a week and need to fill up on the third trip each time. Each fill up costs close to \$40.00. I think the U.S. should spend more on nuclear power as well as wind and solar power. We should also start looking for oil on our own soil including all of Alaska and off shore. Thank you Senator Crapo for all you are doing for us here in Idaho.

DOYLE, *Arco*.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO LAVENIA MCCOY

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, when Lavenia McCoy arrived in Bayfield in 1939 as new teacher, she also went to the library to volunteer. She has served that library continuously: from the small space behind the post office, to the town hall on the east side of the post office, to the entire 1100-square-foot building at the corner of Mill and Pearl Streets, to the new 8200-square-foot library on the north side of town.

Lavenia McCoy was the first person in Bayfield to catalog books by the Dewey Decimal System, a change for the alphabetical order by author's last name of the 500 or so books. She began serving on the Library Board in 1948, at the behest of Betty Stock, as secretary. About 35 years later, Lavenia McCoy became treasurer, including keeping the library's financial records; she did that until 2006. By then the budget had increased from pennies for overdue fees to several million dollars, the staff from all volunteer to six paid librarians, the circulation from a few shelves of books to 20,000 volumes, and the financial records from ledger to computer. Always she encouraged folks to use their library.

Lavenia McCoy is a lifelong library user, and she is one who is willing to do the work in order to enjoy the privilege. In 2005, the Library Board named its new library "Lavenia McCoy Public Library" in recognition of her contribution. I wanted to take a moment to congratulate her and her service.●

##### TRIBUTE TO BRAD SCOTT

• Mr. BOND. Mr. President, today I recognize and pay tribute to a good friend and longtime colleague in public service: Brad Scott.

I have known Brad for more than 20 years, first as a dedicated and effective employee, and later as a visionary Government administrator.

On January 9, 2009, he will step down from his post as a regional administrator of the General Service Administration after 8 years of innovative and dedicated service.

We sometimes joke that the term "Government efficiency" is an oxymoron, but not when Brad is in

charge. He can make things happen. At a time when political concerns seem to dominate much of the landscape, Brad has worked across the aisle to get things done by focusing on the common good and doing what is best for Missouri and the Heartland Region.

We all know that in the Federal bureaucracy, it is much harder to complete a project than to derail it or to do nothing at all. Red tape is an all-too-real phenomenon. But since Brad came to the GSA in 2001, he has not stopped building.

In 2001, he brought a set of successful business policies to a GSA region that was suffering from underutilized space and low return on investment. He also worked hard to build consensus between local communities, the private sector and Government on large-scale projects. He was able to revitalize blighted areas in many of our largest cities by constructing or renovating iconic buildings that now enhance local economic development. He also permanently strengthened these local communities by creating and maintaining jobs.

Brad's accomplishments are too numerous to name. Several of his major contributions include: the construction of First IRS Center in Kansas City, new Federal courthouses in Cape Girardeau and Jefferson City, and the conversion of the Old St. Louis Post Office into a heavily utilized State building.

Brad's long list of accomplishments speaks to his vision, dedication, and uncanny ability to guide key development projects through the bureaucratic maze.

Losing Brad Scott as Regional GSA Administrator will be a real blow to Missouri but the State has been fortunate to have him in that role for so many years. I know that he will continue to be an active participant in issues facing Missouri and the region just as he has always been.

Brad, thank you for your service and I look forward to many more good things to come.●

##### IDAHO BARLEY COMMISSION 20TH ANNIVERSARY

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, it is an honor for me to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Idaho Barley Commission, IBC, this year. Barley is grown in almost every county in Idaho, and Idaho ranks second in the Nation in barley production. The IBC has been working for growers for two decades, providing current trends, information and educational opportunities to those in the barley industry and representing the concerns and needs of barley growers to policymakers in Idaho and here in Washington.

The IBC plays an integral role in fostering markets at home and abroad in Taiwan and Japan and is currently developing malting barley markets in Mexico, Peru, and Colombia and through the U.S. Grain Council. It

helps ensure that growers' voices are heard in issues like Federal farm policy, Federal malt barley crop insurance, pesticide regulations and irrigation. The IBC is working with the University of Idaho to establish farm business management schools and provides services to growers that include helping farmers optimize herbicide usage, boost yields, and cut irrigation costs. The IBC supports research on barley breeding, pest management, and extension nurseries.

The IBC has a successful history of working in conjunction with the National Barley Growers Association, the National Barley Foods Council, the U.S. Grains Council, and the Idaho Grain Growers Association. This important collaboration helps keep elected officials informed about their members' needs, policies that work, and those in need of improvement. This partnership has been invaluable to me as I continue to work with IBC to address the needs of an important part of Idaho's agriculture economy.

Congratulations to the IBC on 20 years of support for one of Idaho's most widespread commodities. A healthy barley industry keeps Idaho thriving and contributes to our Nation's economy and food security.●

#### 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING RECESS

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2008, the Secretary of the Senate, on November 21, 2008, during the recess of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2040. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the semicentennial of the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2008, the enrolled bill was signed on November 24, 2008, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).