

the field of rentals and real estate where they devoted over 35 years of their lives and presently own Grand View Bed and Breakfast which overlooks Zimovia Strait and the Elephants' Nose. Also, during this time John continued to occasionally fly for Stikine Air Service and worked as a truck driver on the North Slope until his retirement.

During this time Judy also served as the business manager for the Wrangell District of the U.S. Forest Service where she and John served as surrogate parents and guardians for many of the new Forest Service employees and couples who came to Alaska to work in the Wrangell Ranger District. It was through their wisdom and kindness and John's sense of humor that dozens of young families learned how to assimilate themselves into the Wrangell community.

John was a 1961 active Past Master Mason of the Ketchikan Masonic Lodge No. 19, a member of Ducks Unlimited, Muskeg Meadows Golf Club, Friends of the Museum, Wrangell Elks Lodge No. 1595, Pioneers of Alaska Igloo No. 15, and a member of Teamsters Local 959. He served on the Inter-Island Ferry Authority from its inception until 1999. John also spent many volunteer hours working as a docent at the Wrangell Museum when tour ships were in.

John was also a man who invested in his community. He served on the Wrangell City Council five different times including: October 1989–October 1990; November 1993–October 1994; October 1994–October 1997; January 1998–October 1998; and finally from April 1999–October 1999.

As I said, the Bakers are well known in Wrangell for helping young couples new to Alaska learn the ways of Alaska as well as for John's sense of humor. When asked why he moved to Wrangell he would always tell people it was his "youthful exuberance." And when asked in the 1980s why he had decided to work on the Alaska pipeline instead of continuing his flying career he simply said "there are not many old, bold, pilots in Alaska—besides work on the pipeline paid more."

Judy and John were always willing to lend a hand and help their neighbors and to make their community—Wrangell—a better place for everyone to live. John invested himself in southeast Alaska and made Wrangell a "better community" and made all that knew him "better people." He will be missed by his family and friends and most importantly by his loving wife of 42 years, Judy. God grant him his just reward, he will be missed in Wrangell and in the hearts of those who knew him—God's speed John Baker, may the wind always be under your wings.●

#### TRIBUTE TO FATHER NORMAN ELLIOTT

● Ms. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate the 90th birthday of one of Alaska's most be-

loved religious leaders, Father Norman Elliott. When people think of Alaska, they think of the natural beauty and skylines defined by mountains; rarely are the religious leaders that bind our lives together recognized for their devotion to our communities.

Father Elliott began his record of service in 1941 by enlisting in the U.S. Army, serving in Europe for 5 years. After the conclusion of World War II, he returned to school and earned his B.A., followed by a master of divinity from the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria in 1951.

He knew from an early age that he wanted to serve as a missionary and began seeking an appointment overseas, hoping for a post in India or the Philippines. Retired Reverend William J. Gordon, Jr., the Bishop of Alaska, convinced him to serve in Alaska, a position that changed his life. Since 1952, he has served all over our State. Father Elliott was ordained in Anchorage at the All Saints' Episcopal Church, earned his pilot's license, and then was transferred to Fort Yukon, where he flew missions to nearby villages. He then spent some time in Fairbanks and Ketchikan before returning to Anchorage, where he forged a strong relationship between the Greek Orthodox Church, the Jewish Congregation, and the All Saints' Episcopal Church.

He retired in 1990, but between almost daily visitations at the Providence Hospital and the Alaska Native Medical Centers, and his service as Chaplain at the Port of Anchorage, he can hardly be considered a retiree.

For more than 50 years, Father Elliott has been a beloved pastor and key leader in interreligious relationships throughout Alaska. I speak for so many Alaskans in wishing Father Norman Elliott a happy 90th birthday. We extend our best wishes to him for continued good health and good works.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:16 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, 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. 1. An act making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 350. An original bill to provide for a portion of the economic recovery package relating to revenue measures, unemployment, and health.

#### 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 Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 343. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage services of qualified respiratory therapists performed under the general supervision of a physician; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 344. A bill to require hedge funds to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. KAUFMAN):

S. 345. A bill to reauthorize the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 through fiscal year 2012, to rename the Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 as the "Tropical Forest and Coral Conservation Act of 2009", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENZI, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COBURN, and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 346. A bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 347. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to distinguish between the severity of a qualifying loss of a dominant hand and a qualifying loss of a non-dominant hand for purposes of traumatic injury protection under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 348. A bill to amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 349. A bill to establish the Susquehanna Gateway National Heritage Area in the State of Pennsylvania, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 350. An original bill to provide for a portion of the economic recovery package relating to revenue measures, unemployment, and health; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. BAYH):

S. 351. A bill to require United States Government representatives to present to the Government of Iraq a plan to establish an oil trust; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. DORGAN,