values and traditions. The city of Britton has much to be proud of and I am confident that Britton's success will continue well into the future.

The town of Britton will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding with celebrations held on July 3 through July 5. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Britton on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come. ●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF EMERY, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Emery, SD. Founded in 1884, the town of Emery will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Located in Hanson County, Emery possesses the strong sense of community that makes South Dakota an outstanding place to live and work. Throughout its rich history, Emery has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The city of Emery has much to be proud of and I am confident that Emery's success will continue well into the future.

The town of Emery will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding with celebrations held on July 3 through July 5. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Emery on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come. ●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEOLA, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Leola, SD. Founded in 1884, the town of Leola will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Serving as the county seat of McPherson County, Leola possesses the strong sense of community that makes South Dakota an outstanding place to live and work. Named after the daughter of founder CPT E.D. Haynes, Leola began as a town for homesteaders looking for a new future in the West. Throughout, its rich history, Leola has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The city of Leola has much to be proud of and I am confident that Leola's success will continue well into the future.

The town of Leola will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding with celebrations held on July 3 through July 5. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Leola on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SENECA, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Seneca, SD. Founded in 1884, the town of Seneca will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Located in Faulk County, Seneca possesses the strong sense of community that makes South Dakota an outstanding place to live and work. Seneca began 125 years ago as a very prosperous railroad town; and throughout its rich history, Seneca has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The city of Seneca has much to be proud of and I am confident that Seneca's success will continue well into the future.

The town of Seneca will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding with celebrations held on June 26 through June 28. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Seneca on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come.

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF TORONTO, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Toronto, SD. Founded in 1884, the town of Toronto will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year.

Located in Deuel County, Toronto possesses the strong sense of community that makes South Dakota an outstanding place to live and work. Throughout its rich history, Toronto has continued to be a strong reflection of South Dakota's greatest values and traditions. The city of Toronto has much to be proud of and I am confident that Toronto's success will continue well into the future.

The town of Toronto will commemorate the 125th anniversary of its founding with celebrations held on July 2 through July 5. I would like to offer my congratulations to the citizens of Toronto on this milestone anniversary and wish them continued prosperity in the years to come. ●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-2069. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on

the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Thomas F. Metz, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2070. A communication from the General Counsel, Selective Service System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy and designation of an acting officer for the position of Director, Selective Service System; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2071. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2009 Report to Congress on Sustainable Ranges"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2072. A communication from Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to United States Policy in Iraq Act, section 1227 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, a report relative to the current military, diplomatic, political, and economic measures that are being or have been undertaken to complete our mission in Iraq successfully; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2073. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Global Strategic Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Cooperative Threat Reduction Annual Report to Congress Fiscal Year 2010"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2074. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "95th Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2075. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to the Congress on Profitability of Credit Card Operations of Depository Institutions"; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2076. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery; Closure of the Elephant Trunk Scallop Access Area to General Category Scallop Vessels" (RIN0648-XP43) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2077. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Tilefish Fishery; Quota Harvested for Full-time Tier 2 Category" (RIN0648–XP65) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2078. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Deep-Water Species Fishery by Catcher Processor Rockfish Cooperatives in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XP57) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 18, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2079. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled