and gender bias. They received unequal pay, did not have full military status, and were barred from becoming military officers. At the end of the war, the women were ordered to leave military service and paid for their own transportation home. It was not until 1977 that the WASPs who served during the war were provided veterans' benefits.

WASPs were America's first women to fly military aircraft and are a source of inspiration for current and future generations of Americans. I am so proud of these women from Arkansas, and from all over the United States, who served our country under dangerous and difficult circumstances. While we could never fully express the extent of our appreciation for their service, President Obama signed Public Law 111–40 on July 1, 2009, authorizing Congress to bestow a gold medal in honor of these patriotic Americans. I was honored to be an original cosponsor of the bill and I am happy that Congress has bestowed this long-overdue honor.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TILLAMOOK COUNTY CREAMERY ASSOCIATION

● Mr. MERKLEY. Madam President, today I wish to recognize the Tillamook County Creamery Association, a farmer-owned dairy cooperative that was founded 100 years ago. In 1909, 10 small independent cheese plants formed an association in Tillamook County, OR, to produce, distribute, and market quality cheese products that are now sold across the country. Today, Tillamook Cheese is cooperatively owned by 115 dairy farming families. As a national leader in the dairy industry, the Tillamook County Creamery Association produces some of the highest quality milk for cheesemaking.

Tillamook County Creamery Association has been honored, not only for their quality dairy products, but for their commitment to community and environmental stewardship. The farmer-owners have been recognized nationally for their dedication to maintaining healthy herds and farmland. They have worked to improve water quality, protect local salmon habitat, and rebuild stream habitats in Tillamook County. In addition to being responsible stewards for Oregon's environment, they've also been advocates in addressing hunger in Oregon communities. In partnership with the Oregon Food Bank, the Tillamook County Creamery Association has contributed countless meals to families in need and worked with school districts to help provide cheese for school lunch programs.

In addition to cheese production, the Tillamook County Creamery Association contributes to the local economy by attracting nearly 1 million tourists every year, making it one of the top tourist attractions in the State. The Tillamook County Creamery Association is a shining example of dedication to the State of Oregon and to the health of the coastal economy. The cooperative's mission is ''the controlled and profitable growth of consistent, high quality, great tasting Tillamook branded products to meet the demand of the marketplace while optimizing returns to members.'' The Tillamook County Creamery Association has achieved that vision and much more in Oregon for a century and will undoubtedly carry on that tradition for years to come.

I encourage my fellow Oregonians, my colleagues in the Senate and the entire nation to recognize this anniversary and to congratulate the Tillamook County Creamery Association on 100 years of excellence.●

COMMENDING MAYOR PAT RUSSELL

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Madam President, I wish to convey my sincere thanks and appreciation in recognizing Pat Russell, from Keene, NH, for her four decades of distinguished service to the State of New Hampshire. On August 1, Pat is retiring from her role as commissioner of the New Hampshire State Liquor Commission, and I am pleased to submit this statement to the RECORD.

Pat Russell has spent her life serving her community, her State, and her country. She was elected to six terms in the New Hampshire House of Representatives and two terms as mayor of Keene. She served with distinction on President Clinton's Council for Developmental Disabilities and for the past ten years she has served on the New Hampshire State Liquor Commission.

To each of these roles, Pat brought a willingness to roll up her sleeves and get to work for those she served. Her record of accomplishment and her wide circle of admirers speak to the qualities that defined her work: intelligence, persistence and devotion to the State of New Hampshire and her beloved city of Keene.

As Governor of New Hampshire, I was looking for someone with these qualities to fill a coming vacancy on the State Liquor Commission. I offered the position to mayor Pat Russell of Keene, who graciously accepted. Since that day in 1999, Commissioner Russell has overseen what she refers to as ''a perfectly oiled machine with absolutely fantastic employees.'' Indeed, under Pat's leadership, the commission has thrived, contributing over $100 million each year to New Hampshire's general fund.

New Hampshire is proud and grateful for Pat's service and I know her absence will be felt by all who have relied on her leadership and strength. On a personal note, Pat has been a dear friend and mentor to me for over 30 years. I have admired not only her multifaceted professional abilities, but also her commitment to make a difference for the people of New Hampshire. I wish her well in a much-deserved retirement, but I also believe that Pat still has more she wants to do. I know that whatever she does, it will be in the service of others.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing our commissioner, the Honorable Pat Russell.●

COMMENDING THE HARVEY S. FIRESTONE CLASS OF 1969

● Mr. VOINOVICH. Madam President, today I would like to congratulate the members of the 1969 Class of Harvey S. Firestone High School in Akron, OH, on the 40th anniversary of their graduation. Graduates of Firestone's Class of '69 have gone on to become distinguished and accomplished educators, scientists, doctors, artists, entertainers, athletes, public officials, entrepreneurs, and moms and dads. This is a tribute not only to those students, but also to their teachers who gave lavishly of their time, attention and knowledge to ensure a sound foundation for almost 400 young men and women.

The State of Ohio has been long recognized for its excellence in education, and the 1969 graduates of Firestone High continue to leave a legacy that is a testimony to that excellence. This weekend these graduates will travel from all parts of the country and beyond to reminisce, and rekindle friendships. I ask Members of the Senate to join me today in congratulating the Harvey S. Firestone Class of 1969.●

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.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 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. 3288. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3293. An act making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 3114. An act to authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to use funds made available under the Trademark Act of 1946 for patent operations in order to avoid furloughs and reductions-in-force, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. WARNER).

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 4:44 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 bills and joint resolution:

H.R. 2632. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

H.R. 2245. An act to authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing by humans in 1969, to award gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon; Edwin E. ''Buzz'' Aldrin, Jr., the pilot of the lunar module and second person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission's command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

H.J. Res. 56. Joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. WARNER).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3288. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.R. 3293. An act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1016. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2182. An act to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide for enhanced State and local oversight of activities conducted pursuant to such Act, and for other purposes.

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–2439. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's intent to enter into a contract with BOS Security, for screening services at the Roswell International Air Center; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2440. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Television Broadcasting Services; St. Paul, Minnesota'' ((DA 09–1495) (MB Docket No. 09–71)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2441. A communication from the Deputy Chief Counsel of Regulations and Security Standards, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revision of Enforcement Procedures'' (RIN1652–AA62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 17, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2442. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Procedures to Enhance the Accuracy and Integrity of Information Furnished to Consumer Reporting Agencies Under Section 312 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act'' (RIN313–AC93) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 15, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2443. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Amendment 30B Supplement'' (RIN0648–AX73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2444. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled ''Report to Congress on the Fiscal Year 2008 Competitive Sourcing Efforts''; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2445. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; Final Listing of 2010 Light Duty Truck Lines Subject to the Requirements of This Standard and Exempted Vehicle Lines for Model Year 2010'' (RIN2127–AK47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2446. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Anthropomorphic Test Devices; SID–IIs Side Impact Crash Test Dummy; 5th Percentile Adult Female; Final Rule'' (RIN2127–AK26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2447. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Removal and Modification of VOR Federal Airways; Alaska'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (7–2/7–6/0940/AAL–25)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2448. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Establishment, Revision, and Removal of Area Navigation Routes; Alaska'' ((RIN2120–AA66) (7–2/7–6/0926/AAL–24)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2449. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Requirements for Amateur Rocket Activities; CORRECTION'' ((RIN2120–AI88) (FAA–2007–27390/7–2/7–6)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2450. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Reduction of Fuel Tank Flammability in Transport Category Airplanes; CORRECTION'' ((RIN2120–AI23) (FAA–2005–22997/7–2–09/7–2–09)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2451. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to Cockpit Voice Recorder and Digital Flight Data Recorder Regulations; CORRECTION'' ((RIN2120–AH88) (7–9/7–9)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2452. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Revisions to Digital Flight Data Recorder Regulations for B–737 Airplanes and for Part 125 Operators; CORRECTION'' ((RIN2120–AG87) (7–9/7–9)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2453. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Drug and Alcohol Testing Program; Technical Amendment'' ((RIN2120–AJ37) (7–9/7–9)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC–2454. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled ''Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Amendment 3329'' ((RIN2120–AA65) (7–13/7–14/30675/3329)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.