

50 years, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum has offered visitors from across the state and beyond the opportunity to explore and experience firsthand much of our State's 300-year maritime narrative.

Michigan's rich history is inextricably linked to the Great Lakes. In fact, Michigan's name is derived from the Ojibwa word for "large water," a root that speaks to the lakes' defining influence on our State's evolution. The lakes are integral to Michigan's social, cultural, and economic character. Native American tribes established trade routes through these inland seas, which European settlers, led by the French, relied on to develop a thriving fur trade beginning in the late 1600s. During the War of 1812, American and British soldiers fought to wrest control over these precious waterways. Today, the Great Lakes are a superhighway across which giant freighters glide. Some of these great ships have become the stuff of maritime legend, such as the famous *Edmund Fitzgerald*, whose tragic tale has captured the imagination of Michiganders for generations.

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum is a lens through which visitors can study and appreciate the tremendous importance of the Great Lakes. Its permanent exhibits include the enormous bow anchor of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilot house of the S.S. *William Clay Ford*, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. Located on Belle Isle in the middle of the Detroit River, facing the Canadian shore, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum devotes many of its resources to explaining Detroit's prominent role in the rich international history of the Great Lakes. The museum's dedicated staff are committed to providing visitors with an exciting and educational experience, and to ensuring that residents of Michigan and visitors to our State continue to learn about the rich heritage of the Lakes.

For 50 years, this Detroit landmark has served an important role in illustrating Michigan's enduring ties to the Great Lakes. It offers the prospect of adventure and knowledge for those who walk through its doors, and its exhibits tell stories that transport visitors through three centuries of maritime history. I know my colleagues join me in congratulating all those affiliated with the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on its 50th anniversary and in wishing them the best for another 50 years of navigating the course of our history. ●

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 appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:18 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, 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. 5019. An act to provide for the establishment of the Home Star Retrofit Rebate Program, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 4899. An act making emergency supplemental appropriations for disaster relief and summer jobs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.R. 5019. An act to provide for the establishment of the Home Star Retrofit Rebate Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

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. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio):

S. 3329. A bill to provide triple credits for renewable energy on brownfields, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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

S. 3330. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. BEGICH, and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 3331. A bill to establish a Native American Economic Advisory Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. McCAIN (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 3332. A bill to implement a comprehensive border security plan to combat illegal immigration, drug and alien smuggling, and violent activity along the southwest border of the United States; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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

S. 3333. A bill to extend the statutory license for secondary transmissions under title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes; considered and passed.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. THUNE):

S. Res. 515. A resolution designating the week beginning May 2, 2010, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week"; considered and agreed to.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. DODD):

S. Res. 516. A resolution recognizing the contributions of AmeriCorps members to the lives of the people of the United States; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico):

S. Res. 517. A resolution in support and recognition of National Train Day, May 8, 2010; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. Res. 518. A resolution designating the week beginning May 9, 2010, as "National Nursing Home Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1012

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1012, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day.

S. 1275

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1275, a bill to establish a National Foundation on Physical Fitness and Sports to carry out activities to support and supplement the mission of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

S. 1317

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1317, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 3141

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for treatment of low-income housing credits, and for other purposes.

S. 3288

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3288, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to reduce tobacco smuggling, and for other purposes.

S. 3302

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. MCCASKILL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3302, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish