

District is managing one of the largest base realignment and closure and "Grow the Army" initiatives in the Nation.

For more than 75 years, the men and women of the Omaha District have served their country by harnessing the mighty Missouri River basin, building state-of-the-art facilities to serve our military, and recovering the earth from hazardous toxic and radioactive waste.

It is only fitting that we in the Senate recognize the impressive achievements of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—Omaha District during its 75th year.●

2009 NEW HAMPSHIRE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS

● Mrs. SHAHEEN. Mr. President, today I congratulate the recipients of the 2009 New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards. The New Hampshire Excellence in Education Awards, or "ED"ies, honor the best and the brightest among New Hampshire's educators and schools.

For the past 16 years, the "ED"ies have been presented to teachers, administrators, schools, and school boards who demonstrate the highest level of excellence in education. Outstanding individuals have been compared against criteria set by others in their discipline through their sponsoring organization. Experienced educators and community leaders select outstanding elementary, middle, and secondary schools based upon guidelines established by the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Board of Directors.

It is critical that all of our children receive a high quality education so that they can succeed in today's global economy. I am proud to recognize this year's recipients who will receive this prestigious award on June 13, 2009 for the positive examples they set for their peers and the lasting impact they have made on our children and communities.

I ask that the names of the 2009 New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award winners be printed in the RECORD.

2009 NEW HAMPSHIRE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Diane Beaman, Nora L. Beaton, Doug Brown, Michelle Carvalho, Cathy Chase, Mary K. Coltin, Anne Delaney, Arthur R. Deleault, Irene M. Derosier, Kenneth Dugal, Denise Dunlap, Katherine J. Engstrom, Deborah A. Fogg, Venera Gattonini, Doris Grady, Nathan S. Greenberg, Gerri Harvey, Cathy Higgins.

Kathleen Collins McCabe, Eric "Chip" McGee, Dorothy M. Morin, Jackie Moulton, Sean P. Moynihan, Dorothy A. Peters, Marge Polak, Patricia Popieniek, Richard Provencher, Meagan Reed, Roberto Rodriguez, Fern Seiden, John J. Stone, Lyonel B. Tracy, Jacqueline R. Verville, Sheila A. Ward, Suzette Wilson, Otis E. Wirth, Joseph L. Wright.

Bicentennial Elementary School, Boynton Middle School, Inter-Lakes Elementary School, Kennett High School, Matthew Thornton Elementary School, Monadnock

Community Connections School, Newfound Regional High School, Northwood School, Raymond School Board, Virtual Learning Center.●

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.)

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL RELATIVE TO THE "STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO ACT OF 2009," OR "PAYGO," TOGETHER WITH A SECTIONAL ANALYSIS—PM 22

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget:

To the Congress of the United States:

Today I am pleased to submit to the Congress the enclosed legislative proposal, the "Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2009," or "PAYGO," together with a sectional analysis.

The deficits that my Administration inherited reflect not only a severe economic downturn but also years of failing to pay for new policies—including large tax cuts that disproportionately benefited the affluent. This failure of fiscal discipline contributed to transforming surpluses projected at the beginning of this decade into trillions of dollars in deficits. I am committed to returning our Government to a path of fiscal discipline, and PAYGO represents a key step back to the path of shared responsibility.

PAYGO would hold us to a simple but important principle: we should pay for new tax or entitlement legislation. Creating a new non-emergency tax cut or entitlement expansion would require offsetting revenue increases or spending reductions.

In the 1990s, statutory PAYGO encouraged the tough choices that helped to move the Government from large deficits to surpluses, and I believe it can do the same today. Both houses of Congress have already taken an important step toward righting our fiscal course by adopting congressional rules incorporating the PAYGO principle. But we can strengthen enforcement and redouble our commitment by enacting PAYGO into law.

Both the Budget I have proposed and the Budget Resolution approved by the

Congress would cut the deficit in half by the end of my first term, while laying a new foundation for sustained and widely shared economic growth through key investments in health, education, and clean energy. Enacting statutory PAYGO would complement these efforts and represent an important step toward strengthening our budget process, cutting deficits, and reducing national debt. Ultimately, however, we will have to do even more to restore fiscal sustainability.

I urge the prompt and favorable consideration of this proposal.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 9, 2009.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:15 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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 466. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for certain rights and benefits for persons who are absent from positions of employment to receive medical treatment for service-connected disabilities.

H. R. 1709. An act to establish a committee under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education activities and programs of all Federal agencies, and for other purposes.

H. R. 1736. An act to provide for the establishment of a committee to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 466. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination and acts of reprisal against persons who receive treatment for illnesses, injuries, and disabilities incurred in or aggravated by service in the uniformed services; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1709. An act to establish a committee under the National Science and Technology Council with the responsibility to coordinate science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education activities and programs of all Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1736. An act to provide for the establishment of a committee to identify and coordinate international science and technology cooperation that can strengthen the domestic science and technology enterprise and support United States foreign policy goals; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 31. An act to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes.