

workforce in Aberdeen. Working with their signatory contractors, Local 03 negotiated fair wages, safe working conditions, a respectable retirement, and solidarity among the membership. Although Local 03 has never had a large membership, they have always believed that working together will accomplish more than working alone. Today, 16 members keep the hopes and dreams of their founding members alive and well. Special recognition is given to Howard Jones as he receives his 50-year gold card and Don Feiock as he receives his 25-year membership pin.

I commend Local 03 Bricklayers and Allied Craft members for continuing the proud tradition of craft excellence and union solidarity started by their founders a century ago.●

#### RECOGNIZING HARBOR TECHNOLOGIES

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, as we emerge from this lengthy recession, companies small and large are seeking to grow their businesses and become increasingly more innovative. Many are seeking to be leaders in some of the world's foremost emerging technologies. I wish to recognize a small firm in my home State of Maine that has been at the cutting edge of the composites industry since its founding 6 years ago, positioning itself well for continued future success.

Harbor Technologies, located in Brunswick, was founded during the summer of 2003 to fill the demand for environmentally friendly composite building products used for marine infrastructure. In particular, Harbor Technologies' composites are utilized in the manufacturing of docks, piers, marinas, sea walls, pilings, and other similar structures. Additionally, Harbor Technologies is using its composites to build bridge beams as an alternative to heavy steel. As we seek to improve and upgrade our Nation's roads and bridges, Harbor Technologies' distinctive fiberglass bridge beams should be at the forefront.

What makes composites so unique is its durability. While steel rusts and wood is subject to rotting, composites last longer and are easily maintained, leading to huge cost savings for both the supplier and the purchaser. Composites are also lightweight and compact; a large composite beam weighs 4,000 pounds, while similar concrete beams weigh 63,000 pounds. This allows Harbor Technologies to save on shipping costs, and reduce its carbon footprint in the process.

Just last year, Harbor Technologies tripled the size of its manufacturing space to 30,000 square feet, and added state-of-the-art pultrusion machinery to produce pilings of any length. This has allowed the company to take on considerable new work and hire additional employees, even during these difficult economic times.

Significantly, Harbor Technologies has played a critical role in developing

an advanced composites cluster in the Maine midcoast region. Additionally, Harbor Technologies' president Martin Grimnes, is the founder of the Maine Composites Alliance, an organization that seeks to promote the State's leadership in several composites industries, including marine, aerospace, and automotive. Clusters, which are geographic concentrations of companies and organizations that collaborate to create specific products, represent proven tools in our Nation's innovation agenda, and Mr. Grimnes is to be commended for his steadfast determination to advance their effectiveness and utilization throughout Maine.

As a national leader in the composites industry, Harbor Technologies has made a name for itself as a reliable and trustworthy company that produces innovative, cost-effective, and environmentally sound products. And it is small businesses like Harbor Technologies that represent the brightest lights for our economy's future. I congratulate president Martin Grimnes and everyone at Harbor Technologies on their outstanding work and wish them continued success.●

#### 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

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 9:33 a.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:

S. 1677. An act to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

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

At 10:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, 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. 324. An act to establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2131. An act to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

H.R. 2215. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 Merriman Road in Garden City, Michigan, as the "John J. Shivnen Post Office Building".

H.R. 3593. An act to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 to extend by one year the operation of Radio Free Asia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3617. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 74. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a decade of action for road safety with a global target to reduce by 50 percent the predicted increase in global road deaths between 2010 and 2020.

H. Con. Res. 178. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that we reaffirm the historic ties between the United States and the Netherlands by recognizing the Quadricentennial celebration of the discovery of the Hudson River and honoring the enduring values of the settlers of New Netherland that continue to permeate American society.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2918) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, and agrees to conference the conference asked by the Senate on disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House: Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. HONDA, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. OBEY, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. COLE, and Mr. LEWIS of California.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 324. An act to establish the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2131. An act to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

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