military and veterans compensation. He is widely recognized as an expert in the
field as well as a selfless advocate for individual soldiers and veterans in their
legal struggles.

To those of us who are privileged to know, Bill Greenberg personally brings passion to hard work, pa-
triotism, and dedication to all that he undertakes. These qualities have been
recognized by his colleagues in the legal profession and in the Pentagon,
where he has served with distinction and has put foremost the interests of the individual reservist and the veteran. The American soldier has
no greater friend than Bill Greenberg. •

RECOGNIZING AGREN APPLIANCE
• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, small businesses are the engine of our econ-
yomy. There are literally millions of
unique stories about how these compa-

nies have developed since they opened
door. Some of the most impres-
sive businesses are family-owned enti-
ties that start with a handful of work-
ners and a commitment to filling
niches in their city or town. Today I
recognize Agren Appliance, a company
that started with the basics and has
blossomed into a familiar name to resi-
dents of Lewiston-Auburn, ME, for over
40 years.

The Agren family began serving the
community in 1970, when they opened
two repair trucks to fix appliances for
families and individuals throughout
the greater Lewiston-Auburn area.
Their only technology was a rotary
telephone to receive calls from those
requiring assistance. Over time, the
family developed a reputation for its
reliability, gaining regular customers
and parlaying that recognition into fu-
ture success.

As a result of its strong and growing
standing, Agren opened its first brick-
and-mortar store in Auburn in 1978,
carrying the Whirlpool brand of prod-
ucts. Over time, the company further
expanded its reach, opening branches
in the coastal town of Brunswick in
1983, as well as south Paris, in western
Maine, in 1986. Later, Agren Appliance
opened stores in south Portland and
midcoast Maine, covering a large swath of
the State’s population. And on Mon-
day, Agren Appliance moved from its
former south Paris location to a newer,
larger, first-floor-foot space in the
neighboring town of Norway. The com-
pany has been recognized as one of the
Nation’s top 100 appliance retailers, an
impressive feat in such a competitive
market.

Agren now offers its customers a va-
riety of products and brands—including
television sets, beds, mattresses, and
dining room sets. Nonetheless, each store
is still a one-stop shop for all appliance
needs, from dishwashers and refrig-
erators, to laundry machines and dry-
ers, and even everything stays true to its
roots, boasting Maine’s largest inde-
pendent appliance repair team, as well
as a fleet of repair trucks.

Furthermore, Agren Appliance is
still family-owned and remains an inte-
gral part of the communities which it
serves. The company frequently makes
donations to organizations across the
State, often providing gift certificates or
various small appliances for silent
auctions or other events. Addi-
tionally, at certain locations, Agren
posts messages on their large elec-
tronic outdoor signs, advertising up-
coming events and fundraising efforts
from various members of the commu-
nity—a generous act that helps pro-
mote worthwhile occasions and causes.

With five stores spread across the
southern part of the State, Agren has
developed from a small-town appliance
repair business into a trusted name for
appliances and furniture needs. I am
always impressed by the ingenuity of
small businesses like Agren, which has
witnessed marked growth because of a
strong work ethic and dedication to
knowing and serving the community. I
thank all of the company’s employees
for their hard work, and wish them
much success in the years to come. •

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his
secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding
Officer laid before the Senate a mes-
sage from the President of the United
States submitting a nomination which
was referred to the Committee on
Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
sions. (The nomination received today is
printed at the end of the Senate pro-
ceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED
The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr.
INUOE) reported that on December 21,
2010, he had signed the following en-
rolled bill, which was previously signed
by the Speaker of the House:
H.R. 3082. An act making appropri-
cations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal
year ending September 30, 2010, and
for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED
The President pro tempore (Mr.
INUOE) reported that he had signed the
following enrolled bills, which were
previously signed by the Speaker of the House:
S. 118. An act to amend section 202 of the
Housing Act of 1959, to improve the program
under such section for supportive housing for
the elderly, and for other purposes.
S. 1431. An act to amend section 811 of the
Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable
Housing Act to improve the program under
such section for supportive housing for
persons with disabilities.
H.R. 81. An act to amend the High Seas
Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act
and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Con-
servation and Management Act to improve
the conservation of sharks.

At 1:37 p.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. 6523. An act to amend the Ele-
mentary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to
require criminal background checks for school
employees.

The message also announced that the
House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6523) to au-
thorize appropriations for fiscal year
2011 for military activities of the De-
partment of Defense, for military con-
struction, and for defense activities of
the Department of Energy, to prescribe
military personnel strengths for such
fiscal year, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that
pursuant to section 1238(b)(3) of the
Floyd D. Spence National Defense Au-
thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (22
U.S.C. 7002) as amended, the Minority
Leader reappoints the following mem-
bers on the part of the House of Repre-
sentatives to the United States-China
Economic and Security Review
Commission: Mr. Larry Wertz, effec-
tive January 1, 2011.

The message also announced that
pursuant to section 5005 of the Patient
Protection and Affordable Care Act
(Public Law 111–148), the Minority
Leader appoints the following persons
on the part of the House of Representa-
tives to the Commission on Key Na-
tional Indicators: Mr. Marcus Peacock
of Washington, D.C., and Mr. Tomas J.
Philipson of Chicago, Illinois.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED
At 4:01 p.m., a message from the
House of Representatives, delivered by
Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks,
announced that the Speaker has signed
the following enrolled bills:
S. 3243. An act to require U.S. Customs
and Border Protection to administer polygraph
examinations to all applicants for law en-
forcement positions with U.S. Customs
and Border Protection, to require U.S. Customs
and Border Protection to initiate all periodic
background reinvestigations of certain law
enforcement personnel, and for other
purposes.
S. 3592. An act to designate the facility of
the United States Postal Service located at
100 Commerce Drive in Tyrone, Georgia,
as the “First Lieutenant Robert Wilson Collins
Post Office Building”.
H.R. 4456. An act to amend Public Law 95–
222 to repeal a restriction on treating as In-
dian country certain lands held in trust for
Indian pueblos in New Mexico.
H.R. 5749. An act to exclude an external
power supply for certain security or life safe-
ity alarms and surveillance system compo-
nents from the application of certain energy
The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. BAYH).

The following bills were enacted into law by the President:

H.R. 4494. An act to require the Secretary of Defense, in awarding a contract for the KC-X Aerial Refueling Aircraft Program, to consider any unfair competitive advantage that an offeror may possess; to the Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 6547. An act to amend the National Security Act of 1947 to allow the President to make emergency exemptions from the provisions relating to transactions involving U.S. exports to India; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC–8584. A joint communication from the Chairmen of the Committee on the Budget and the Energy and Commerce Committee on the fiscal year 2011 budget resolution and reconciliation instruction.

EC–8587. A communication from the Direc tors of the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Management and Budget, to the Committee on Appropriations.

H.R. 6560. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were before the Committee on Appropriations, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Modifications to Renewable Fuel Standards for the 2013 and 2014 Renewable Fuel Standard Programs.

EC–8583. A communication from the Direc tor of the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Management and Budget, to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC–8588. A communication from the Chairmen of the Committee on Appropriations and the Senate sergeant at arms, to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

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