

Among the many victories Mr. Carrigan has secured for working families, he recently helped successfully push for a minimum wage increase in Illinois and a \$45 billion State infrastructure package. He has been lauded for his “steady hand” and leadership and will no doubt be missed by his membership and everyone in Illinois that supports the rights of working people.

I thank Mr. Carrigan for his service to the State of Illinois, and I wish him all the best in retirement.●

RECOGNIZING R & H MACHINE, INC.

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today I am pleased to honor R & H Machine, Inc., located in Caldwell, as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for December 2019.

R & H Machine’s story began on a wheat farm in Washington State in the 1950s. In an effort to supplement their income, wheat farmers Ray and Arline Stueckle began welding and selling replacement farm equipment made of chrome alloy, a durable material that greatly expanded the lifecycle of farm equipment. After several decades of growth, the family business moved its operations to Caldwell in 1978 to better serve its clientele across the Pacific Northwest.

Today, R & H Machine is owned and operated by the Stueckles’ daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Dave Organ. The business manufactures and sells a product line of about 1,500 parts made from chrome alloy and distributes thousands of farm tools across the U.S. R & H Machine equipment is estimated to last about 15 years longer than the life of standard equipment and three to five times longer than the life of hard-faced equipment. Dave Organ is constantly designing and developing new parts at the request of his customers. The Organ family prides itself on upholding the founder’s commitment to providing the farmer the best deal possible and a superior product.

Congratulations to Dave and Kathy Organ and all of the employees at R & H Machine, Inc., for being selected as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for December 2019. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

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-3310. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Clothianidin; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 10000-64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3311. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Cyflumetofen; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9996-61) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 22, 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3312. A communication from the Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “DFAS Privacy Act Program” (RIN0790-AK70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 21, 2019; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3313. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13851 of November 27, 2018, with respect to Nicaragua; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3314. A communication from the President of the United States to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, transmitting, consistent with the War Powers Act, a report relative to the deployment of U.S. forces to the Middle East to protect United States interests and enhance force protection in the region against hostile action by Iran and its proxy forces; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WICKER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 1349. A bill to expand enrollment in TSA PreCheck to expedite commercial travel screening and improve airport security (Rept. No. 116-163).

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. MCSALLY:
S. 2959. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to modify the reductions in

Medicaid DSH allotments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. JONES):

S. 2960. A bill to require individuals fishing for Gulf reef fish to use certain descending devices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHATZ (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MURPHY):

S. 2961. A bill to establish duties for online service providers with respect to end user data that such providers collect and use; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PAUL:
S. 2962. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit withdrawals from certain retirement plans for repayment of student loan debt, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 133

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN), the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) were added as cosponsors of S. 133, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the United States merchant mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated and vital service during World War II.

S. 227

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 227, a bill to direct the Attorney General to review, revise, and develop law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to address missing and murdered Indians, and for other purposes.

S. 277

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. JONES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 277, a bill to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Fred Korematsu, in recognition of his dedication to justice and equality.

S. 359

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 359, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income certain Federally-subsidized loan repayments for dental school faculty.

S. 521

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 521, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 866

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois