

happiness as they move on to the next phase of their life together.●

RECOGNIZING D & G MACHINE PRODUCTS, INCORPORATED

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I honor the work of a small business from my home State of Maine that produces innovative machine products used to expand the capabilities of factories in all sectors of our nation's economy. Founded in 1967 by Dave Gushee and Fred Loring in a one-car garage, D&G Machine Products, Incorporated, of Westbrook, is now responsible for producing the custom machinery vital to the operation of some of our nation's largest manufacturers.

With 79 highly-skilled employees and multiple facilities totaling more than 100,000 square feet, D&G's custom machine production has boundless possibilities. The company's highly trained designers utilize advanced engineering component modeling software to ensure an accurate and time-effective production process in creating a wide range of manufacturing equipment and machinery such as turbine parts, crank shafts, aerospace components, and food processing equipment.

The company also provides products to myriad companies in the pulp and paper, high technology, power, petrochemical, and defense industries. Furthermore, because D&G is a full-service manufacturer, they are capable of producing manufacturing equipment from a "build to print" template, or they can design, install, and implement a new manufacturing model based on a company's request. D&G's commitment to quality and stellar reputation has led to partnerships with numerous American manufacturing giants, such as Georgia-Pacific, General Dynamics, and Raytheon.

Notably, D&G's owner, Duane Gushee, sits on the Manufacturers Association of Maine's, MAME, Board of Directors. MAME does tremendous work to promote our State's remarkable manufacturers and to help them become increasingly more competitive. Additionally, as a member of the Maine Aerospace Alliance, one of MAME's key initiatives, D&G is working to bolster our State's fledgling aerospace industry, which relies upon heavy manufacturing and holds significant promise for Maine's economic future. D&G's equipment design ingenuity is also helping our country keep its waters safe as this innovative small business provides advanced, custom-designed manufacturing tools to the U.S. Coast Guard.

D&G has been consistently recognized for its commitment to quality and critical prowess in the manufacturing field. For example, in 2004, Mr. Gushee was recognized with the Southern Maine Community College Alumni Business Innovation & Entrepreneurial Spirit Award. In turn, D&G has given back to the community in many ways, including making generous yearly do-

nations to the Bruce Roberts Toy Fund, which goes toward the purchase of gifts for needy children.

Beginning as a garage business producing custom tools for manufacturers in Portland and becoming one of the most relied-upon manufacturing equipment suppliers in the nation, D&G and its founders Dave Gushee and Fred Loring provide us with a prescient example of the power of American ingenuity and determination. D&G's success is summed up by Duane Gushee's philosophy of "constantly modernizing"—words of wisdom for companies seeking to become competitive in today's challenging global marketplace. I congratulate everyone at D&G Machine Products for their invaluable service to our Nation, and I wish them continued success in the future.●

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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The PRESIDENT pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills, which had previously been signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 1818. An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Steward L. Udall, and for other purposes.

H.R. 621. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

H.R. 2892. An act making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1858. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, October 22, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1818. An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in Na-

tional Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Steward L. Udall, and for other purposes.

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-3437. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2009-0165-2009-0178); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3438. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to the implementation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3439. A communication from the Chairman, Merit System Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Addressing Poor Performance and the Law"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3440. A communication from the Senior Procurement Executive, General Services Administration, Department of Defense and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-37" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3441. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-190, "Loree H. Murray Way Designation Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3442. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-191, "Heat Wave Safety Temporary Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3443. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-192, "Residential Aid Discount Subsidy Stabilization Temporary Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3444. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-201, "Pension Vesting Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3445. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-202, "National Guard Morale, Welfare and Recreation Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3446. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-203, "District Residency RIF Protection Temporary Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3447. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

on D.C. Act 18-204, "Medical Insurance Empowerment Surplus Review Temporary Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3448. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-205, "Unemployment Compensation Administrative Modernization Temporary Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3449. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 18-206, "Unemployment Compensation Additional Benefits Program Temporary Amendment Act of 2009"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-3450. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Eastsound, WA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0554)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3451. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Chuathbaluk, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0231)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3452. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Boeing Model 737-300 and 737-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0429)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3453. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) RB211-535E4 Series Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0057)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3454. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Construcciones Aeronauticas, S.A. (CASA), Model C-212-CB, C-212-CC, C-212-CD, and C-212-CE Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64) (Docket No. FAA-2009-0611)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3455. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirements and Procedures for Consumer Assistance to Recycle and Save Program" ((RIN2127-AK61) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3456. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Early Warning Reporting Regulations" ((RIN2127-AK28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3457. A communication from the Assistant Chief Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Chemical Oxygen Generators" ((RIN2137-AE49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 20, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3458. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of Critical Habitat for Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment; Final Rule" ((RIN0648-AW77) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 16, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3459. A communication from the Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Catching Pacific Cod for Processing by the Inshore Component in the Central Regulatory Area of the Gulf of Alaska" ((RIN0648-XR92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3460. A communication from the Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 of the Gulf of Alaska" ((RIN0648-XR91) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3461. A communication from the Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 of the Gulf of Alaska" ((RIN0648-XR90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3462. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program, Rockfish Program, Amendment 80 Program; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area Crab Rationalization Program" ((RIN0648-AW56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3463. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Black Sea Bass Recreational Fishery; Emergency Rule" ((RIN0648-AY23) received in the

Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3464. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Shrimp Fishery Off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 7" ((RIN0648-AW19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3465. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Scup Fishery; Commercial Quota Harvested for 2009 Summer Period" ((RIN0648-XR94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3466. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" ((RIN0648-XS04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3467. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 620 in the Gulf of Alaska" ((RIN0648-XS06) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3468. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Greenland Turbot in the Aleutian Islands Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" ((RIN0648-XS03) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3469. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery; Commercial Period 1 Quota Harvested" ((RIN0648-XR84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3470. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Reallocation of Yellowfin Sole in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" ((RIN0648-XS12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3471. A communication from the Acting Director of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the

Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska, Groundfish Observer Program" (RIN0648-AX94) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 19, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 1340. A bill to establish a minimum funding level for programs under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for fiscal years 2010 to 2014 that ensures a reasonable growth in victim programs without jeopardizing the long-term sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Laurie O. Robinson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Benjamin B. Wagner, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. BROWNBACK:

S. 1835. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow 5-year carryback of operating losses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. McCAIN:

S. 1836. A bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from further regulating the Internet; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 1837. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to cover hearing aids and auditory rehabilitation services under the Medicare Program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. WEBB):

S. 1838. A bill to establish a commission to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1839. A bill to provide for duty free treatment for certain United States Government property returned to the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1840. A bill to extend the temporary suspension of duty on Linuron; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1841. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Terbacil; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 1842. A bill to modify the provisions of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to returned property; to the Committee on Finance.

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

S. 1843. A bill to provide increased penalties for health care fraud; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GREGG:

S. 1844. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ski poles; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1845. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on Avermectin B; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1846. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on cloquintocet-mexyl; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1847. A bill to modify and extend the suspension of duty on clodinafop-propargyl; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1848. A bill to modify and extend the suspension of duty on fludioxinil technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1849. A bill to renew the temporary suspension of duty on primsulfuron; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1850. A bill to modify and extend the suspension of duty on pinoxaden; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1851. A bill to modify and extend the suspension of duty on azoxytrobin; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1852. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on prosulfuron technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1853. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on mefenoxam technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1854. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on pymetrozine technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska:

S. 1855. A bill to extend the suspension of duty on cyproconazole technical; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BARRASSO:

S. 1856. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to clarify policies regarding ownership of pore space; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1857. A bill to establish national centers of excellence for the treatment of depressive and bipolar disorders; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. REID):

S. 1858. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; read the first time.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. KOHL, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 1859. A bill to reinstate Federal matching of State spending of child support incentive payments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 1860. A bill to permit each current member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 terms; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 1861. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 2-year extension of the increased rehabilitation credit for structures in the Gulf Opportunity Zone; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN:

S. 1862. A bill to provide that certain Secret Service employees may elect to transition to coverage under the District of Columbia Police and Fire Fighter Retirement and Disability System; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. BOND (for himself and Mrs. MCCASKILL):

S. Res. 320. A resolution designating May 1 each year as "Silver Star Banner Day"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 453

At the request of Mr. SCHUMER, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 453, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants and offer technical assistance to local governments and others to design and implement innovative policies, programs, and projects that address widespread property vacancy and abandonment, and for other purposes.

S. 456

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 456, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop guidelines to be used on a voluntary basis to develop plans to manage the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools and early childhood education programs, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 462

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 462, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit the importation, exportation, transportation, and sale, receipt, acquisition, or purchase in interstate or foreign commerce, of any live animal of any prohibited wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 491

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

At the request of Mr. WEBB, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 491, *supra*.