

Review-Journal's political reporter in 2010. Her final years were spent bringing unforgettable political coverage to the Las Vegas community.

Throughout her 30 years in Nevada journalism, Laura strived to travel the world and achieve a greater understanding of her surroundings. She sought to transcribe and bring an accurate picture of her findings to her readers. Her insatiable appetite to uncover important news stories and bring Nevadans pertinent political information made her the incredible journalist that she was. She embodied the Battle Born spirit of determination, fearlessness, confidence, and resilience. She was a fierce competitor, bringing out the absolute best of Nevada journalism. I worked with Laura for many years and have seen firsthand her unwavering dedication to her trade. Our relationship operated under an open-door policy, and I am grateful for everything she has done.

I extend my deepest sympathies to her family. We will always remember Laura for her invaluable contribution to the local community and for her compassion that touched so many lives around the globe. Her legacy of kindness, dedication, and true drive will echo on for years to come in Nevada journalism.

Laura fought to bring Nevada only the most accurate journalism. Even in her final weeks, her dedication to those around her never faltered. I am honored to commend her for her hard work and invaluable contribution to the Silver State. Today, I join the Las Vegas community and citizens of the Silver State to celebrate the life of an upstanding Nevadan and friend, Laura Myers.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID SAMRICK

● Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Mr. David Samrick on the occasion of his recognition as the 2014 Service Center Executive of the Year by Metal Center News. Mr. Samrick has worked at Mill Steel since 1965, and was named president in 1976 after his father stepped back from day-to-day management of the family's company. Under his leadership, Mill Steel has grown from a single-location in Grand Rapids, MI into the 23rd largest service center organization selling flat-rolled steel from Canada to the gulf coast. I appreciate the opportunity to recognize Mr. Samrick's success as a business leader, as well as the contributions he has made to communities throughout western Michigan.

Mr. Samrick is the heart and soul of Mill Steel, the company founded by his parents in 1959. Its success is a testament to Mr. Samrick's team-building skills and his confidence in the company's leadership. Each member of the six-person leadership team has equity in the company, and all share the responsibility of directing its operations. The team reflects a diversity which is unique in the steel industry, a reflec-

tion of Mr. Samrick's belief in attracting the best talent available regardless of age or gender. An example of the breadth and diversity of experience at Mill Steel is the fact that—when you include Mr. Samrick—the company's leadership team includes individuals born in the 1940s, 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s.

The success of Mr. Samrick's approach to management is evident in Mill Steel's track record, especially during the past 5 years. The company's revenue first crossed the \$100 million mark in the early 2000s. In 2010, Mill Steel expanded outside the Midwest with the purchase of the former Coated Steel facility in Birmingham, AL. Last year, it added a facility at the Port of Indiana to its holdings. This has allowed Mill Steel to become a prominent player in the flat-roll steel market from Toronto to Texas. It anticipates 700,000 tons of flat-rolled steel will pass through the doors of Mill Steel next year, with revenue expected to exceed \$600 million in 2015.

Mill Steel's success is due in no small part to the company's hard work and the loyalty displayed between it and its clients. Mr. Samrick's patient and trusting leadership has helped Mill Steel remain flexible during economic downturns. This flexibility is also illustrated in the company's commitment to technology and service. In particular, the company's Rapid Response program allows it to regularly prepare and ship an order within 4 hours of being received. Mr. Samrick's trust in his team allows Mill Steel to address the dynamic needs of its customers, encouraging loyalty and trust across the board.

Mr. Samrick's successful approach to leadership is not only rooted in his confidence in the leadership and staff of Steel Mill; it reflects his love for his family and a desire to lead a balanced lifestyle. Mr. Samrick is devoted to his wife, two children and five grandchildren. He also embraces a culture of philanthropy, demonstrated by his role as a national leader on the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, and his longtime commitment to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Western Michigan and its parent organization, D.A. Blodgett St. John's of Michigan.

For almost 20 years, Mill Steel has led the fundraising efforts of Big Brother and Big Sisters of Western Michigan. The company took leadership of the organization's annual golf outing in 1996. Since that time, the event has raised nearly \$1.7 million, helping match 11,000 children with mentors. The annual golf outing culminates in a dinner where the Harry Samrick Scholarship, named in honor of Mr. Samrick's father, is awarded. It is one of the many ways Mr. Samrick and Mill Steel supports children, including services projects at group homes and visits to children hospitals.

Again, I would like to congratulate Mr. David Samrick on being recognized as the 2014 Service Center Executive of the Year by Metal Center News. I ap-

plaud Mr. Samrick's success, as well as his dedication to his family and community. I am confident his leadership will continue to shape the future of Steel Mill and communities throughout western Michigan.●

RECOGNIZING HASPEL

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, small businesses can often influence American culture and provide rich traditions that we celebrate for decades to come. Born out of the unique features of their hometowns, these businesses have become an important part of our history. The "Throwback Thursday" Small Business of the Week, Haspel of New Orleans, LA has created an all-American brand of clothing that has supported domestic enterprise and manufacturing.

In 1909, Joseph Haspel Sr. created his namesake seersucker brand to help Louisianians cope with the Mighty Mississippi's heat and humidity. Haspel recognized the need for versatile, lightweight clothing that could be worn during both the summer days and evenings. He based the puckered cloth off of a similar design used by workers in India, where the fabric was originally used to make overalls and laboring clothes. Haspel soon realized that a wide variety of folks could benefit from the innovative design—not simply just the day laborers for which the design was initially intended. From here, the seersucker business suit was born and quickly became a popular icon of the southern gentleman, worn at jazz concerts and cocktail parties alike. The style spread farther north and eventually solidified its place as an emblem of sophistication, having outfitted nearly every President since Calvin Coolidge. Haspel is now in its fourth generation as a family-owned business and continues to provide lightweight and stylish clothing across the country.

Joseph Haspel centered his brand on the unique culture of New Orleans and southern Louisiana. In addition to providing a cloth that would help people stay cool throughout the summer, he was committed to crafting clothes that were enjoyable to wear. To demonstrate his wash-and-wear fabric, Haspel supposedly jumped into the Atlantic Ocean in his suit, hung it up to dry, and wore it to an event later that evening. His commitment to durable, comfortable clothing has attracted loyal customers for over 100 years. This wash-and-wear material is used today for everything from suits to shorts.

Congratulations again to Haspel for being selected as the "Throwback Thursday" Small Business of the Week. Thank you for your continued embodiment of Louisiana culture and dedication to 100 percent made-in-America quality clothing.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the Secretary of the Senate, on June 26, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY) has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 893. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boys Town, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1295. An act to extend the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the Generalized System of Preferences, the preferential duty treatment program for Haiti, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 6, 2015, the enrolled bills were signed on June 26, 2015, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:39 a.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 bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H.R. 907. An act to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

H.R. 1531. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 91) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:36 p.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:

H.R. 91. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 907. An act to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1531. An act to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2576. An act to modernize the Toxic Substances Control Act, 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-2124. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prohexadione calcium; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9927-25) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2125. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cuprous oxide; Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9929-51) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2126. A communication from the Program Manager of the BioPreferred Program, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidelines for Designating Biobased Products for Federal Procurement" (RIN0599-AA23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2127. A communication from the Counsel, Legal Division, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Defining Larger Participants of the Automobile Financing Market and Defining Certain Automobile Leasing Activity as a Financial Product or Service" (RIN3170-AA46) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2128. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to transnational criminal organizations that was declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2129. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2130. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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 of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XD920) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 24, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2131. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-114); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2132. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department 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 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2133. A communication from the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" (29 CFR Parts 4022 and 4044) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 25, 2015; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2134. A communication from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2015 annual report on the financial status of the railroad unemployment insurance system; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2135. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Twenty-Sixth Actuarial Valuation of the Assets and Liabilities Under the Railroad Retirement Acts as of December 31, 2013"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2136. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revising Underground Storage Tank Regulations—Revisions to Existing Requirements and New Requirements for Secondary Containment and Operator Training" ((RIN2050-AG46) (FRL No. 9913-64-OSWER)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2137. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Performance Specification 18—Performance Specifications and Test Procedures for Hydrogen Chloride Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems and Stationary Sources" ((RIN2060-AR81) (FRL No. 9929-25-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 30, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2138. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,