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Congratulations again to Manchac Industries for being selected as Small Business of the Week, and thank you for your commitment to driving innovation and productivity for pharmacies over Louisiana and around the country.●

#### RECOGNIZING PONTCHARTRAIN PARTNERS LLC

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, as we approach the start of hurricane season in the United States, I would like to specifically honor the work of one award-winning company that has provided services following the destruction of Hurricane Katrina to better prepare Louisianians to weather the next big storm. This week, I would like to recognize Pontchartrain Partners LLC of New Orleans, LA, as Small Business of the Week.

In 2009, Tim Jarquin and Danny Blanks founded Pontchartrain Partners LLC in New Orleans, LA. As service disabled veterans, Jarquin and Blanks focused on long-term rebuilding of the New Orleans flood protection system. In the months after Hurricane Katrina and Rita, Pontchartrain Partners played a major role in preparing the greater New Orleans area and surrounding parishes to weather the next big storm and potentially prevent the billions of dollars in damage that we witnessed in 2005.

In just 7 years, the team at Pontchartrain Partners has built strong relationships with local, State, and Federal agencies, and has secured contracts for construction, civil engineering, and their continued work on flood protection and expansion. Additionally, Jarquin and Blanks have earned several awards and commendations for their important work from State and Federal agencies and Louisiana and national business organizations. Most recently, they were recognized as the Veteran Small Business Champion by the Louisiana Economic Development and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Additionally, Pontchartrain Partners has also been recognized as one of the top 10 fastest growing companies in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina by the Inc. 500 group, and has also been recognized as the 38th fastest growing company in America in 2014, and No. 1 in government services for the State of Louisiana.

I would like to congratulate Pontchartrain Partners LLC once more and express my appreciation for their valuable contributions to our State's infrastructure, our safety, and our economy. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success for many years to come.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13405 OF JUNE 16, 2006, WITH RESPECT TO BELARUS, RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON JUNE 10, 2016—PM 50

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2016.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons to undermine Belarus's democratic processes or institutions, to commit human rights abuses related to political repression, and to engage in public corruption continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, June 10, 2016.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 4:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2328. An act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5278. An act to establish an Oversight Board to assist the Government of Puerto Rico, including instrumentalities, in managing its public finances, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5325. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

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. 89. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy.

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress opposing the President's proposed \$10 tax on every barrel of oil.

H. Con. Res. 135. Concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the Senate to make technical corrections in the enrollment of S. 2328.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5278. An act to establish an Oversight Board to assist the Government of Puerto Rico, including instrumentalities, in managing its public finances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolutions were read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 89. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy; to the Committee on Finance.

H. Con. Res. 112. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress opposing the President's proposed \$10 tax on every barrel of oil; to the Committee on Finance.

#### 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. 5325. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. BURR for the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Susan S. Gibson, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the National Reconnaissance Office.

(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 Mrs. FISCHER:

S. 3051. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to provide service dogs to certain veterans with severe post-traumatic stress disorder; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 3052. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for an operation on a live donor for purposes of conducting a transplant procedure for a veteran, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. 3053. A bill to prevent a person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor hate crime, or received an enhanced sentence for a misdemeanor because of hate or bias in its commission, from obtaining a firearm; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 298

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 298, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option of providing services to children with medically complex conditions under the Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program through a care coordination program focused on improving health outcomes for children with medically complex conditions and lowering costs, and for other purposes.

S. 551

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 551, a bill to increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists.

S. 1479

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1479, a bill to amend the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 to modify provisions relating to grants, and for other purposes.

S. 1538

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1538, a bill to reform the financing of Senate elections, and for other purposes.

S. 1686

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1686, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities.

S. 1771

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1771, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt Indian tribal governments and other tribal entities from the employer health coverage mandate.

S. 1919

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1919, a bill to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services, to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit certain abortion-related discrimination in governmental activities, and for other purposes.

S. 1982

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1982, a bill to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund the Wall of Remembrance.

S. 2275

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2275, a bill to provide for automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes.

S. 2289

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2289, a bill to modernize and improve the Family Unification Program, and for other purposes.

S. 2336

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2336, a bill to modernize laws, and eliminate discrimination, with respect to people living with HIV/AIDS, and for other purposes.

S. 2424

At the request of Mr. PORTMAN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2424, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a program for early detection, diagnosis, and treatment regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing newborns, infants, and young children.

S. 2593

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2593, a bill to require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of busi-

ness agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes.

S. 2736

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) and the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. PAUL) were added as cosponsors of S. 2736, a bill to improve access to durable medical equipment for Medicare beneficiaries under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

S. 2750

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2750, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to extend and modify certain charitable tax provisions.

S. 2791

At the request of Mr. FRANKEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2791, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll as radiation exposed veterans for purposes of the presumption of service-connection of certain disabilities by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 2927

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Iowa (Mrs. ERNST) were added as cosponsors of S. 2927, a bill to prevent governmental discrimination against providers of health services who decline involvement in abortion, and for other purposes.

S. 2951

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2951, a bill to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to impose penalties and provide for the recovery of removal costs and damages in connection with certain discharges of oil from foreign offshore units, and for other purposes.

S. 3045

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3045, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to reform certain forfeiture procedures, and for other purposes.

S. 3050

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3050, a bill to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements in which the United States is a party.

S. RES. 199

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 199, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding establishing a National Strategic Agenda.