

business dedicated to preserving America's history. Recently, McGrogan merged his business with his grandson's company, Popular Patch, where he works as a business partner with his son and grandson.

Popular Patch's goal is to become the world's foremost military patch business by replicating designs for each U.S. military patch ever made. The company has an inventory of more than 8,000 military patches, and its selection of Navy patches is one of the largest in the world. The company also creates custom patches using original designs, including patches for hunters, fishermen, bikers, and zombie fans. Its designs are popular among veterans, collectors, and actors, such as Hollywood actors in "Saving Private Ryan" and "Clear and Present Danger."

Congratulations to Dan McGrogan and all of the employees at Popular Patch for being selected as the Veteran-owned Idaho Small Business of the Day for November 6, 2019. You make our great State proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

REMEMBERING ARTURO COBO

- Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, today, I honor the life and legacy of Cuban-American, Arturo Cobo, who died on Sunday, October 27, 2019, at the Lower Keys Medical Center in Key West, FL.

Arturo, a beloved south Florida resident, founded the Transit Home in Key West, a sanctuary for Cuban refugees fleeing the country's tyrannical regime by boat and raft. Arturo fled Cuba in 1960 to escape Fidel Castro's communist revolution but returned to Cuba in 1961 to fight in Brigade 2506 during the Bay of Pigs. After being imprisoned, Arturo returned to the United States in 1962 and dedicated the rest of his life to supporting Cuban refugees and fighting for a democratic Cuba. The Transit Home not only provided a safe haven for Cuban refugees, but also provided hope for a new life for them in a free society. All who came to the Transit Home received food, clothing, and assistance to help rebuild their lives in America.

I pay tribute to Arturo's life with immense gratitude for his invaluable work during such difficult circumstances and for his dedication to the South Florida community.●

RECOGNIZING GLOBAL FREIGHT & COMMERCE LLC

- Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, it is my privilege to honor small businesses that embody the entrepreneurial spirit of our American economy. I am proud to recognize Global Freight & Commerce of Jacksonville, FL—a veteran-owned small business—as we celebrate this National Veterans Small Business Week.

Following his retirement from the U.S. Army in 2014, founder Jesus Garay

started Global Freight & Commerce using the precision and skill gained from more than 20 years of military experience. During his years of Active Duty, Jesus specialized in strategic operations and completed six combat tours in Iraq and Bosnia. The Armed Forces of the United States provides individuals, such as Jesus, with leadership skills that are practically applicable to entrepreneurial pursuits. Because of Jesus's leadership experience, Global Freight & Commerce has become a successful, 100 percent owner-operated trucking, logistics, and transportation company. This business not only provides quality service but also makes a dedicated effort to extend dignified employment opportunities to our nation's veterans.

Through its website, Global Freight & Commerce assists semi-truck owner-operators with the buying and selling process of their vehicles, a feature that enables owner-operators to gain independence and grow a potential fleet of vehicles. Additionally, Global Freight & Commerce makes the safety of its drivers and those around them a priority. It follows national safety protocols in all operations to provide the best, and safest, service possible for its customers.

A member of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, Global Freight & Commerce is also involved in the community through events such as job fairs and conferences. These community events provide leadership training to assist and develop the local workforce. Such efforts are valuable to the Jacksonville economy as they help to provide skilled and reliable employees.

Even after leaving the service, our Nation's veterans continue to serve our country. Making up nearly 10 percent of all businesses in the United States, veteran-owned small businesses ensure that our unique economy remains robust. Veteran-owned businesses like Global Freight & Commerce are examples of the talent and dedication of our Nation's veterans. This National Veterans Small Business Week, I would like to thank Jesus Garay for his service and congratulate him on the creation of a successful small business. I look forward to watching Global Freight & Commerce's continued growth and success.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4842. An act to authorize the Secretary of State to provide funds for a United States pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai, 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-3103. A communication from the Senior Advisor, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3104. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, General Law, Ethics, and Regulation, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Inspector General, Department of Treasury received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3105. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Information Reporting for Certain Life Insurance Contract Transactions and Modifications to the Transfer for Valuable Consideration Rules" (RIN1545-BO49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3106. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System" (RIN0938-AT70) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3107. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2020 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update; Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model; Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements; and Home Infusion Therapy Requirements" (RIN0938-AT68) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3108. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Changes to Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs" (RIN0938-AT74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3109. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; CY 2020 Revisions to Payment Politics under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Changes to Part B Payment Policies" (RIN0938-AT72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2019; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3110. 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 2019-0104 - 2019-0107); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-3111. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3112. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy in the position of Commissioner, Rehabilitative Services Administrative, Department of Education, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 30, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3113. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Administrative Simplification: Rescinding the Adoption of the Standard Unique Health Plan Identifier and Other Entity Identifier” (RIN0938-AT42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3114. A communication from the Deputy Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Paying Benefits” (29 CFR Part 4022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 29, 2019; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-3115. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Visas: Ineligibility Based on Public Charge Grounds” (RIN1400-AE87) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 25, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3116. A communication from the Executive Director, National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Museum’s 2018 annual report and financial audit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3117. A communication from the Chief of the Regulatory Coordination Division, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Adjustment to Premium Processing Fee” (RIN1615-ZB81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2019; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3118. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA) Quarterly Report to Congress; Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2019”; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

EC-3119. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Center for Innovation for Care and Payment” (RIN2900-AQ56) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 31, 2019; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Af-

fairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1874. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to procure the most life-cycle cost effective and energy efficiency lighting products and to issue guidance on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of those products, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 116-157).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. JOHNSON for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

*Joshua A. Deahl, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

*Deborah J. Israel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Andrea L. Hertzfeld, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

*Robert Anthony Dixon, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of four years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee’s commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

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. WYDEN:

S. 2787. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require reporting for qualified opportunity funds, to make modifications to opportunity zones, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. JONES, Mr. Kaine, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. BROWN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2788. A bill to amend the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 to transfer certain funds to the 1974 United Mine Workers of America Pension Plan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WICKER:

S. 2789. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States Code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television broadcast stations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY):

S. 2790. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Act of 1986 to strengthen the earned income tax credit and expand eligibility for childless individuals, homeless youth, and youth formerly in foster care; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. ROMNEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND,

Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. HAWLEY, and Mr. BRAUN):

S. 2791. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that sums in the Thrift Savings Fund may not be invested in securities that are listed on certain foreign exchanges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2792. A bill to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to establish a discretionary spending limit for infrastructure spending; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. KING:

S. 2793. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require coverage without a deductible of certain primary care services by high deductible health plans; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 2794. A bill to provide for the creation of the Missing Armed Forces Personnel Records Collection at the National Archives, to require the expeditious public transmission to the Archivist and public disclosure of Missing Armed Forces Personnel records, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. MCSALLY (for herself and Ms. SINEMA):

S. 2795. A bill to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Gilbert, Arizona, as the “Staff Sergeant Alexander W. Conrad Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic”; to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself and Mr. BURR):

S. 2796. A bill to expedite disaster assistance to States, insular areas, units of general local government, and Indian tribes under a community development block grant disaster recovery program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. COONS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. Kaine):

S. 2797. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to parole into the United States certain relatives of current and former members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2798. A bill to ensure whistleblowers who are Government employees or contractors receive adequate protection; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI:

S. 2799. A bill to require the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of the Interior to establish a joint Nexus of Energy and Water Sustainability Office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. WICKER, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 2800. A bill to authorize programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. 2801. A bill to strengthen the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2802. A bill to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to reauthorize