

RECOGNIZING TODD CASE TRUCKING

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Todd Case Trucking of Louisa, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Todd Case, owner of Todd Case Trucking, is the classic definition of a self-made man. Though he now owns a fleet of around 30 trucks, in addition to other business ventures, his trucking business bares his own name in reflection of how the company began: a time when Todd Case served as his own boss and was the company's sole employee. He got his start in the trucking business earlier than most when he bought his first truck at 17. That was back in the early 1980s when, like many men in the region, Mr. Case was working for the owner of a coal mine. Mr. Case had already saved up several hundred dollars from his work cutting weeds when he overheard the owner of the mine talk about his plans to sell the truck he had been using to haul coal. When Mr. Case first approached his employer about buying the truck, the owner of the mine said no, insisting that Mr. Case instead attend college. With great ingenuity Mr. Case replied that buying the truck would allow him to attend college, as it would give him a means to not only pay for his tuition but give him some income to subsidize on while in school. Won over by his entrepreneurial argument, the owner agreed to sell his truck to Mr. Case and accepted his down payment of \$1,800.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Case found himself attending the University of Kentucky, driving the rig on Tuesday and Thursday nights while he pursued his degree in accounting and finance. Throughout his college career, Mr. Case was no spendthrift, saving what money he could from his trucking work while putting himself through college. By his sophomore year, Mr. Case had saved enough money to convince a local bank to lend him the funds he needed to buy a second truck. This acquisition which took place during his sophomore year proved to be the first step on a long and industrious path of growth in his business.

Today, Mr. Case's fleet of trucks services Kentucky, West Virginia, and Virginia, bringing much-needed goods to the tri-State area. Moreover, Todd Case Trucking plays a vital role in the local economy as Kentucky, once famous for its burgeoning coal industry, now looks towards other economic opportunities to employ the citizens of the Commonwealth. Mr. Case, originally hailing from Pikeville, understands the need to provide Kentuckians with more diverse work opportunities, and that is why his Louisa-based business employs all its drivers exclusively from the Bluegrass State.

Though Mr. Case has since expanded his business portfolio by owning several other businesses in addition to his venture in the trucking industry, he maintains a watchful eye over Todd Case Trucking. Always keeping his community in mind, Todd Case Trucking partners with the local chapter of Masons to host an annual event called "Fishing For Kids." This fishing competition welcomes children of all ages and provides close to 300 toys to all participants, many of those toys being bicycles and fishing rods. As an active member of the local chapter of the Masons, Mr. Case also lends a generous hand to all the local high school football and baseball teams when they are in need of additional funding. Moreover, Mr. Case currently sits on the board of trustees of University of Kentucky, and he works to ensure all students have the same bountiful opportunities that his alma mater provided him.

Todd Case Trucking bares a similar history to many other businesses in Kentucky and the Appalachia region; when the bounty provided by coal came and went, this business grew out of the remains and blossomed into a successful venture and fountain of opportunity for the local community. Mr. Case has long had a determined nature and knack for ingenuity, which is why he first became an entrepreneur as a high school student. In the decades since, Mr. Case has grown into a successful businessman and a great steward of his community. Congratulations to Todd Case and the entire team at Todd Case Trucking. I look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Swann, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:38 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2710. An act to increase transparency with respect to financial services benefitting state sponsors of terrorism, human rights abusers, and corrupt officials, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3482. An act to establish the National Center for the Advancement of Aviation.

H.R. 5918. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs repays members of the Armed Forces for certain contributions made by such members towards Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6080. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5420 Kavanaugh Boulevard in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Ronald A. Robinson Post Office".

H.R. 6267. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Chestnut Street in Suffern, New York, as the "Sergeant Gerald T. 'Jerry' Donnellan Post Office".

H.R. 6364. An act to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to extend the exception to the closure of certain roads within the Recreation Area for local businesses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7589. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the imposition or collection of copayments for certain mental health outpatient care visits of veterans, and for other purposes.

At 12:08 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 bills, without amendment:

S. 3969. An act to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to explicitly authorize distribution of grant funds to the voting accessibility protection and advocacy system of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the system serving the American Indian consortium, and for other purposes.

S. 4791. An act to amend section 301 of title 44, United States Code, to establish a term for the appointment of the Director of the Government Publishing Office.

At 3:59 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, without amendment.

S. 4900. An act to reauthorize the SBIR and STTR programs and pilot programs, and for other purposes.

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

H.R. 8982. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to suspend temporarily rates of duty on imports of certain infant formula base powder used in the manufacturing of infant formula in the United States, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:53 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bills.

S. 169. An act to amend title 17, United States Code, to require the Register of Copyrights to waive fees for filing an application for registration of a copyright claim in certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

S. 442. An act to amend title 40, United States Code, to require the Administrator of General Services to procure the most life-cycle cost effective and energy efficient lighting products and to issue guidance on the efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of those products, and for other purposes.

S. 516. An act to plan for and coordinate efforts to integrate advanced air mobility aircraft into the national airspace system, and for other purposes.

S. 1098. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize borrowers to separate joint consolidation loans.

S. 2490. An act to establish the Blackwell School National Historic Site in Marfa, Texas, and for other purposes.

S. 2771. An act to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in San Angelo, Texas, as the "Colonel Charles and JoAnne Powell Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

S. 3157. An act to require the Secretary of Labor to conduct a study of the factors affecting employment opportunities for immigrants and refugees with professional credentials obtained in foreign countries.

S. 3969. An act to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to explicitly authorize distribution of grant funds to the voting accessibility protection and advocacy system of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the system serving the American Indian consortium, and for other purposes.

S. 4205. An act to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish a working group relating to best practices and Federal guidance for animals in emergencies and disasters, and for other purposes.

S. 4900. An act to reauthorize the SBIR and STTR programs and pilot programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 91. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 South Pendleton Street in Easley, South Carolina, as the "Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building".

H.R. 92. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, South Carolina, as the "Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office".

H.R. 468. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit the use of incentive payments to expedite certain federally financed airport development projects.

H.R. 2142. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Manhattan Avenue in Buffalo, New York, as the "Indiana Hunt Martin Post Office Building".

H.R. 3508. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 39 West Main Street, in Honeoye Falls, New York, as the "CW4 Christian J. Koch Memorial Post Office".

H.R. 3539. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 223 West Chalan Santo Papa in Hagatna, Guam, as the "Atanasio Taitano Perez Post Office".

H.R. 4693. An act to advance targeted and evidence-based interventions for the prevention and treatment of global malnutrition and to improve the coordination of such programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5809. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1801 Town and Country Drive in Norco, California, as the "Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui Memorial Post Office Building".

H.R. 7500. An act to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7846. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2022, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 2710. An act to increase transparency with respect to financial services benefitting state sponsors of terrorism, human rights abusers, and corrupt officials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3482. An act to establish the National Center for the Advancement of Aviation; to the Committee on Finance.

H.R. 5918. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs repays members of the Armed Forces for certain contributions made by such members towards Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 6080. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5420 Kavanaugh Boulevard in Little Rock, Arkansas, as the "Ronald A. Robinson Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6267. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Chestnut Street in Suffern, New York, as the "Sergeant Gerald T. 'Jerry' Donnellan Post Office"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 6364. An act to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to extend the exception to the closure of certain roads within the Recreation Area for local businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 7589. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the imposition or collection of copayments for certain mental health outpatient care visits of veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2758. An act to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, 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-5213. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to section 1705(e)(6) of the Cuban Democracy Act of 1992, as amended by Section 102(g) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, a semi-annual report relative to telecommunications-related payments made to Cuba during the period from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5214. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the intent to exercise the authorities under section 506(a)(1) of the FAA to provide military assistance to Ukraine, including for self-defense and border security operations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5215. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the intent to exercise the authorities under section 610(a) of the FAA to provide assistance to provide assistance in support of international energy and climate objectives and for assistance for

the Pacific Islands; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5216. 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 2022-0136-2022-0139); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5217. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUP-PORT) for Patients and Communities Act"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5218. A communication from the Board Members of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2022 Annual Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5219. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2016"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5220. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interpretive Bulletin Relating to the Independence of Employee Benefit Plan Accountants" (RIN1210-AC15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 14, 2022; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5221. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Health Profession Opportunity Grants Program Second Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5222. A communication from the Secretary of Labor and the Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's fiscal year 2021 Actuarial Evaluation of the Expected Operations and Status of the PBGC Funds; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5223. A communication from the Chief Human Capital Officer, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2022; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5224. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 21, 2022; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5225. 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 "Public Charge Ground of Inadmissibility" (RIN1615-AC74) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 15, 2022; to the Committee on the Judiciary.