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IAM Leaders from Local S6 Fight to Revitalize Shipbuilding in U.S.

IAM International President Brian Bryant and the Eastern Territory General Vice President David Sullivan both came out of Local S6. Though they moved to positions outside our Local Lodge years ago, they still keep the topic of shipbuilding in the forefront of their minds. To this day, both men are working to impact the industry in positive ways by leveling the playing field for U.S. ship manufacturing on the international stage.

IP Bryant was recently appointed to the President's Export Council, a U.S. governmental organization that serves as the principal national advisory committee on international trade. "Our nation's trade policies directly affect the livelihoods of our members in so many critical industries," said Bryant. "I'm extremely thankful to President Biden for nominating me to help ensure that workers have a prominent seat in every trade discussion that affects our jobs, supply chains, and national security." In an Op-ed with the Bangor Daily News Brian Bryant spoke on the dangers of the decline of American shipyards and insisted against complacency in responding to China's growing shipbuilding prowess. "Now is the time to act decisively to bolster American shipbuilding and secure a brighter future for generations to come."

GVP Sullivan recently testified before the U.S. Trade Representative, highlighting the detrimental effects of China's policies. The IAM, alongside four other labor unions, filed a petition urging the U.S. Trade Representative to initiate a Section 301 investigation into China's exploitative efforts to control the maritime, logistics, and shipbuilding sectors. This crucial step aims to address the extensive and ongoing efforts by the CCP to undermine U.S. commerce and to advocate for the imposition of impactful relief measures. In his testimony, Sullivan said, "The situation is dire and without action it is not expected to improve. The Office of Naval Intelligence estimates that China's shipyards have 232 times the production capacity of our domestic capacity. Our Machinists Union members are ready to build and maintain our 21st century naval and commercial fleet. We remain steadfast in our devotion to that goal."

General Membership Meeting 6/15/24

Bath Area Senior Center - 45 Floral Street, Bath ME, 04530 - Meeting Start: 9:30 AM. All members are welcome. This is the membership's opportunity to participate in union business.

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Company to Begin Monitoring Activity around Break Whistles

The company notified Local S6 leadership that they will begin monitoring member activity around lunch break and discipline those who are in violation of Article 50, a) Section I, Rule G Off the Job/Wasting Time. The company reports that employees have been leaving their job sites well before 11:30 AM and returning to work late. Particular attention is being paid to lunch trucks, gates, and lunch rooms. Members should give themselves enough time to make their worksites safe to leave unattended and wash up before they go to lunch. Safety, housekeeping, and cleanliness are part of our job. Likewise, mechanics do not need to start making their way back to their work sites until after the last whistle. We must be responsible about going to and from our breaks, but we should not be using our scheduled break time to do tasks that are regularly done during working hours.

Farmworkers Call on Hannaford CEO to Uphold Farmworker Rights

Maine State Labor News reported this week on a group of farmworkers from the organization Migrant Justice and their supporters gathering at the Scarborough headquarters of Hannaford Brothers to ask company CEO Mike Vail to join the Milk With Dignity program. The program creates legal agreements between corporate buyers like Hannaford and suppliers that ensure fair wages and worker safety protections. The workers brought with them a box stuffed with thousands of signed postcards asking Hannaford to join Milk with Dignity. "We are here because Hannaford has refused to sit at the table with farmworkers to talk about a real solution called Milk With Dignity, a program led by workers," said Marita Canedo, a Milk with Dignity Coordinator for Migrant Justice. Currently, farmworkers are excluded from federal labor laws like the National Labor Relations Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act. In Maine recently, Governor Janet Mills once again vetoed a bill that would provide at least some of the protections other workers enjoy. When the group entered Hannaford headquarters, employees locked the front doors and were told that someone would come down to speak with them. After a long wait, a man entered the foyer and told the group that the police had been called, and requested that the group leave the property. The group walked to the public right-of-way next to the busy road, where they formed a circle. Passing drivers saw the bright signs and many honked in support.

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