

referenced in ASA's comments do not reflect those contained in the final report.

1. We disagree that the methodology used in our 1993 report on the sugar program was flawed. Nonetheless, we developed a more comprehensive economic model for our current analysis, and while we acknowledge that no economic model completely depicts reality, we are convinced that our current model is methodologically sound and that the estimates yielded by our model are reasonable. In developing the model, we took a number of actions to ensure that it was methodologically sound. First, we contracted with a well-known expert in modeling the international trade of agricultural commodities and with a prominent agricultural economist to work with us in developing the model. In December 1999, we sent our proposed model to four outside academicians specializing in agricultural economics and international trade economics and revised the model in response to their comments. We also sent our proposed model to USDA for review at that time. However, USDA did not provide any comments. Furthermore, we asked two of the agricultural economists to review our final model and results before we sent our draft report to USDA, ASA, and the U.S. Cane Sugar Refiners' Association for comment.

2. We disagree with ASA's assertion that our findings are based on comparisons with a meaningless world price. In estimating the costs and benefits of the sugar program, our model compared baseline domestic and world sugar prices with an estimate of the domestic and world prices that would have been observed if the sugar program had been eliminated, other things being equal. Regarding the extent to which cost reductions would be passed through to consumers in the absence of the sugar program, the report presents two estimates showing how the benefits might be distributed based on two different sets of pass-through assumptions. We did not predict the extent to which cost reductions would be passed through to final consumers. See comments 4 and 5.

COMMENDING STUDENTS OF THE WENONAH SCHOOL

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to praise 15 tremendous students in Mrs. Tracy Clemente's class at the Wenonah School. Mrs. Clemente's class has done a magnificent job of excelling in their school work. This is a splendid group of children and I wish the best of luck and continued success to Phillip Anzaldo, Ashley Archambo, Kevin Barnes, Daniel Barton, Nicholle, Cesarano, Ashley Cuthbert, Davied D'Alesandro, Christopher Goldhill, Chloe Grigri, Shane McHenry, Stephen McNally, Drew Peters, Edgar Seibert, Rachel Sole, and Matthew Thompson.

HONORING THE 1999 GOVERNOR'S EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PRO- GRAM AWARD WINNERS

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the governor of Guam, Carl T.C. Gutierrez, acknowl-

edges the hard work of government of Guam employees. The governor's employee recognition program, better known as the Excel Program, is the highest and most competitive employee awards bestowed by the governor—showcasing outstanding employees and programs within the government of Guam.

Local governmental agencies and departments participate in this program wherein awardees are chosen within each department's nominees for a number of occupational groups. These groups range from clerical to labor and trades to professional and technical positions. The various awards reflect individual and group performance, valor, sports, community service, cost savings, and integrity.

My sincerest congratulations go to the awardees. I urge them to keep up the good work. I am pleased to submit for the RECORD the names of this year's outstanding employees.

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES AND PROGRAMS IN 1999 GOVERNOR'S EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM The Winners for Outstanding Performance in 1999

A. Inspiration and Encouragement

Small Dept/Agency—Cynthia R. Gogo, Administrative Assistant, Department of Military Affairs.

Medium Dept/Agency—Mary P. Weakley, Social Service Supervisor, Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse.

Large Dept/Agency—Beatrice Aquino, Accounting Technician II, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.

B. Silent Ones

Small Dept/Agency—David J. Rojas, Compliance Officer, Guam Economic Development Authority.

Medium Dept/Agency—Pedro Lipata, Clerk, Department of Labor.

Large Dept/Agency—Evelyn G. Sepulia, Special Diet Assistant, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.

C. Community Service

Alejandro T. B. Lizama, Historic Preservation Specialist II, Department of Parks & Recreation.

D. Female Athlete of the Year

Catherine Taitague, Youth Service Worker I, Department of Youth Affairs.

E. Male Athlete of the Year

Clifford M. Raphael, Utility Worker, Guam Power Authority.

F. Sports Team of the Year

Guam Customs Baseball Team, Customs and Quarantine Agency.

G. Lifesaving

Patrick B. Tydingco, Airport Police Supervisor, Guam International Airport Authority.

H. Integrity

Zennia Pecina, Assistant Administrator of Nursing Services, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.

I. Cost Savings/Innovative Idea

Small Dept/Agency—Joe Leon Guerrero, Special Projects Coordinator, Department of Military Affairs.

Medium Dept/Agency—Jumpstart Program, Department of Youth Affairs.

J. Recognition of Former Outstanding Employees

Jose L. Gumataotao, Program Coordinator III, Department of Youth Affairs.

K. Project/Program of the Year

Small Dept/Agency—Defense and State Memorandum of Agreement (DSMOA)/

CERCLA Program, Guam Environmental Protection Agency.

Medium Dept/Agency—Contraband Enforcement Team, Customs and Quarantine Agency.

Large Dept/Agency—Guam Highway Patrol, Guam Police Department.

L. Unit of the Year

Small Dept/Agency—Accounting Division, Guam Economic Development Agency.

Medium Dept/Agency—Community Social Development Unit, Department of Youth Affairs.

Large Dept/Agency—Building Construction and Facility Maintenance Division, Department of Public Works.

M. Department of the Year

Small Dept/Agency—Bureau of Planning, Guam Environmental Protection Agency.

Medium Dept/Agency—Department of Youth Affairs.

Large Dept/Agency—Guam Police Department.

N. Employee of the Year

Typing and Secretarial—Doreen S. Fernandez, Word Processing Secretary II, University of Guam.

Keypunch and Computer Operations—Norbert J. Palomo, Computer Operations Specialist, Guam Power Authority.

Office Management and Miscellaneous Administrative—Louisa F. Marquez, Administrative Assistant, Department of Public Works.

Personnel Administration, Equal Employment and Public Information—Vivian D. Iglesias, Personnel Specialist I, Guam Power Authority.

Computer Programming and Analysis—Joycelyn Aguon, Computer Systems Analyst I, Guam Housing & Urban Renewal Authority.

Employment Service and Related—Greg S. Massey, Employment Development Worker II, Department of Labor.

Youth Service & Related—Jose Quinata, Youth Service Worker I, Department of Youth Affairs.

Public Safety—Joseph S. Carbullido, Police Officer III, Guam Police Department.

Security and Correction—Joseph A. Torres, Guard, Department of Public Works.

Technical and Professional Engineering—Bruce Meno, Engineering Aide II, Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority.

Planning—Charles H. Ada II, Planner I, Department of Military Affairs.

Wildlife, Biology, Agriculture Science and Related—Anna Maria Leon Guerrero, Biologist I, Guam Environmental Protection Agency.

Nursing and Dental Hygiene—Rizalina Fernandez, Staff Nurse I, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.

General Domestic and Food Service—Fred Balecha, Cook I, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.

Custodial—Luisa Bainco, Building Custodian, University of Guam.

Labor, Grounds and Maintenance—Norbert J. Iriarte, Auto Service Worker I, Department of Public Works.

Equipment Operation and Related—Wayne D. San Nicolas, Cargo Checker, Port Authority of Guam.

Mechanical and Metal Trades—John R. Manibusan, Heavy Equipment Operator Leader I, Guam Power Authority.

Building Trades—Paul T. Cruz, Stage/Maintenance Technician, Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities Agency.

Power System Electrical—Anthony P. Cruz, Electric Power System Dispatcher II, Guam Power Authority.

Electronics and Related Technical—Vicente A. Aguero, Computer Technician Leader, Guam Power Authority.

O. Supervisor of the Year

General Clerical—Karen E. Guerrero, Acting Clerk Supervisor, Guam Police Department.

Business Regulatory—Claire L. Cruz, Programs and Compliance Officer, Guam Economic Development Authority.

Community and Social Services—Grace R. Taitano, Social Worker III, Department of Youth Affairs.

Compliance Inspection/Enforcement—Rafaelle MJ Sgambelluri, Customs & Quarantine Officer Supervisor, Customs & Quarantine Agency.

Custodial—Jesse K. Lujan, Building Custodial Supervisor, University of Guam.

Mechanical and Metal Trades—Vincent M. Palomo, Transportation Supervisor, Department of Public Works.

Building Trades—Patrick J. Sablan, Building Maintenance Supervisor, Port Authority of Guam.

P. Manager of the Year

Small Dept/Agency—Leigh Leilani Lujan, Industry Development Manager, Guam Economic Development Agency.

Medium Dept/Agency—Linda C. San Nicolas, Program Coordinator IV, Department of Labor.

Large Dept/Agency—Catherine C. Guzman, Chief Clinical Dietician, Guam Memorial Hospital Authority.

Q. Merit Cup Leader Award

The best of the best among the outstanding Supervisors & Managers of the

Year—Rafaelle Sgambelluri, Customs & Quarantine Officer Supervisor, Customs & Quarantine Agency.

R. Merit Cup Employee Award

The best of the best among the outstanding Employees of the Year—Bruce Meno, Engineering Aide II, Guam Housing & Urban Renewal Authority; Jose Quinata, Youth Service Worker I, Department of Youth Affairs.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHNNY ISAKSON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. ISAKSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 373, I would have voted "no", on rollcall No. 374, I would have voted "no", on rollcall No. 375, I would have voted "yes", on rollcall No. 376, I would have voted "no", on rollcall No. 377, I would have voted "yes", and on rollcall No. 378, I would have voted "no".

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. HERBERT H. BATEMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. BATEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I inadvertently missed recorded vote No. 375 on the Crowley amendment to H.R. 4461. Had I not done so, I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE TAYLOR

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2000

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, on the evening of Monday, July 10th, I was unavoidably detained because of inclement weather in Atlanta which caused the cancellation of my connecting flight from Mississippi to Washington, DC. Due to this circumstance, I missed rollcall votes 373 through 378. If I had been able to vote, I would have voted: "yea" on rollcall No. 373, "yea" on rollcall No. 374, "yea" on rollcall No. 375, "yea" on rollcall No. 376, "yea" on rollcall No. 377, and "nay" on rollcall No. 378.