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Dr. Roulier, Associate Professor of Political Science, is the 12th professor from Lyon College, in Batesville, AR, to receive this honor.

This tribute is in recognition of Dr. Roulier's dedication and hard work in the areas of government and politics in laying the framework for our Arkansas undergraduate students to be successful in their careers. He is teaching his students the value of political action and involvement in current events as it relates to local, State and Federal government.

Higher education is an essential element of any effort to prepare our workforce to meet the demands of today's global marketplace. I share Dr. Roulier's commitment to education and join him in encouraging more students in Arkansas and around our great Nation to pursue a college education.

Congratulations, Dr. Roulier, and thank you for your dedication and contribution not only to Lyon College but also to shaping the minds of our future leaders.●

TRIBUTE TO STEVE PILCHER

• Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment today to honor Steve Pilcher, a leader in the Montana livestock industry. At the end of this year, Steve will retire from his years of service as executive vice president of the Montana Stockgrowers Association. His service will be missed, but the values and leadership Steve brought to the organization will continue on.

Many American children grew up with the Saturday Western matinee as the high point of their week. The ideals shared by those men in their white Stetsons were strong, moral, and enduring. There were some great rules to live by that were shared by the cowboys on the Silver Screen.

Steve took every one of those lessons to heart. He not only believes in the "Code of the West" those cowboys shared with us, he continues to live it, both in his personal life and his professional life.

Hopalong Cassidy had a Creed for American Girls and Boys. The first rule in his creed was, "The highest badge of honor a person can wear is honesty, be mindful at all times." Regardless of the fallout, Steve does not believe in bandying the truth. He is always a square shooter. He has taken the heat many times for standing by the truth, but Steve is a man of honor. He knows the truth is worth whatever adversity it brings from others who do not feel the same way.

Gene Autry offered the Ten Commandments of the Cowboy. The first commandment said, "A cowboy never takes unfair advantage." Steve has always worked hard to prove that the ranchers in Montana expect only what they earn. He knows that you have to

work those extra hours to make sure things are fair. Nothing is given to you.

Also, there was the Lone Ranger's Creed. Perhaps the part Steve took to heart the most was, "God put the firewood here but every man must gather and light it himself." There is no doubt Steve Pilcher has been gathering the firewood for the Montana Stockgrowers. He has worked tirelessly for this industry and I know he will continue to light that fire.

As we recognize Steve Pilcher for his major contributions to not only Montana's livestock community but the Nation's, there is one more thing that I must add: Happy Trails my friend, until we meet again.●

HONORING A GREAT IDAHOAN

• Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, I would like to offer a few words today recognizing the full and joyful life of a remarkable Idahoan, Robert Bershers. Although Bob and his wife Louise traveled extensively, Idaho was home. He lived and worked in Coeur d'Alene where he was active on the Kootenai County Fair Board from 1983 to 2001, and he owned and operated a successful construction business for many years. Bob lived vigorously, enjoying the life of a businessman and rancher and, according to his daughter Khris, was the kind of man "whose idea of going to the fair was getting there on Wednesday just before it opened and staying through the last spin of the ferris wheel on Sunday."

North Idaho was the home of his heart—from the chilly, grey and wet winters to the warm and bright summer days in the mountains and by the lake; he and Louise never stayed away too long. But for Bob, it was Idahoans who made our State truly great. According to his family, Bob loved Idaho because people take the time to be friendly. And Bob not only loved that in others, he lived it himself, taking in those in need, either four-footed or two. Louise reminisced recently that when his children were still at home, the house had a revolving door of kids and animals, all finding refuge in their home when they needed it most.

Bob never failed to tell his children and family that he loved them. Indeed, his unfailing dedication to family and community are true measures of a good and honorable man. Bob will be sorely missed by all who knew him, but those same people will carry on the blessings his life brought to them.●

REPORT OF THE INTENTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION, JAPAN, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND TAIWAN ON TARIFF TREATMENT FOR MULTI-CHIP INTEGRATED CIRCUITS—PM 31

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 Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 2103(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 2002, I am pleased to notify the Congress of my intention to enter into an agreement with the European Union, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan on tariff treatment for multi-chip integrated circuits. Multi-chip integrated circuits are semiconductor devices used in computers, cell phones, and other high-technology products.

United States-based companies are the principal suppliers to the world of multi-chip integrated circuits. In 2004, global sales of finished multi-chip integrated circuits were estimated to be \$4.2 billion, and U.S. semiconductor companies account for roughly half of those sales.

The United States, the European Union, the Republic of Korea, and Taiwan will apply zero duties on these products as of an agreed date. The target date for entry into force of the Agreement is January 1, 2006. Japan already applies zero duties on these products and expects to ratify the Agreement formally in 2006. Further, although all major producers of multi-chip integrated circuits will be parties to the Agreement, we will seek to build on this Agreement by joining together to work in the World Trade Organization to increase the number of countries granting duty-free treatment to these products.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 14, 2005.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:20 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2419. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).●

At 4:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 161. An act to provide for a land exchange in the State of Arizona between the Secretary of Agriculture and Yavapai Ranch Limited Partnership.

The message also announced that the Speaker appoints the following member as an additional conferee in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3199) to extend and modify authorities needed to

combat terrorism, and for other purposes:

As an additional conferee from the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill (except section 132) and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California.

Ordered further, that the Speaker appoints the following conferees in the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3199) to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, and for other purposes, in lieu of their appointments on November 9, 2005:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill (except section 132) and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. NADLER and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2008. A bill to improve cargo security, 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-4627. A communication from the Regulatory Analyst, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review Inspection Requirements for Graded Commodities" (RIN0580-AA89) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4628. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Marketing Order Regulating the Handling of Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Control Committee Rules and Regulations; Correction" (Docket No. FV05-927-2) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4629. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Governing the California Clingstone Peach (Tree Removal) Diversion Program" (RIN0581-AC45) (Docket No. FV05-82-01 FR) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4630. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Domestic Dates Produced or Packed in Riverside County, California; Increased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. FV05-987-1 FR) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4631. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "S-metolachlor; Pesticide Tolerance Technical Correction" (FRL No. 7741-7) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4632. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfosulfuron; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 7740-1) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4633. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flucarbazone-sodium; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 7740-8) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4634. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Bromo-2-Nitro-1,3-Propanediol (Bronopol); Exemptions from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 7743-5) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4635. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Assets for Independence Program—Status at the Conclusion of the Fifth Year"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4636. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; Immunology and Microbiology Devices; Classification of Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Conductance Regulator Gene Mutation Detection System" (Docket No. 2005P-0397) received on November 14 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4637. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "\$5,000 Exemption for Disbursements of Levin Funds by State, District, and Local Party Committees and Organizations" (Notice 2005-26) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4638. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4639. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, the report of proposed legislation entitled "Intellectual Property Protection Act of 2005"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4640. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Low-Income Housing Credit Allocation and Certifications; Revisions" (RIN1545-BE50) (TD 9228) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4641. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Time for Filing Returns" (RIN1545-BE63) (TD9229) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4642. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Pension Plan, etc., Cost-of-Living Adjustments for 2006" (Notice 2005-75) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4643. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update Notice—Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004" (Notice 2005-72) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4644. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Robert H. Foglesong, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4645. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, transmitting, pursuant to law, a list of 11 officers (beginning with Angelella and ending with Wells) authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4646. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for the San Miguel Island Fox, Santa Rosa Island Fox, Santa Cruz Island Fox, and Santa Catalina Island Fox; Final Rule" (RIN1018-AT78) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4647. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana; Redesignation of Greene County and Jackson County 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas to Attainment for Ozone" (FRL7995-9) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4648. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans for Air Quality Planning Purposes; California—South Coast and Coachella" (FRL7975-7) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4649. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Arizona; Correction of Boundary of Phoenix Metropolitan 1-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL7995-3) received on November 14, 2005; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4650. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting,