

as he recently began his term as chairman of the American Bankers Association.

Mr. Williams is the president and chairman of Gothenburg State Bank, in Gothenburg, NE. Matt has led the bank for 39 years, an institution founded by his great-grandfather. I am fully confident that his strong work ethic, fostered by working summers on the family ranch, and his wealth of knowledge of banking issues will lead him to much success in his new position.

An extremely active member of the community, Mr. Williams has taken a personal role in growing the local economy. He has joined forces with other local leaders to promote Gothenburg, a small town of less than 4,000 people which is now home to operations of 4 Fortune 500 companies. Matt's solid understanding of how access to capital can cultivate economic development and job growth will be essential as he promotes the values of the banking community.

Matt is also no stranger to advocating on behalf of the banking industry. In 2003 and 2004, he served as chairman of the Nebraska Bankers Association and currently serves on the FDIC Advisory Committee on Community Banking. The American Bankers Association is fortunate to have someone with Matt Williams' knowledge and leadership skills at the helm. He understands the important role banks can play in an economic recovery.

I am confident Matt will tackle the obligations of this new position with the same tenacity that has brought him so much success in his past endeavors. I wish him nothing but the best and look forward to working with him on the issues of the day. ●

RECOGNIZING PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

● Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate the four national winners of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's 2012 United States Professors of the Year Award. Since 1981, this program has saluted outstanding undergraduate instructors throughout the country. In addition to the national winners, a State Professor of the Year was also recognized in 31 States. New York's 2012 State winner is Rees Shad, who is coordinator of the Media Design Programs at Hostos Community College of the City University of New York.

These awards are recognized as one of the most prestigious honors bestowed upon a professor. To be nominated for this award requires dedication to the art of education and excellence in every aspect of the profession. Professors personally vested in each student shape the leaders of tomorrow. These individuals and every one of us should be proud of their accomplishment.

I am also particularly proud that one of the four national winners is from my

State of New York. Professor Todd Pagano, associate professor and director of the Laboratory Science Technology Program at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at the Rochester Institute of Technology, is the 2012 Outstanding Master's Universities and Colleges Professor of the Year. In recognizing Professor Pagano, judges admired Todd Pagano's program for deaf students in laboratory science technology, which he helped to design, implement, and lead, coupled with the opportunities he has created for undergraduate research and internships that are critical to his students' success. Not only has Professor Pagano helped open up a new profession for an underrepresented group, but he is also a scholar of science education for deaf students, an editor of a leading journal in the field, and an advocate in the professional chemistry community for students, scientists and technicians with special needs.

We need more professors and educators like Todd Pagano. He is a native of Rochester, NY, and decided to come home to educate the next generation of New Yorkers and Americans. He has instilled not only a love and passion for science, but he has given hope and direction to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. His work typifies the high educational standards at National Technical Institute for the Deaf, which is a stellar institution that leads the Nation in the technical education of all students, especially those that are deaf or hard of hearing.

Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing and thanking Professor Pagano and all the winners for their leadership and passion for educating. They have undoubtedly inspired an untold number of students. I again offer my congratulations and best regards.

The four national award winners are as follows:

Outstanding Baccalaureate Colleges Professor of the Year: Christy Price, professor of psychology, Dalton State College.

Outstanding Community Colleges Professor of the Year: Lois Roma-Deeley, professor of creative writing, Paradise Valley Community College.

Outstanding Doctoral and Research Universities Professor of the Year: Autar Kaw, professor of mechanical engineering, University of South Florida.

Outstanding Master's Universities and Colleges Professor of the Year: Todd Pagano, associate professor of science and mathematics, director of laboratory science technology program, Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

The 31 State winners are as follows:

Arkansas—Stephanie Vanderslice, professor, Department of Writing, University of Central Arkansas;

Arizona—Albrecht Classen, university distinguished professor of German studies, University of Arizona;

Colorado—Barry Fagin, professor of computer science, U.S. Air Force Academy;

Connecticut—Deborah A. Carroll, professor of psychology and director, B.S. psychology, research specialization, Southern Connecticut State University;

Washington, DC—Patrick Thaddeus Jackson, associate dean for undergraduate studies, School of International Service, American University;

Florida—Pat Anderson, professor of aerospace engineering, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University;

Georgia—Judith Lupo Wold, clinical professor and interim associate dean for educational innovation, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University;

Idaho—Daniel Bukvich, distinguished professor, University of Idaho

Illinois—Gary Creasey, professor of psychology, assistant director, U.S. Department of Education, TEACHER+PLUS Project, Illinois State University;

Indiana—Michele T. Villinski, Hiram L. Jome professor and associate professor of economics and management, codirector of the Environmental Fellows Program, DePauw University;

Kentucky—Tom McCollough, Nelson and Martha McDowell Rodes professor of Religion Centre College;

Massachusetts—Michael Barnett, associate professor of science education and technology, Lynch School of Education, Boston College;

Maryland—John Hamman, professor and chair, Germantown Mathematics Department, Montgomery College;

Michigan—Stephen DeBacker, Arthur F. Thurnau professor of mathematics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor;

Missouri—Eric William Nelson, professor of history, Missouri State University;

Montana—Michael W. Morrow, professor of biology, University of Montana Western;

Nebraska—Rita M. Lester, professor of religion, Nebraska Wesleyan University;

New Jersey—Kent Fairfield, associate professor, Fairleigh Dickinson University;

New Mexico—Kenneth J. Martin, regents professor of finance, New Mexico University;

Nevada—Alfredo Fernández-González, associate professor of architecture; director, Natural Energies Advanced Technologies Laboratory, University of Nevada, Las Vegas;

New York—Rees Shad, coordinator of the Media Design Programs, Hostos Community College of the City University of New York;

Ohio—Gillian Oakenfull, associate professor and director of experiential learning, Department of Marketing, Miami University;

Oregon—Juliet W. Brosing, professor of physics, Pacific University;

South Carolina—Alliston K. Reid, Reeves family professor of psychology, Wofford College;

Tennessee—Michael Pinter, director of the Teaching Center and professor of mathematics, Belmont University;

Texas—Greg Sherman, professor of physics, Collin College;

Utah—Michael Christiansen, professor of music, Utah State University;

Virginia—Robert Swap, associate professor, University of Virginia;

Washington—Karl Fields, professor of politics and government and Asian studies, University of Puget Sound;

Wisconsin—Gregory S. Aldrete, Frankenthal professor of history and humanistic studies, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay; and

West Virginia—Dan Hollis, associate professor of journalism and mass communications, Marshall University.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, 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 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 10:06 a.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, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5934. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

H.R. 6116. An act to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct review by the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6570. An act to amend the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to consolidate certain CBO reporting requirements.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 12:25 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 743. An act to amend chapter 23 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the disclosures of information protected from prohibited personnel practices, require a statement in non-disclosure policies, forms, and agreements that such policies, forms, and agreements conform with certain disclosure protections, provide certain authority for the Special Counsel, and for other purposes.

S. 1956. An act to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2606. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the construc-

tion and operation of natural gas pipeline facilities in the Gateway National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4114. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2012, 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.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENTHAL).

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 5934. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to include certain territories and possessions of the United States in the definition of State for the purposes of chapter 114, relating to trafficking in contraband cigarettes and smokeless tobacco; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 6116. An act to amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands to provide for direct appeals to the United States Supreme Court of decisions of the Virgin Islands Supreme Court; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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-7985. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2017 and Later Model Year Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards" (FRL No. 9706-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7986. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Section 110(a)(2) Infrastructure Requirements for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone and the 1997 and 2006 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 9731-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7987. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Revisions to Open Burning Regulations" (FRL No. 9732-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7988. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Alabama: General and Transportation Conformity and New Source Review Prevention of Significant for Fine

Particulate Matter (PM2.5)" (FRL No. 9731-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7989. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland-Revision for the Control of Volatile Organic Compounds Emissions from Vehicle Refinishing" (FRL No. 9731-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7990. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Adhesives and Sealants Rule" (FRL No. 9731-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 20, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7991. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the Revised RD/RA Negotiations Timeline; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7992. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; Determinations of Attainment for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard" (FRL No. 9749-4) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7993. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Idaho; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan" (FRL No. 9750-1) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7994. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Reasonably Available Control Technology Update to Address Control Techniques Guidelines Issued in 2006, 2007, and 2008" (FRL No. 9749-8) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7995. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Requirements for Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Nonattainment New Source Review; Fine Particulate Matter (PM2.5)" (FRL No. 9747-9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7996. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,