

Standing in the kitchen and acting out his role, Podesta explained: "It's best to do the butchering at 4 a.m., "because pigs should be slaughtered when it is cool, and it takes a long time to roast them. The pig is hauled on a front-end loader in order to split and gut it. It's most important to slow the pig down by shooting it between the eyes so you can cut its throat. It makes the pig less ornery and a whole lot more cooperative than if you just stick a knife in its throat."

In homage to these skills, Podesta used to have a picture of a pig on a spit as his screen saver, but his staffers made him get rid of it, because he said: "They couldn't stand looking into the pig's eyes during meetings."

The powerful John Podesta does not always get his way.

COMMENDING ROBERT DALLAS PRICE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, an American's success can be measured in large part on how he or she helps others. This year, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming have selected as their Man of the Year someone who has made his life's mission serving others. There is a very special person who has given voice to so many important causes in our State, and today I am proud to note this recognition of one of Wyoming's great citizens—Bob Price.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming plays a vitally important role in our State. They serve all youth regardless of economic circumstances. They continue to expand thanks to the generous support of the Tate Foundation, the McMurry Foundation, and the city of Casper. Their inspiration and work has spread to adjacent counties. What is exceptional about the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming is their dedicated and loyal volunteer base. Their Person of the Year, Robert Dallas Price, takes service to his community to a new level.

Bob Price grew up in Chicago and graduated from the College of Great Falls, MT. He started his successful business career in Casper, WY, climbing through the ranks at KTWO Radio and Television to become general manager. He chose to forgo television in favor of focusing on his radio ventures and soon became vice president of GapWest Broadcasting—growing his family of radio stations to include six others. It is hard to imagine that anyone in Wyoming does not recognize the radio voice of Bob Price.

While Mr. PRICE has shown his exceptional achievement as a businessman in the operation and management of radio stations across Wyoming, he has truly gained success through his hands-on involvement with local civic groups that work to make a difference in our great State.

When Bob saw a community need, he worked to see that it was addressed. From Bob's vision over 25 years ago, the Wyoming Health Fairs were created. Now, the Health Fairs serve over 51,000 people yearly in nearly every Wyoming community. By keeping costs low, the Health Fairs facilitate participants' active involvement in preven-

tion and early detection. Their motto, "helping you help yourself . . . be well" is a model our entire Nation would be wise to follow.

Another important tradition in our lives also traces its roots back to Bob Price. The Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon is a Labor Day tradition for families all across America. Bob knew that Wyoming families would want to help too. He started Wyoming's MDA Telethon in 1977 and to this day we all look forward to sharing our Labor Day weekend in support of this worthwhile organization.

Hardly a week goes by without Bob doing something to help others. He has worked on behalf of the Youth Baseball League and Stage III Community Theater productions. He has dedicated years of service on the boards of successful organizations like the Wyoming Symphony Orchestra, Central Wyoming Counseling Center, and Natrona County United Way, just to name a few. He launched the Beartrap Music Festival on Casper Mountain 15 years ago, and his behind-the-scenes work ensures the event keeps growing. He has lent his presence and voice to serve as emcee for countless special events like the Wyoming Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Make-a-Wish campaigns.

Bob's willingness to reach out to so many different groups is a constant reminder of his personal dedication to the value of community involvement. Through his engagement, Bob Price has driven our community toward success and drawn our people together. His is a voice that we from Wyoming know and trust, and he has a spirit of service that inspires. The people of Wyoming today, as well as generations to come, will feel the impact of his generous and selfless contributions to his community and our world.

Mr. President, I am so proud to call Bob Price my friend. My life has been enriched because of our friendship. It is fitting and terrific that the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming have named him Man of the Year, and I ask that my colleagues join me in sending our congratulations to Bob for this well-deserved honor.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

COMMENDING ROBERT D. STEELE

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I honor the service of Robert D. Steele, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at the Pennsylvania State University. After 12 years of serving the students, the college and the university, Dr. Steele is stepping down as dean and rejoining the faculty in the Department of Food Science at Penn State.

As dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Dr. Steele was responsible for the day-to-day operation of a college that is renowned for its top-notch agricultural research. Dr. Steele

administered an annual budget of over \$175 million, managed a staff of over 2,000 employees, and was a leader for approximately 2,500 students.

Bob Steele is dedicated to the students and the growth of the College of Agricultural Sciences. During his tenure he oversaw the transformation and planned growth of the college. Dr. Steele has to his credit many accomplishments as the college's dean, including major new additions including the new Food Science and Forest Resources buildings; implementation of new marketing and recruitment programs that have led to increased undergraduate enrollment, reversing a trend of declining enrollments experienced by colleges of agriculture nationwide; steady growth in the research funds for the college; addition of key new research initiatives in chemical ecology, reproductive biology, and infectious disease and immunology, which have resulted in the addition of internationally renowned scientists to the college and enhanced graduate education; a renewed focus on environmental and energy issues, including the establishment of the Environment and Natural Resources Institute, the Biomass Energy Center, and the Agriculture and Environmental Science Policy Center; and significant progress in the planning, development, and fund-raising for The Arboretum at Penn State.

Dr. Steele has taken his academic expertise outside the campus of Penn State serving on many committees that moved agriculture forward on the national level. His passionate interest in the success of Penn State and other land grant universities is evident with his service on the Special Think Tank Committee on the future of land grant colleges of agriculture partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Steele was also instrumental in providing valuable ideas and leadership for the 2008 farm bill through his service on various national committees, such as the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges Agriculture Deans.

Although Dr. Steele's dedication and talents will be missed in the administration of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State, the students enrolled in that program will benefit from his return to the classroom. I am certain that his expertise, knowledge, and experiences will serve them well.

I congratulate Bob Steele on his outstanding achievements as dean and his distinguished service to Penn State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and his continued commitment to Pennsylvania's farm families. I also personally thank him for his friendship and his invaluable advice to me and my staff. I wish him all the best as he returns to the classroom.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to

the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to section 5 of the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-21), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker and the Majority Leader of the Senate jointly appoint the following individual to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: Mr. Phil Angelides of Sacramento, California, Chairman. Additionally the Speaker appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives: Ms. Brooksley Born of Washington, DC, and Mr. John W. Thompson of Woodside, California.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 5 of the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-21), the Minority Leader appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission: The Honorable William M. Thomas of Bakersfield, California, Vice Chairman, and Mr. Peter J. Wallison of Old Snowmass, Colorado.

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-2415. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards for Permanent, Privately Owned Horse Quarantine Facilities" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0013) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2416. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "User Fees; Export Certification for Plants and Plant Products" (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0137) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 14, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2417. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of

a rule entitled "Prevention of Salmonella Enteritidis in Shell Eggs During Production, Storage, and Transportation" (RIN0910-AC14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2418. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Quarterly Report to Congress on the Status of Significant Unresolved Issues with the Department of Energy's Design and Construction Projects; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2419. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Manned Ground Vehicle Selected Acquisition Report; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2420. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program" (RIN3064-AD37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2421. A communication from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program to Extend the Debt Guarantee Program and to Impose Surcharges on Assessments for Certain Debt Issued on or After April 1, 2009" (RIN3064-AD37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2422. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons on the Entity List; Addition of Persons Acting Contrary to the National Security or Foreign Policy Interests of the United States; Removal of Persons based on ERC Annual Review and Removal Requests; and Entry Modified for Purposes of Clarification" (RIN0694-AE59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 21, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2423. A communication from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Truth in Lending" (Regulation Z; Docket No. R-1364) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2424. A communication from the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2425. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to the United Arab Emirates; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2426. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Smart Grid Policy" (RIN1902-AD82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2009; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2427. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "S-Abscisic Acid; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8427-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2428. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Hawaii; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 8916-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2429. A communication from the Director of Human Resources, Office of Administration and Resources Management, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, (5) reports relative to vacancy announcements and (4) reports relative to confirmations within the Office of Management and Budget; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2430. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, 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; Ohio; Volatile Organic Compound Emission Control Measures for Cleveland" (FRL No. 8932-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2431. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Use of Byproduct Material—Authorized User Clarification" (RIN3150-AI59) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 20, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2432. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation Implementation Plans; South Carolina; Transportation Conformity Memorandum of Agreement Update" (FRL No. 8936-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2433. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Draft Strategic Plan 2009 through 2014"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2434. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Compliance, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Biennial Report on Occupational Safety and Health Inspections"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-2435. A communication from the Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevailing Rate Systems; Redefinition of the New Haven-Hartford and New London, Connecticut, Appropriated Fund Federal Wage System Wage Areas" (RIN3206-AL83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 22, 2009; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.