

2013 The Legislative Report Card

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The Virginia Chamber of Commerce annually develops a proactive Legislative Agenda outlining the priorities and expectations of Virginia's business community. This agenda also provides legislators with a clear understanding of the business community's legislative priorities. During the 2013 session, almost 2600 bills were introduced in the General Assembly. The Virginia Chamber of Commerce was active and involved in many bills, and provided legislators with a weekly "**Bills We're Watching**" report delineating the Chamber's position on bills of interest to the business community. At the conclusion of the session, legislators' voting records on these bills were recorded and calculated. The Legislative Report Card recognizes legislators for their support on initiatives that will help move Virginia forward, and additionally provides analysis of a legislator's support for the business community's priorities. With the help of Virginia's pro-business legislators, the Virginia Chamber of Commerce was successful on 90% of its Legislative Priorities during the 2013 session and saved Virginia employers billions of dollars.

2013 Legislator of the Year Award



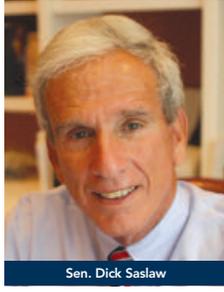
**Speaker of the House
William Howell**

The Virginia Chamber's 2013 *Legislator of the Year Award* is the business community's premier legislative award honoring the lawmaker who demonstrates outstanding leadership on pro-business issues. The award recognizes a leader for distinguished advocacy of the free enterprise system.

After the 2013 legislative session, the *Legislator of the Year Award* was presented to Virginia House Speaker William Howell. During the General Assembly session, Speaker Howell led the fight to strengthen Virginia's economy, establish predictability and stability with Virginia's business climate and support private-sector job creation.

Under Speaker Howell's leadership, the House advanced a pro-business legislative agenda that will enhance Virginia's competitiveness in the global economy. From tort reform and staving off a big increase in unemployment insurance taxes, to investments in transportation and education, Speaker Howell worked tirelessly in tackling the Commonwealth's most pressing issues.

The Virginia Chamber applauds Speaker Howell for his commitment to free market principles and his willingness to take a stand for Virginia businesses.



Leadership in Energy Award

Delegate Terry Kilgore and Senator Dick Saslaw

Energy plays a tremendous role in the decisions companies make on expanding or relocating operations. Virginia's overall competitiveness relies on long-term, comprehensive energy policies that provide for reliable, cost-effective energy sources to support economic growth. The Leadership in Energy Award recognizes legislators who advance policies that increase energy independence, promote the use of domestic energy sources and embrace the adoption and deployment of advanced, efficient technologies that further fuel source diversification through all energy sources. In the 2013 General Assembly, Senator Dick Saslaw and Delegate Terry Kilgore engineered a compromise between the consumers and the electric utility companies that is a positive force for continued economic growth and will benefit electric customers of all sizes. This compromise legislation contains new standards for earnings sharing among utilities and customers, revises the system of incentives and provides regulatory certainty needed to strengthen Virginia's electric infrastructure and to provide reliable, cost-effective power. For their efforts in improving and advancing Virginia's energy policies, the Virginia Chamber recognizes Delegate Terry Kilgore and Senator Dick Saslaw with the Leadership in Energy Award.



Economic Competitiveness Award

Delegate S. Chris Jones, Delegate David Albo, Senator Frank Wagner and Senator Janet Howell

Virginia's transportation infrastructure is vital to the Commonwealth's economic competitiveness. The Commonwealth's transportation system supports business, tourism and economic growth. With over 99 percent of the world's consumers outside of the state's borders, an effective transportation network that efficiently moves people and goods is essential to Virginia's economic prosperity.

Unfortunately, the Commonwealth faces many transportation challenges: increased demand for highway and passenger rail service; an aging transportation infrastructure; funding shortfalls that inhibit our ability to meet highway, transit and passenger rail maintenance, construction and operational needs; and congestion.

While our transportation challenges are significant, the General Assembly took a major step forward in addressing the Commonwealth's critical infrastructure needs by passing a landmark transportation funding package that will ensure long-term, dedicated and sustainable funding is available to meet Virginia's vital highway, rail and transit needs.

This year's Economic Competitiveness Award recognizes the legislators who were instrumental in developing a bipartisan transportation bill that invested in an essential component of our economy — the Commonwealth's transportation system. For their efforts in supporting economic growth and development through key investments in Virginia's transportation infrastructure, the Virginia Chamber recognizes Delegates David Albo and S. Chris Jones and Senators Janet Howell and Frank Wagner with the Economic Competitiveness Award.



Del. Christopher Head



Del. C. Todd Gilbert



Del. Salvatore Iaquinto



Del. Gregory Habeeb



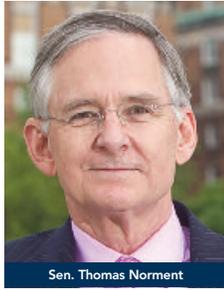
Del. Benjamin Cline



Del. David Albo



Del. Terry Kilgore



Sen. Thomas Norment



Sen. Richard Stuart



Sen. Bryce Reeves

Legal Reform Advocate Award

Delegate Christopher Head, Delegate C. Todd Gilbert, Delegate Salvatore Iaquinto, Delegate Gregory Habeeb, Delegate Benjamin Cline, Delegate David Albo, Delegate Terry Kilgore, Senator Thomas Norment, Senator Richard Stuart and Senator Bryce Reeves

Virginia’s legal climate is important to the Commonwealth’s economic competitiveness. A stable, predictable legal system that provides for a fair and efficient civil justice process, controls litigation costs, protects private property rights and eliminates lawsuit abuse is essential to promote economic growth and job creation.

While Virginia has been recognized in national surveys as a “top state” for business, certain areas of the Commonwealth’s tort liability system lag well behind a number of states in fostering an environment in which businesses can thrive. With businesses still struggling to recover from one of the worst economic downturns in our nation’s history, improving the Commonwealth’s legal climate, which studies show, could save \$453 million in legal costs and increase employment by as much as one percent in Virginia.

The Advocate in Legal Reform Award recognizes legislators whose significant contributions to legal reforms are critical to lower the cost of litigation, improve the legal environment and encourage business confidence and investment in Virginia. For their efforts in improving Virginia’s legal system, the Advocates in Legal Reform Award goes to Delegates David Albo, Benjamin Cline, C. Todd Gilbert, Gregory Habeeb, Christopher Head, Salvatore Iaquinto and Terry Kilgore, and Senators Thomas Norment, Bryce Reeves and Richard Stuart.

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Barry DuVal

*President & CEO
Virginia Chamber*



Del. Kirk Cox



Del. David Yancey



Sen. Harry Blevins

Excellence in Education and Workforce Training Award

Delegate Kirk Cox, Delegate David Yancey and Senator Harry Blevins

Virginia's economic well-being is inextricably linked to the education and skills of its citizens. Many Virginia employers are faced with an insufficient supply of skilled and educated workers because of gaps in skills and training. It is imperative that the educational system, beginning with early childhood education programs and workforce training initiatives are aligned with the skill requirements and workforce needs of businesses. The Excellence in Education and Workforce Training Award recognizes legislators who worked to improve education in Virginia.

This year, Delegate Kirk Cox and Senator Harry Blevins sponsored multiple bills to improve teacher quality and provide early intervention services to students in kindergarten, first and second grades who demonstrate deficiencies in reading. Delegate David Yancey sponsored legislation to increase the amount of tax credit an employer can claim for worker retraining, specifically if the retraining involves a STEM or STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Applied Mathematics) discipline.

For their efforts in improving education in Virginia and better aligning education and workforce training programs with the needs of businesses, the Virginia Chamber recognizes Delegates Kirk Cox and David Yancey and Senator Harry Blevins with the Excellence in Education and Workforce Training Award.

Champions of Free Enterprise

Legislators who voted 100% for the Virginia Chamber's 2013 Legislative Priorities.



Del. David Albo



Del. John Cosgrove



Del. Kirk Cox



Del. Mark Dudenhefer



Del. Chris Head



Del. Gordon Helsel



Del. Keith Hodges



Del. William "Bill" Howell



Del. Salvatore Iaquinto



Del. Riley Ingram



Del. Terry Kilgore



Del. Barry Knight



Del. James LeMunyon



Del. Daniel Marshall



Del. Joe May



Del. Donald Merricks



Del. Randy Minchew



Del. Richard Morris



Del. John O'Bannon



Del. Robert Orrock



Del. Charles Poindexter



Del. Edward Scott



Del. Beverly Sherwood



Del. Christopher Stolle



Del. Robert Tata



Del. Ron Villanueva



Del. Michael Watson



Del. David Yancey

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Photos from the 2013 Legislative Awards Reception and Dinner



2013 Legislative Awards Winners



VA Chamber Board of Directors Chairman Bill Ermatinger of Huntington Ingalls Industries, Senator Janet Howell and Barry DuVal, President and CEO of the VA Chamber

Member Name	Party	City/County	%	Grade
Kenneth C. Alexander	D	Norfolk	75	C
George L. Barker	D	Alexandria	75	C
Richard H. Black	R	Leesburg	91	A-
Harry B. Blevins	R	Chesapeake	91	A-
Charles W. Carrico, Sr.	R	Grayson	94	A
Charles J. Colgan	D	Manassas	79	C+
R. Creigh Deeds	D	Bath	78	C+
Adam P. Ebbin	D	Alexandria	73	C
John S. Edwards	D	Roanoke	66	D
Barbara A. Favola	D	Arlington	78	C+
Thomas A. Garrett, Jr.	R	Louisa	94	A
Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.	R	Mount Solon	92	A-
Mark R. Herring	D	Leesburg	77	C+
Janet D. Howell	D	Reston	80	B-
Mamie E. Locke	D	Hampton	75	C
L. Louise Lucas	D	Portsmouth	76	C
David W. Marsden	D	Burke	78	C+
Henry L. Marsh, III	D	Richmond	77	C+
Stephen H. Martin	R	Chesterfield	95	A
Ryan T. McDougale	R	Mechanicsville	92	A-

Received an **A+** grade! Received an **A** grade!

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Ryan Dunn, Vice President of Business and Government Relations, VA Chamber presents Senator Dick Saslaw with his Leadership in Energy Award.



Lisa Stolle, Delegate Chris Stolle and Delegate David Yancey

Member Name	Party	City/County	%	Grade
A. Donald McEachin	D	Richmond	79	C+
Jeffrey L. McWaters	R	Virginia Beach	95	A
John C. Miller	D	Newport News	78	C+
Stephen D. Newman	R	Forest	92	A-
Thomas K. Norment, Jr.	R	Williamsburg	97	A+
Ralph S. Northam	D	Norfolk	78	C+
Mark D. Obenshain	R	Harrisonburg	95	A
J. Chapman Petersen	D	Fairfax	70	C-
Phillip P. Puckett	D	Tazewell	77	C+
Linda T. Puller	D	Mount Vernon	78	C+
Bryce E. Reeves	R	Spotsylvania	94	A
Frank M. Ruff, Jr.	R	Clarksville	94	A
Richard L. Saslaw	D	Springfield	81	B-
Ralph K. Smith	R	Roanoke	91	A-
William M. Stanley, Jr.	R	Moneta	87	B+
Walter A. Stosch	R	Glen Allen	95	A
Richard H. Stuart	R	Westmoreland	88	B+
Jill Holtzman Vogel	R	Winchester	89	B+
Frank W. Wagner	R	Virginia Beach	97	A+
John C. Watkins	R	Midlothian	92	A-

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Member Name	Party	City/County	%	Grade
David B. Albo	R	Springfield	100	A+
Richard L. Anderson	R	Woodbridge	96	A
Mamye E. BaCote	D	Newport News	87	B+
Richard P. Bell	R	Staunton	96	A
Robert B. Bell	R	Charlottesville	96	A
Robert H. Brink	D	Arlington	83	B
David L. Bulova	D	Fairfax	87	B+
Kathy J. Byron	R	Lynchburg	96	A
Betsy B. Carr	D	Richmond	80	B-
Benjamin L. Cline	R	Amherst	95	A
Mark L. Cole	R	Fredericksburg	96	A
Barbara J. Comstock	R	McLean	95	A
John A. Cosgrove	R	Chesapeake	100	A+
John A. Cox	R	Ashland	93	A
M. Kirkland Cox	R	Colonial Heights	100	A+
Anne B. Crockett-Stark	R	Wytheville	96	A
Rosalyn R. Dance	D	Petersburg	87	B+
L. Mark Dudenhefer	R	Stafford	100	A+
James E. Edmunds, II	R	South Boston	96	A
C. Matt Fariss	R	Rustburg	95	A
Peter F. Farrell	R	Henrico	96	A
Eileen Filler-Corn	D	Fairfax Station	87	B+
T. Scott Garrett	R	Lynchburg	96	A
C. Todd Gilbert	R	Woodstock	96	A
Thomas A. Greason	R	Potomac Falls	96	A
Gregory D. Habeeb	R	Salem	96	A
Chris T. Head	R	Roanoke	100	A+
Gordon C. Helsel, Jr.	R	Poquoson	100	A+
Charniele L. Herring	D	Alexandria	87	B+
Daun S. Hester	D	Norfolk	83	B
M. Keith Hodges	R	Urbanna	100	A+
Patrick A. Hope	D	Arlington	83	B
Algie T. Howell, Jr.	D	Norfolk	87	B+
William J. Howell	R	Fredericksburg	100	A+



Delegate Charles Poindexter and VA Chamber Board Member Mark Lawrence, Carilion Clinic



VA Chamber Board of Directors Chairman Bill Ermatinger of Huntington Ingalls Industries, Delegate Kirk Cox and Barry DuVal, President and CEO of the VA Chamber

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Delegate David Ramadan, Richard Sarles of WMATA, Speaker Bill Howell, Dick Duvall of Holland and Knight, LLP and The Honorable Jim Dyke



Delegate Randy Minchew, Delegate Greg Habeeb, Delegate Tag Greason, Warrenetta Baker of Capital One, Speaker Bill Howell, VA Chamber Board Member Dan Mortensen of Capital One, and Delegate Barbara Comstock

Member Name	Party	City/County	%	Grade
Timothy D. Hugo	R	Centreville	95	A
Salvatore R. Iaquinto	R	Virginia Beach	100	A+
Riley E. Ingram	R	Hopewell	100	A+
Matthew James	D	Portsmouth	84	B
Johnny S. Joannou	D	Portsmouth	82	B-
Joseph P. Johnson, Jr.	D	Abingdon	93	A
S. Chris Jones	R	Suffolk	96	A
Mark L. Keam	D	Vienna	87	B+
Terry G. Kilgore	R	Gate City	100	A+
Barry D. Knight	R	Virginia Beach	100	A+
Kaye Kory	D	Falls Church	82	B-
K. Robert Krupicka, Jr.	D	Alexandria	87	B+
R. Steven Landes	R	Weyers Cave	96	A
James M. LeMunyon	R	Oak Hill	100	A+
Lynwood W. Lewis, Jr.	D	Accomac	93	A
L. Scott Lingamfelter	R	Woodbridge	93	A
Alfonso H. Lopez	D	Arlington	83	B
G. M. "Manoli" Loupassi	R	Richmond	98	A+
Robert G. Marshall	R	Manassas	96	A
Daniel W. Marshall, III	R	Danville	100	A+
James P. Massie, III	R	Richmond	96	A
Joe T. May	R	Leesburg	100	A+
Jennifer L. McClellan	D	Richmond	78	C+
Delores L. McQuinn	D	Richmond	83	B
Donald W. Merricks	R	Danville	100	A+
Jackson H. Miller	R	Manassas	95	A
J. Randy Minchew	R	Leesburg	100	A+
James W. Morefield	R	North Tazewell	87	B+
Richard L. Morris	R	Carrollton	100	A+
Joseph D. Morrissey	D	Highland Springs	83	B
John M. O'Bannon, III	R	Richmond	100	A+
Israel D. O'Quinn	R	Bristol	96	A
Robert D. Orrock, Sr.	R	Thornburg	100	A+
Christopher K. Peace	R	Mechanicsville	96	A

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Delegate Michael Webert, Delegate Chris Head and Delegate David Ramadan, all Co-Chairmen of the Virginia General Assembly's Business Development Caucus



Mark Herzog, Health Diagnostic Laboratories and Delegate Joe May

Member Name	Party	City/County	%	Grade
Kenneth R. Plum	D	Reston	87	B+
Brenda L. Pogge	R	Williamsburg	96	A
Charles D. Poindexter	R	Glade Hill	100	A+
Harry R. Purkey	R	Virginia Beach	98	A+
Lacey E. Putney	I	Bedford	98	A+
David I. Ramadan	R	South Riding	96	A
Margaret B. Ransone	R	Kinsale	96	A
Roxann L. Robinson	R	Chesterfield	96	A
Nick Rush	R	Christiansburg	95	A
Thomas Davis Rust	R	Herndon	98	A+
James M. Scott	D	Merrifield	82	B-
Edward T. Scott	R	Culpeper	100	A+
Beverly J. Sherwood	R	Winchester	100	A+
Mark D. Sickles	D	Alexandria	83	B
Lionell Spruill, Sr.	D	Chesapeake	82	B-
Christopher P. Stolle	R	Virginia Beach	100	A+
Scott A. Surovell	D	Fairfax	77	C+
Robert Tata	R	Virginia Beach	100	A+
Luke E. Torian	D	Woodbridge	85	B
David J. Toscano	D	Charlottesville	83	B
Roslyn C. Tyler	D	Jarratt	81	B-
Ron A. Villanueva	R	Virginia Beach	100	A+
Jeion A. Ward	D	Hampton	81	B-
R. Lee Ware, Jr.	R	Powhatan	96	A
Onzlee Ware	D	Roanoke	87	B+
Michael B. Watson	R	Williamsburg	100	A+
Vivian E. Watts	D	Annandale	85	B
Michael J. Webert	R	Marshall	95	A
Tony O. Wilt	R	Harrisonburg	96	A
Thomas C. Wright, Jr.	R	Victoria	90	A-
David E. Yancey	R	Newport News	100	A+
Joseph R. Yost	R	Blacksburg	98	A+

Received an A+ grade!

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Grading Criteria

The weight of each vote was determined by dividing 100 by the total number of bills.

Since legislators refrain from voting in cases of an ethical conflict, if a legislator ABSTAINED from a vote, this vote was not counted as part of legislator's vote totals for purposes of scoring.

Legislators were docked $\frac{1}{2}$ of a percentage point for not voting on a bill. For example, if a vote was worth two points, a legislator would be docked one point for a no vote.

Examples:

If there were 50 bills total, each vote would be worth two points ($100/50=2$). If a legislator voted in support of the Virginia Chamber's position on 45 of these bills and against the Virginia Chamber's position on 5, their score would be a 90%, or a grade of an A.

If a legislator abstained from voting on two of the bills, the weight of each vote would be determined as such: $100/48=2.08$ points. If that legislator voted with the Virginia Chamber on 44 bills and against the Chamber on 4, their score would be a 91%, or grade of an A.

If there were 50 bills and a legislator did not vote on two of the bills, but voted with the Virginia Chamber on every other bill, their score would be determined by dividing the weight of each vote (2 points) by two and subtracting that total from 100. That legislator would receive a score of 98% or grade of an A.

Grading Scale

A+	=	100-97
A	=	96-93
A-	=	92-90
B+	=	89-87
B	=	86-83
B-	=	82-80
C+	=	79-77
C	=	76-73
C-	=	72-70
D+	=	69-67
D	=	66-63
D+	=	62-60
F	=	60 & below



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