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**16 Brad Wall**  
Saskatchewan premier

He's been quieter on the international front since winning a 2010 fight to stop the foreign takeover of Saskatoon-based Potash Corp.—but not dormant. He's pushed trade with India, and got a win last April when the federal government announced a nuclear co-operation deal with the energy-hungry Asian giant. The province is one of the world's top uranium-producing regions. He won again when the feds relaxed foreign ownership rules for uranium mines in last fall's European Union trade deal-in-principle, which he said could mean billions more in investment. Mr. Wall is seen as a bright light in conservative circles. ■



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**19 Paul Dewar**  
NDP foreign affairs critic

Mr. Dewar has been a thorn in the government's side on foreign policy and a shaper of conversations about Canada's role in the world during his seven years as critic. To the extent he can in a majority government, he's pushed the Conservatives to improve legislation, like a cluster-bombs ban bill (if only by just one word). ■



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**17 Rob Merrifield**  
House trade committee chair

Committee chairs don't often make this list, but Mr. Merrifield is not your typical breed. Formerly the junior transport minister, the Yellowhead, Alta. member of Parliament was dropped from the cabinet in 2011 but given the consolation prize as the Harper government's emissary to the US Congress until 2015. He's been authorized to travel stateside once or twice a month, he says, where he's lobbied legislators against country-of-origin meat labelling and for Keystone XL. Although success on those has been limited, he's got a Rolodex with US Congress members' and businesspeople's names that gives him influence. ■

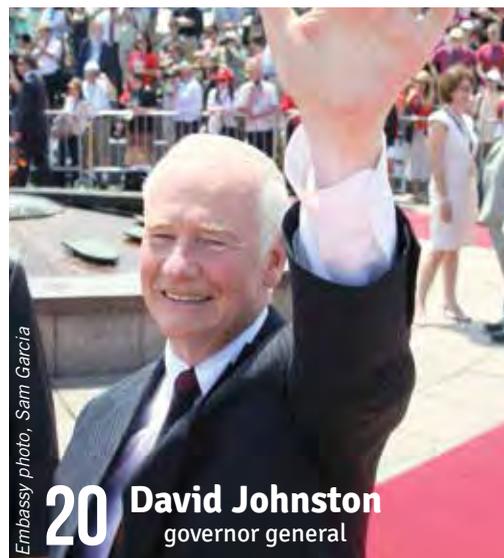


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**18 Deepak Obhrai**  
parliamentary secretary to the foreign minister, and for international human rights

He's not a policy heavyweight, but the foreign affairs workhorse. When the PM refused to attend last fall's Commonwealth summit in Sri Lanka because of human rights concerns, Mr. Obhrai went instead. He is often the face of Canada when the foreign minister's not around. For his

eight years of service as parliamentary secretary for foreign affairs, he was made a member of the Privy Council and given the added responsibility for international human rights last year. The Tanzanian-born Calgary MP with the trademark scarf is well regarded by the foreign minister. ■



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**20 David Johnston**  
governor general

He doesn't carry a formal policy-making role, but don't discount Mr. Johnston as just a meeter-and-greeter. This former University of Waterloo president and head of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada has helped promote Canada's education system during his visits abroad. His delegations often include education reps. It was on one of those trips, in Brazil in 2012, when he announced Canada would accept 12,000 Brazilian students. He uses the term "diplomacy of knowledge" to mean sharing learning and innovation across borders, which has become one of his priority themes. ■