

Their hard work in the NIT tournament builds on a distinguished history of collegiate women's basketball. Back in 1972 President Richard Nixon signed into law title IX, which stated that no person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in any educational program or activity that receives federal assistance. That same year, the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women held its first women's collegiate basketball championship.

Fast forward to the year 2001, where today unprecedented numbers of young girls and women are playing basketball as part of their overall education. I believe it is outstanding that the UNM Lady Lobos are able to repeatedly played before a sold out audience of more than 18,000 screaming fans.

Wednesday night's title game should not be viewed as a disappointment, because I believe the excitement the Lady Lobos generated across New Mexico can only serve as motivation for next year. The Lobo women, who finished the season 22-13, are also an inspiration for the elementary, middle and high school girls who watched their successful season. They can believe, like the UNM Ladies basketball team's future, that the sky is the limit.

I believe the Lady Lobos have embarked on a tradition of greatness, which is no small feat considering their newness on the scene. Despite the discontinuation of the program from 1987 to 1991, the players have since shown us their determination and delivered games of pure excitement. In the last four years, the average game attendance for the UNM women has skyrocketed and kept pace with the best teams across the nation. This is testimony to the interest that this women's team has brought to the game.

On behalf of thousands of admiring fans, I extend my congratulations and thanks to the University of New Mexico Lobo Women's Basketball team for their successful year. I salute Coach Don Flanagan and his team: Jordan Adams, Susan Babcock, Jasmine Ewing, Melissa Forest, Cristal Garcia, Chelsea Grear, Nikki Heckroth, Molly McKinnon, Lauren McLeod, Miranda Sánchez, Jennifer Williams, and Britany Wolfgang. We are proud of the team and its accomplishments. ●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1255. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant law, a report entitled "Congressional Justification Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2002"; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-1256. A communication from the Program Manager of the Regulations Division,

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Country of Origin Statements on Distilled Spirits Labels" received on March 26, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1257. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Weighted Average Interest Rate Update" (Notice 2001-28) received on March 27, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1258. A communication from the Secretary of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report concerning voting practices at the United Nations for 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1259. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VISAS: Nonimmigrant Visa Fees—Fee Reduction for Border Crossing Cards for Mexicans Under Age 15" (RIN1400-AA97) received on March 27, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1260. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, a report on nuclear nonproliferation in South Asia for the period October 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1261. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV01-959-1 IFR) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1262. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Raisins Produced from Grapes Grown in California; Reduction in Production Cap for 2001 Diversion Program" (Doc. No. FV01-989-1 FIRA) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1263. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vidalia Onions Grown in Georgia; Increased Assessment Rate" (Doc. No. FV01-955-1 FR) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1264. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethametsulfuron Methyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6773-7) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1265. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on Telemedicine for 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1266. A communication from the Director of the Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1267. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diesel Particulate Matter Exposure of Underground Coal Miners" (RIN1219-AA74) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1268. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Diesel Particulate Exposure of Underground Metal and Nonmetal Miners" (RIN1219-AB11) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1269. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report regarding the Department of Defense's failure to provide records that relate to the decision to support the United Nations peacekeeping operations in East Timor, Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of the Congo; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1270. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the delay of a report regarding the evaluation of benefits of the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan Open Enrollment Demonstration Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1271. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1272. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the single-function cost comparison of the Air Combat Command Communications Group; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1273. A communication from Deputy Associate Administration of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Full Approval of Operating Permits Program in Washington" (FRL6952-3) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1274. A communication from Deputy Associate Administration of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Conversion of the Conditional Approval of the 15 Percent Plan and 1990 VOC Emission Inventory for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Ozone Nonattainment Area to Full Approval" (FRL6961-4) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1275. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL6961-9) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1276. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB's); Return of PCB Waste from U.S. Territories Outside the Customs Territory of the United States" (FRL6764-9) received on March 29, 2001 ; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1277. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NARA Freedom of Information Act

Regulations" (RIN3095-AA72) received on March 26, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1278. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the annual performance plan for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1279. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Annual Program Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1280. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1281. A communication from the Director, and the Inspector General of the National Science Foundation, transmitting jointly, the National Science Foundation's Accountability Report for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1282. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Prison Industries, Inc., Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "UNICOR: Of Service to Others" for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1283. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Annual Performance Plan for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1284. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Hawaii-based Pelagic Longline Area Closure; Emergency Interim Rule" (RIN0648-AO66) received on March 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1285. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Species in the Rock Sole/Flathead Sole/Other Flatfish" Fishery Category by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands" received on March 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1286. A communication from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fisheries; 2001 Specifications" (RIN0648-AN71) received on March 27, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1287. A communication from the Assistant Bureau Chief of Management, International Bureau/Telecommunications Division, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Report and Order in the Matter of 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review, Policy and Rules Concerning the International, Interexchange Marketplace" (Doc. No. 00-202, FCC01-93) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1288. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV

Broadcast Stations (Reno, NV)" (Doc. No. 00-234, RM-9999) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1289. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Key West, FL)" (Doc. No. 00-70, RM-9843) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1290. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Lowry City, Missouri)" (Doc. No. 00-145, RM-9845) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1291. A communication from the Special Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Bowling Green, Bardstown, Lebanon Junction, and Auburn, Kentucky; and Byrdstown, Tennessee)" (Doc. No. 99-326) received on March 28, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1292. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation M: Electronic Delivery of Federally Mandated Disclosures" (R-1042) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1293. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation Z: Electronic Delivery of Federally Mandated Disclosures" (R-1043) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1294. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation B: Electronic Delivery of Federally Mandated Disclosures" (R-1040) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1295. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation DD: Electronic Delivery of Federally Mandated Disclosures" (R-1044) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1296. A communication from the Assistant to the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation E: Electronic Delivery of Federally Mandated Disclosures" (R-1041) received on March 29, 2001; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

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

By Mr. KOHL (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. FEIN-

GOLD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 665. A bill to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. WARNER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. COCHRAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. BREAUX, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 666. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the use of completed contract method of accounting in the case of certain long-term naval vessel construction contracts; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 667. A bill to impose a condition for the conveyance, previously required, of certain real property of the United States on the Island of Vieques to Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire):

S. 668. A bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to ensure that all dogs and cats used by research facilities are obtained legally; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BIDEN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. SPECTER):

S. 669. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to promote parental involvement and parental empowerment in public education through greater competition and choice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DASCHLE (for himself and Mr. LUGAR):

S. 670. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to eliminate methyl tertiary butyl ether from the United States fuel supply and to increase production and use of ethanol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. Con. Res. 30. A concurrent resolution condemning the destruction of pre-Islamic statues in Afghanistan by the Taliban regime; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 27

At the request of Mr. DODD, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 27, a bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform.

S. 38

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 38, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit former members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated as total to travel on military aircraft in the same manner and