

THE CUSTER WILDCATS ARE THE 2002 SOUTH DAKOTA STATE MEN'S "AA" BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Custer Wildcats. The Wildcats under veteran coach Larry Luitjens, won the South Dakota Class "A" Basketball Tournament March 16 in Sioux Falls, SD.

This is the fifth title in a dozen years for the Wildcats and Coach Luitjens. Custer defeated Pine Ridge and Crow Creek to advance to the championship game against long-time State tournament rival Lennox. The Wildcats rallied to win the contest 55-50. Custer had defeated Lennox to claim State titles in 1992, 1993 and 1998. Lennox defeated Custer for the 1991 title. This is the first State title won by Custer since the 1998 championship, when Derek Paulsen hit a game-winning basket. Just over a year later, Derek was tragically killed in an automobile accident.

This year's team included the athletic talents of Derek's brother, Paige, and their father Fred is a long-time Assistant Coach to Luitjens. "It was just four years ago that we were here on this same floor and Derek made the last shot that won the game for us," Coach Luitjens told the Rapid City Journal after this year's title victory. "You can't help but think about him." Guided by the spirit and memory of Derek Paulsen, the team won 20 of their last 21 games. Another special highlight this season came when Coach Luitjens became the winningest coach in South Dakota basketball history.

Luitjens' 35-year coaching career includes stints with DeSmet, SD, and New England, ND, and the long-time coach now has a record of 590-224. Larry's teams from 1989 to 1991 put together a string of 49 consecutive victories, South Dakota's longest winning streak among State "A" teams. Larry is known for his coaching expertise and the quality of teams he puts on the basketball court each year. He is also well-respected for the sportsmanship he instills in his players and the students he mentors each year and the relationships he fosters between his team and other teams in South Dakota, especially teams on South Dakota's Indian reservations.

I want to applaud and commend the community of Custer for their ongoing support of young people. This title reflects that community support. I want to acknowledge Superintendent Tim Creal and Athletic Director Paul Anderson and recognize the dedicated efforts of Head Coach and Principal Larry Luitjens and Assistant Coaches Fred Paulsen, Chris Kolker and Neil Sieger. I congratulate the success and hard work of players Brady Sumners, Travis Meyers, Ben Mueller, Cash Melvin, Paige Paulsen, Michael Burke, Matt Lyndoe, Danny Fool Bull, Michael Arnold and Tyler Custis. Travis Meyer and Tyler Custis were named to

the all-tournament team. In addition, I want to recognize the work of team managers Lacey Stender, Cassie Borg, Candi Cullum, Pete Linde, Ryan Scheibe, Spencer Paulsen and Caleb Woods and the special support provided by cheerleaders Amanda Halderman, Ashley Ziemann, Elizabeth Plooster and Shay Larson, under the guidance of advisor Cherri Block.

Again, congratulations to the Custer Wildcats on winning this year's State "A" basketball championship for the State of South Dakota. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, 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 nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:48 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 360. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

H. Con. Res. 353. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2003 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2007.

H. Con. Res. 361. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House Representatives to make corrections in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 2356.

At 10:23 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3924. An act to authorize telecommuting for Federal contractors.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2(b) of the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-106), the Speaker appoints the following members on the part of the House of Representatives to the National Museum of African American History and Culture Plan for Action Presidential Commission:

As voting members: Ms. Vicky A. Bailey of Washington, D.C., Mr. Earl G.

Graves, Sr. of New York, New York, Mr. Michael L. Lomax of New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr. Robert L. Wright of Alexandria, Virginia, Mr. Lerone Bennett, Jr. of Clarksdale, Mississippi, and Ms. Claudine K. Brown of Brooklyn, New York.

As nonvoting members: Mr. J.C. WATTS, JR. of Norman, Oklahoma and Mr. JOHN LEWIS of Atlanta, Georgia.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, were signed on today, March 21, 2002, by President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD):

H.R. 2739. An act to amend Public Law 107-10 to authorize a United States plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2002 in Geneva, Switzerland, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1499. An act to amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating from a secondary school and individuals who attend private historically black colleges and universities nationwide to participate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2019. An act to extend the authority of the Export-Import Bank until April 30, 2002.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 3924. An act to authorize telecommuting for Federal contractors; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 353. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2003 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2004 through 2007; to the Committee on the Budget.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2804. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 95 Seventh Street in San Francisco, California, as the "James R. Browning United States Courthouse."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 1748: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 805 Glen Burnie Road in Richmond, Virginia, as the "Tom Bliley Post Office Building."

H.R. 1749: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 685 Turnberry Road in Newport News, Virginia, as the "Herbert H. Bateman Post Office Building."

H.R. 2577: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

310 South State Street in St. Ignace, Michigan, as the "Bob Davis Post Office Building."

H.R. 2876: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located in Harlem, Montana, as the "Francis Bardanouve United States Post Office Building."

H.R. 2910: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3131 South Crater Road in Petersburg, Virginia, as the "Norman Sisisky Post Office Building."

H.R. 3072: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 125 Main Street in Forest City, North Carolina, as the "Vernon Tarlton Post Office Building."

H.R. 3379: A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 375 Carlis Path in Deer Park, New York, as the "Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building."

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment and with a preamble:

H. Con. Res. 339: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Bureau of the Census on the 100th anniversary of its establishment.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1222: A bill to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 89 River Street in Hoboken, New Jersey, as the "Frank Sinatra Post Office Building."

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HOLLINGS for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Robert Watson Cobb, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

*James R. Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

*Coast Guard nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Mary P. O'Donnell.

*Coast Guard nomination of Vice Adm. Thomas H. Collins.

Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORD on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Donald E. Bunn and ending Dale M. Rausch, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 23, 2002.

Coast Guard nominations beginning David W. Lunt and ending Mary A. Wysock, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on January 28, 2002.

Coast Guard nominations beginning David M. Butler and ending John S. Leyerle, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 15, 2002.

Coast Guard nominations beginning Rebecca L. Albert and ending Allison L.

Zumwalt, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on February 15, 2002.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

*Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

*Robert H. Roswell, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

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. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, and Mr. BURNS):

S. 2040. A bill to provide emergency agricultural assistance to producers of the 2002 crop; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 2041. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States relating to certain footwear; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 2042. A bill to expand access to affordable health care and to strengthen the health care safety net and make health care services more available in rural and underserved areas; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2043. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend by five years the period for the provision by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of noninstitutional extended care services and required nursing home care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2044. A bill to provide for further improvement of the program to expand and improve the provision of specialized mental health services to veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. SMITH of Oregon):

S. 2045. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to take steps to control the growing international problem of tuberculosis; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRAIG:

S. 2046. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize loan guarantees for rural health facilities to buy new and repair existing infrastructure and technology; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BREAUX (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 2047. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow distilled spirits wholesalers a credit against income tax for their cost of carrying Federal excise taxes prior to the sale of the product bearing the tax; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HOLLINGS (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BREAUX,

Mr. NELSON of Florida, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 2048. A bill to regulate interstate commerce in certain devices by providing for private sector development of technological protection measures to be implemented and enforced by Federal regulations to protect digital content and promote broadband as well as the transition to digital television, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. DODD):

S. 2049. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to include a 12 month notification period before discontinuing a biological product, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself and Mr. DAYTON):

S. 2050. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat nominally foreign corporations created through inversion transactions as domestic corporations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. KENNEDY,

Mr. THURMOND, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. REED, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. CARNAHAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. BUNNING, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2051. A bill to remove a condition preventing authority for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation from taking affect, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER:

S. 2052. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to reauthorize and improve the temporary assistance to needy families program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FRIST:

S. 2053. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve immunization rates by increasing the distribution of vaccines and improving and clarifying the vaccine injury compensation program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. REID, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2054. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Nationwide Health Tracking Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. CANTWELL:

S. 2055. A bill to make grants to train sexual assault nurse examiners, law enforcement personnel, and first responders in the handling of sexual assault cases, to establish minimum standards for forensic evidence collection kits, to carry out DNA analyses of samples from crime scenes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mrs. CARNAHAN):

S. 2056. A bill to ensure the independence of accounting firms that provide auditing services to publicly traded companies and of executives, audit committees, and financial compensation committees of such companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr.