

dedicated, faithful, and outstanding service to his country and to the Senate.

HONORING THE HILLTOPPERS OF WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 16 submitted earlier by Senator BUNNING and myself.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 16) honoring the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky University from Bowling Green, Kentucky, for winning the 2002 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-AA Football Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and congratulate the players and coaches of the Western Kentucky University Hilltopper football team on winning the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA National Championship.

When people take a look back at Western's championship season, they will certainly wonder how in the world a team which lost three of its first five games wound up winning the national title? The answer lies in the hearts and minds of every single member of Western Kentucky's team, from the coaches to freshmen walk-ons. Not only did this team refuse to give up, they made it their mission to work harder on and off the field to achieve their dreams and goals. Head Coach Jack Harbaugh deserves special recognition for his ability to right Western's ship before it veered too far off course.

Having to go on a six game win streak simply to reach the post-season, Western entered the Division I-AA playoffs as a longshot. To even reach the championship game, Western had to beat the number two and three rated teams in the nation. Once in the title game, Western was simply too strong to be stopped. They beat the number one rated McNeese State Cowboys by a score of 34-14, exacting revenge on the team which had beat them early in the season. Quarterback Jason Michael threw for a career-high 185 yards and running back Jon Frazier added 159 yards on the ground in the national title match. This was Western Kentucky University's first NCAA football championship.

Mr. President, I ask that my fellow colleagues join me in congratulating the Hilltopper football players, Head Coach Jack Harbaugh, Athletic Director Dr. Wood Selig and Dr. Gary Ransdell on winning the 2002 Division I-AA National Championship. This win reflects very highly on Western Kentucky University and the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky. Who said Kentucky wasn't a football State?

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I would like to thank my colleague, Mr.

Bunning, for introducing this resolution congratulating the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers on capturing the National Collegiate Athletics Association's NCAA Division I-AA championship, and I would urge the Senate to adopt it.

Mr. President, the story of Western Kentucky University's 2002 football season is one of perseverance and determination in the face of long odds. After a disappointing start, in which Western Kentucky dropped three of its first five games, Coach Jack Harbaugh rallied the Hilltoppers to victories in their last six regular season games. This late-season charge helped Western Kentucky secure one of the final spots in the Division I-AA playoffs. Once in the NCAA tournament, Western was faced with a daunting path to the championship which required them to defeat each of the top three ranked teams on consecutive weekends. However, Western Kentucky rose to the challenge and even exacted a measure of revenge by defeating Western Illinois and McNeese State, two of the teams that had previously defeated the Hilltoppers during the regular season. With its 34 to 14 victory over McNeese State on December 20, 2002, Western Kentucky University captured the first NCAA football championship in the program's proud eighty-nine year history.

I want to congratulate the Hilltopper football team, head Coach Jack Harbaugh, Athletic Director Dr. Wood Selig, and President Gary Ransdell on capturing the 2002 Division I-AA national championship and thank them for the outstanding manner in which they represented Western Kentucky University and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements related thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 16) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 16

Whereas on December 20, 2002, the Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers from Bowling Green, Kentucky, won the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA Collegiate Football Championship;

Whereas this championship is Western Kentucky University's first NCAA Football Championship since its football program began in 1913;

Whereas the Hilltoppers had an impressive and overall record of 12 wins and 3 losses, including 10 consecutive wins and winning the championship game;

Whereas the Hilltoppers showed tremendous dedication to each other, appreciation to their fans, sportsmanship to their opponents, and respect for the game of football throughout their 2002 season;

Whereas Western Kentucky University was represented with integrity and principled

leadership under the direction of its head coach Jack Harbaugh, athletic director Dr. Wood Selig, and president Dr. Gary A. Ransdell; and

Whereas on December 20, 2002, the 15th ranked Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers faced the number 1 ranked McNeese State University Cowboys for the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA Football Championship in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and came away victorious by a score of 34 to 14: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate honors the Western Kentucky University football team from Bowling Green, Kentucky, for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA Football Championship.

EXTENDING THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 11, which is being held at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 11) to extend the national flood insurance program.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (H.R. 11) was read a third time and passed.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.J. RES. 2

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand that H.J. Res. 2 is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 2) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003, and for other purposes.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 16

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 16 is at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 16) to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2003.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE TWO HOUSES

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 8 which is at the desk; further, that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 8) was agreed to.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 108-1

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following treaty transmitted to the Senate on January 9, 2003 by the President of the United States: Agreement Amending Treaty with Canada Concerning Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges (Treaty Document No. 108-1).

I further ask unanimous consent that the treaty be considered as having been read the first time, that it be referred with accompanying papers to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed, and that the President's message be printed in the RECORD.

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

The message of the President is as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

With a view to receiving the advice and consent of the Senate to ratification, I transmit herewith the Agreement Amending the Treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on Pacific Coast Albacore Tuna Vessels and Port Privileges done at Washington May 26, 1981 (the "Treaty"), effected by an exchange of diplomatic notes at Washington on July 17, 2002, and August 13, 2002 (the "Agreement"). I am also enclosing, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Secretary of State on the Agreement and a related agreement, effected by an exchange of notes at Washington on August 21, 2002, and September 10, 2002, amending the Annexes to the Treaty; this related agreement was concluded pursuant to Article VII of the Treaty.

The Treaty currently permits unlimited fishing for albacore tuna by vessels of each Party in waters under the jurisdiction of the other Party. The Agreement amends the Treaty to allow

for a limitation on such fishing necessitated by changing circumstances.

The U.S. fishing and processing industries strongly support the amendment to the Treaty. The amendment not only allows the Parties to redress the imbalance of benefits received by U.S. fishers that has developed in the operation of the Treaty, but also preserves U.S. interests under the Treaty, including the interest of U.S. fishers to fish in Canadian waters at times when the albacore stock moves northward, the interest of U.S. processors to continue to receive Canadian catches for processing, and the U.S. interest in being able to conserve and manage the stock.

The recommended legislation necessary to implement the Agreement will be submitted separately to the Congress.

I recommend that the Senate give favorable consideration to this Agreement and give its advice and consent to ratification at an early date.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 9, 2003.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2003

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m., Friday, January 10; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period of morning business until noon with the time equally divided, and that Senators be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, I would like to spread on the record the fact that I want to congratulate the majority whip, Senator McCONNELL, for his elevation to this job. I look forward to working with him. We have worked together on a number of issues over the years, and I have found him to be a gentleman and a good legislator. There is so much we have to do this year in this Congress. A lot that happens will depend on how he and I manage the floor. I am very happy he is going to be spending a lot of time on the floor. I look forward to working with him. With his advocacy and the work that I hope I will be able to do, we should be able to move the legislation along, maybe better than it has in the past. So I look forward to working with Senator McCONNELL. He was in a meeting that I attended yesterday with the President, and it was clear that we have so much to do for the good of the country. I hope we can set aside partisan differences most of the time and look forward to accomplishing what the people in this country—those from Kentucky, Nevada, and Georgia—really need.

Senator DASCHLE and I pledge our support to do that and I hope we can do that in the months to come.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip is recognized.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I, too, look forward to working with Senator REID. I have known him for many years and have admired his great work. I am confident that we will get along well and advance the business of the people to the maximum extent possible, and whatever partisan differences develop along the way, I know neither of us will take that personally. As we know, the most important vote is always the next one. So I look forward to continuing our good relationship. We will be spending a lot of time together in this Chamber.

PROGRAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, the Senate will be in session tomorrow. It is the leader's hope that we will be able to pass the respective party committee resolutions. As he mentioned previously, it is important that we get that done so that the committees can begin their work. Therefore, rollcall votes are possible during Friday's session. Normally, these routine committee resolutions are agreed to by consent. I hope that will be the case in this instance. Having said that, until this is resolved, Members should expect votes.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:30 p.m., adjourned until Friday, January 10, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 9, 2003:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

GERALD REYNOLDS, OF MISSOURI, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, VICE NORMA V. CANTU, RESIGNED.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

STEVEN C. BEERING, OF INDIANA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2004, VICE CHANG-LIN TIEN, RESIGNED.

BARRY C. BARRISH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008, VICE EAMON M. KELLY, TERM EXPIRED.

RAY M. BOWEN, OF TEXAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008, VICE VERA C. RUBIN, TERM EXPIRED.

DELORIS M. ETTTER, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008, VICE JOHN A. ARMSTRONG, TERM EXPIRED.

KENNETH M. FORD, OF FLORIDA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008, VICE M.R.C. GREENWOOD, TERM EXPIRED.

DANIEL E. HASTINGS, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, FOR A TERM EXPIRING MAY 10, 2008, VICE BOB H. SUZUKI, TERM EXPIRED.

ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD, NATIONAL