

Senate on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing on Iraq.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "The adequacy of Representation in Capital Cases" on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 10:15 a.m., in room SF-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Witness List

Michael Greco, Former President of the American Bar Association, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis, Boston, MA; Bryan Stevenson, Executive Director, Equal Justice Initiative, Clinical Professor Law, New York University School of Law, Montgomery, AL; The Honorable Carolyn Engel Temin, Senior Judge, Court of Common Pleas of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; Donald Verrilli, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP, Washington, DC.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Navy force structure requirements and programs to meet those requirements in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the future years defense program.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ayesha Khanna, a detailee with the Finance Committee staff, be allowed floor privileges today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2008 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA) DIVISION I BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 505, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 505) commending the University of Kansas men's basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I basketball championship.

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

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, it is my privilege today to submit S. Res. 505, along with Mr. BROWNBACK. It is my hope it will be considered hot-lined on both sides and passed later this afternoon.

This resolution is a commendation resolution on behalf of the University of Kansas Men's Basketball Team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, Division I, basketball championship as of last night.

This might be a little unique in that I am a graduate of Kansas State University, home of the ever-optimistic and fighting Wildcats. Sometimes we are rivals. In this particular case, all of Kansas, including every K State fan, stands in salute of the Jayhawks. It is clearly "Rock Chalk, Jayhawk" time in Kansas.

Mr. President, I will skip to the bottom line of the resolution, where it says:

Whereas, the families of the players, students, alumni, and faculty of the University of Kansas, and all the supporters of the University of Kansas, are to be congratulated for their commitment to, and pride in, the basketball program at the university: Now, therefore be it resolved the Senate commends the University of Kansas men's basketball team for winning the 2008 NCAA Division I Basketball Championship.

The Secretary of the Senate will transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the University of Kansas so they can display it; the chancellor of the university, Bob Hemenway, a great friend; the athletic director of the university, Lew Perkins; and the head coach of the team, Bill Self, who should remain at the University of Kansas. Those remarks were not prepared, but that is my advice.

For those of you who did not see the game last night—and it started at 9 p.m. and I know most Senators are probably asleep at 9 o'clock at night—trailing 60 to 51, with 2:12 seconds left in regulation, Kansas closed the second half with a 12–3 run, capped off by a Mario Chalmers' three-point basket, with 2.1 seconds remaining to force overtime. Kansas then outscored Memphis 12 to 5 in overtime to claim its third national championship.

As General Petraeus is here testifying before four committees in regard to national security and the war with Iraq, and when this Senate is considering a housing bill and stimulus package to help the economy, let us hope the example of the University of Kansas men's basketball team, in regard to their perseverance and dedication, will enable us to achieve our goals as well.

If you listen hard, from the mountains from which our acting Presiding Officer is so familiar, from Montana and further west, on to the high plains, to the Midwest, across the Appalachians, and clear to the east coast and our Nation's capital—if you listen hard, you can hear that chant, "Rock Chalk, Jayhawk, KU–U–U." If we listen hard, maybe we can work together, follow their example of perseverance and unbelievable heroics to win the NCAA championship. Thus, sayeth this champion of Kansas State athletics on behalf of the University of Kansas and their basketball team.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 505) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 505

Whereas, on April 7th, 2008, the University of Kansas men's basketball team won its third NCAA Division I Basketball Championship and fifth national title with its 75–68 overtime win over the University of Memphis—on the twentieth anniversary of the historic win by the team led by Danny Manning known as "Danny and the Miracles";

Whereas, with this win the Jayhawks achieved a school record for all-time season wins, posting a 37–3 win-loss record during their run for the title, and finished the season with a thirteen-game winning streak, securing the Big XII Conference Championship title after starting the season with a twenty-game undefeated record, in addition to the 2008 NCAA Division I men's basketball crown;

Whereas, Head Coach Bill Self improved his all-time record at Kansas to 142–32 and 12–4 in the tournament assisted by a miraculous last-minute three-point shot by guard Mario Chalmers;

Whereas, Kansas guard Mario Chalmers was chosen as the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four and was named to the all-tournament team along with guards Brandon Rush and Darrell Arthur;

Whereas, each player, coach, trainer, and manager dedicated his or her time and effort

to ensuring that the Kansas Jayhawks reached their goal of capturing a national championship; and

Whereas, the families of the players, students, alumni, and faculty of the University of Kansas, and all the supporters of the University of Kansas, are to be congratulated for their commitment to, and pride in, the basketball program at the University: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Kansas men's basketball team for winning the 2008 NCAA Division I Basketball Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all of the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the University of Kansas men's basketball team win its third NCAA Division I Basketball Championship and fifth national championship;

(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to—

(A) the University of Kansas for appropriate display;

(B) the Chancellor of the University of Kansas, Robert Hemenway;

(C) the Athletic Director of the University of Kansas, Lew Perkins;

(D) the Head Coach of the University of Kansas men's basketball team, Bill Self.

REMOVAL OF INJUNCTION OF SECRECY—TREATY DOCUMENT NO. 110-16

Mr. DODD. 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 April 8, 2008, by the President of the United States: Amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), (Treaty Document No. 110-16.)

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 amendments to the Constitution and Convention of the International Telecommunication Union (Geneva, 1992), as amended by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Kyoto, 1994) and the Plenipotentiary Conference (Marrakesh, 2002), together with the declarations and reservations by the United States, all as contained in the Final Acts of the Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006). I transmit also, for the information of the Senate, the report of the Department of State concerning the amendments.

The Plenipotentiary Conference (Antalya, 2006) adopted amendments that, among other things: clarify the functions of certain International Telecommunication Union (ITU) officials and bodies; reduce the frequency of certain ITU conferences; clarify eligibility for re-election to certain ITU positions; enhance oversight of the ITU budget and provide for results-based (as well as cost-based) budget proposals; expand the scale of available contribution levels for Member States and Sector Members; and, clarify the definition of and role of observers participating in ITU proceedings.

Consistent with longstanding practice in the ITU, the United States, in signing the 2006 amendments, made certain declarations and reservations. Subject to those declarations and reservations, I believe the United States should ratify the 2006 amendments to the International Telecommunication Union Constitution and Convention. These amendments will contribute to the ITU's ability to adapt to changes in the global telecommunications sector

and, in so doing, serve the needs of the United States Government and United States industry. It is my hope that the Senate will take early action on this matter and give its advice and consent to ratification.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 8, 2008.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, April 9; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for use later in the day, the Senate then proceed to a period of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each and the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3221, and that all time during any morning business, recess, or adjournment of the Senate count postcloture.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:35 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.