

remember that the meaning of Gombe, after half a century, is bigger than Jane Goodall's life and work. But make no mistake: Her life and work have been very, very big.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

PENNSYLVANIA VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

• Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, today I congratulate the Pennsylvania State University's women's volleyball team on their fourth consecutive NCAA championship. With its December 18, 2010, sweep of the University of California, the Nittany Lions became the only team in division I women's volleyball history to win four consecutive national titles. Prior to this streak, no NCAA women's volleyball team had ever won consecutive national championships.

The team was led by Head Coach Russ Rose. Coach Rose has coached the Nittany Lions for the last 32 years. He coached Penn State to an NCAA championship in 1999, and together with the recent four consecutive championships, his five NCAA titles are more than any other coach in division I volleyball history. Coach Rose was aided by assistant coaches Dennis Hohenshelt and Kaleena Davidson, as well as director of Volleyball Operations Adam Hughes.

The team members have also distinguished themselves individually. Freshman Deja McClendon was named by the American Volleyball Coaches Association as the national freshman of the year. Her performance during the championship tournament led to her being named the Most Outstanding Player of the final four. Senior Blair Brown became the sixth straight Nittany Lion to be named the Big Ten Player of the Year. She was also recently named as a finalist for the 2010-11 Honda Sports Award. The award is given to the top female collegiate athlete in the sport. Brown, along with fellow seniors Arielle Wilson and Alyssa D'Errico were members of each of the four national championship teams, and have won 24 consecutive tournaments together.

Members of the 2010 championship team include: Ariel Scott, Katie Kabbes, Fatima Balza, Jessica Ullrich, Kristin Carpenter, Maddie Martin, Arielle Wilson, Erica Denney, Blair Brown, Darcy Dorton, Alyssa D'Errico, Megan Shifflett, Cathy Quilico, Maggie Harding, Katie Slay, Deja McClendon, Krosby Pabst, Mikinzie Moydell, and Ali Longo.

The hard work and dedication of these young women is exemplary. I congratulate them, their coaches, and the students, faculty, staff and alumni of the Pennsylvania State University on a record-setting season.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, 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 and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

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

EC-8561. A communication from the Acting Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth Generally Infested Areas; Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Ohio, and Virginia" (Docket No. APHIS-2008-0083) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8562. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2009 Report on the Department's Operation and Financial Support for Military Museums; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8563. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Conforming Changes to Applicant Submission Requirements; Implementing Federal Financial Report and Central Contractor Registration Requirements" (RIN2501-AD50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8564. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Test Procedures for Refrigerators, Refrigerator-Freezers, and Freezers" (RIN1904-AB92) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2010; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8565. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual report on the administration of the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8566. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2010 Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements" (Notice 2010-90) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8567. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the

Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Omission from Gross Income" (RIN1545-B144) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8568. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2011 Section 1274A CPI Adjustments" (Rev. Rul. 2010-30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8569. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirement of a Statement Disclosing Uncertain Tax Positions" (RIN1545-BJ54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8570. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farmer and Fisherman Income Averaging" (RIN1545-BE23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8571. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standard Mileage Rate Procedures" (Rev. Proc. 2010-51) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8572. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2011 Standard Mileage Rates" (Notice 2010-88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8573. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice: Tier 2 Tax Rates for 2011" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8574. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Jerome R. Vainisi and Deloris L. Vainisi v. Commissioner, 599 F.3d 567 (7th Cir. 2010), rev'g 132 T.C. No. 1 (2009)" (AOD 2010-52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 20, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8575. A communication from the Director of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to Regulations Regarding Withdrawal of Applications and Voluntary Suspension of Benefits" (RIN0960-AH07) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2010; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8576. A communication from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export to the People's Republic of China of items not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-8577. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on American Indian and

Alaska Native Head Start Facilities"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8578. A communication from the Staff Director, United States Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Multiethnic Placement Act: Minorities in Foster Care and Adoption"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-8579. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employee Contribution Elections and Contribution Allocations; Uniformed Services Accounts; Methods of Withdrawing Funds from the Thrift Savings Plan; Death Benefits; Thrift Savings Plan" (5 CFR Parts 1600, 1604, 1650, 1651, and 1690) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2010; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8580. A communication from the Chairman, Merit System Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Whistleblower Protections for Federal Employees"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-8581. A communication from the Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, the Department's 2010 Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) Report and Privacy Management Report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 4445. A bill to amend Public Law 95-232 to repeal a restriction on treating as Indian country certain lands held in trust for Indian pueblos in New Mexico (Rept. No. 111-379).

From the Committee on Foreign Relations, with amendments and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Res. 680. A resolution supporting international tiger conservation efforts and the upcoming Global Tiger Summit in St. Petersburg, Russia.

By Mr. DORGAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 3235. A bill to amend the Act titled "An Act to authorize the leasing of restricted Indian lands for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, business, and other purposes requiring the grant of long-term leases", approved August 9, 1955, to provide for Indian tribes to enter into certain leases without prior express approval from the Secretary of the Interior.

By Mrs. BOXER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 3973. A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to reauthorize and modify provisions relating to the diesel emissions reduction program.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nomination of Brigadier General Robert M. Brown, to be Major General.

Navy nomination of Capt. Thomas E. Beeman, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Marine Corps nomination of Brigadier General Kenneth F. McKenzie, Jr., to be Major General.

Army nomination of Col. Benjamin F. Adams III, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Douglas P. Anson and ending with Colonel Ricky L. Waddell, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on August 3, 2010. (minus 1 nominee: Colonel Jody J. Daniels)

Army nomination of Gen. Carter F. Ham, to be General.

Army nomination of Col. Brian K. Balfe, to be Brigadier General.

Army nominations beginning with Colonel Bradley A. Becker and ending with Colonel Cedric T. Wins, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 20, 2010. (minus 1 nominee: Colonel Dominic J. Caraccilo)

Marine Corps nomination of Lt. Gen. John M. Paxton, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. Michael D. Barbero, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Michael Ferriter, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Manuel Ortiz, Jr., to be Major General.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Robert B. Abrams and ending with Brigadier General Larry D. Wyche, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 15, 2010.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. Gerald R. Beaman, to be Vice Admiral.

Army nomination of Col. Jeffrey L. Bailey, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Curt A. Rauhut, to be Brigadier General.

Army nomination of Col. Flora D. Darpino, to be Brigadier General, Judge Advocate General's Corps.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Joseph L. Culver and ending with Colonel Kathy J. Wright, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Ricky G. Adams and ending with Colonel James E. Taylor, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010. (minus 1 nominee: Colonel Denise T. Rooney)

Navy nomination of Capt. James W. Crawford III, to be Rear Admiral (lower half).

Army nomination of Maj. Gen. Howard B. Bromberg, to be Lieutenant General.

Army nominations beginning with Brigadier General Gregory W. Batts and ending with Colonel Anthony Woods, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 8, 2010.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Richard W. Hunt, to be Vice Admiral.

Air Force nominations beginning with Colonel Donald J. Bacon and ending with Colonel Scott J. Zobrist, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 13, 2010.

Marine Corps nomination of Maj. Gen. Robert E. Milstead, Jr., to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General Thomas P. Harwood III and ending with Brigadier General John T. Winters, Jr., which nominations were re-

ceived by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 15, 2010.

Air Force nominations beginning with Colonel Randall C. Guthrie and ending with Colonel Sheila Zuehlke, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 15, 2010.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brigadier General Frances M. Auclair and ending with Colonel Daniel J. Zachman, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on December 15, 2010.

Army nomination of Brig. Gen. Jon J. Miller, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Otis G. Mannon, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Richard T. Devereaux, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Maj. Gen. Charles R. Davis, to be Lieutenant General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Michelle D. Johnson, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. Brett T. Williams, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Brig. Gen. James M. Holmes, to be Major General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Wayne E. Lee, to be Brigadier General.

Air Force nomination of Col. Timothy T. Jex, to be Brigadier General.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services 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.

Air Force nominations beginning with Brian F. Abell and ending with Ray A. Zuniga, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 23, 2010.

Air Force nomination of Joseph T. Fetsch, to be Colonel.

Air Force nomination of Suzanne M. Henderson, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Air Force nominations beginning with Charles R. Cornelisse and ending with Gerald D. Mcmanus, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010.

Air Force nominations beginning with Eneya H. Mulagha and ending with Claudia P. Zimmermann, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010.

Air Force nominations beginning with Lena R. Haskell and ending with William A. Soble, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010.

Air Force nominations beginning with Randon H. Draper and ending with Andrew S. Williams, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010.

Air Force nominations beginning with Janelle E. Costa and ending with Jerome E. Wizda, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010.

Air Force nominations beginning with William J. Annexstad and ending with Stacey J. Vetter, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010.

Air Force nominations beginning with Ryan J. Albrecht and ending with Gabriel Matthew Young, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on November 17, 2010.