

Wolverines in St. Paul this past Saturday and, wow, it was an amazing game.

Over 19,000 fans packed the Xcel Energy Center to watch a nail-biter, really, is what it was. Goaltenders Shawn Hunwick of Michigan and UMD's Kenny Reiter kept the game close, neither allowing a goal in the third period and sending the game into overtime.

Stuck at 2-2 Bulldog Travis Oleksuk gathered the puck behind the Michigan goal just 3 minutes into the extra period. With the puck on his backhand, Oleksuk slid a pass in front of the net to hard-charging teammate Kyle Schmidt, Hermantown, MN.

Kyle, only 10 days removed from hand surgery, buried the puck from just outside the crease. In a moment of pure exuberance, he skated to the half-line and dove onto his back, performing what I believe was a snow angel, as he slid on the ice. It was something to see. It was one of the most thrilling finishes in college hockey history.

After 50 long years, Kyle's overtime goal gave the Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs their first ever men's hockey NCAA Championship. In his tenth year at the helm, Coach Scott Sandelin led a tenacious and skilled Bulldog team that dominated on the power play and got timely goaltending throughout the tournament.

I would be remiss if I didn't commend the Michigan Wolverines, who played fiercely and deserve congratulations for an excellent final game. I know everyone at the University of Minnesota-Duluth must still have smiles on their face after their victory, and I congratulate the players and coaches and the fans on a triumphant season.

I would also be remiss if I didn't say that last year the women's hockey team, the Bulldogs also, won the women's NCAA Division I hockey tournament. So kudos to the University of Minnesota-Duluth and the Bulldogs.

Mr. President, I yield the floor, and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The Senator from Arkansas is recognized.

Mr. PRYOR. I thank the Chair.

(The remarks of Mr. PRYOR pertaining to the introduction of S. 792 are located in today's RECORD under "Statements on Introduced Bills and Joint Resolutions.")

Mr. PRYOR. I thank the Chair.

TAX FREEDOM DAY

Mr. KIRK. Mr. President, last week in Chicago, we announced tax freedom day—the day that marks the time when Illinois residents have paid their Federal and State tax burdens. The Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan organi-

zation that determines tax freedom day, found that this year Americans will pay more on their tax burden than they do on food, shelter, and clothing combined. Tax freedom day falls on April 15 in Illinois and on April 12 nationwide.

Yet tax freedom day underestimates how heavy the government's burden is by only reflecting the size of the bills we actually pay to the government, not the spending we are pushing off on future generations in the form of higher deficits and debt. If we paid all of our bills to the government, the way it spends money, tax freedom day would not come until May 23.

With a government that consumes so much, it is fair to ask: Is the government spending as efficiently as possible on programs it is funding? Sadly, it is very clear that waste, fraud, and duplication still exist widely in the Federal Government.

To call attention to these issues, I introduced the "silver fleece award" in homage of Senator William Proxmire's "golden fleece," but this one is made of silver, not gold, because we are headed for more austere times. In the month of February, this award was voted by Facebook users on "waste book" and was given to a program awarding \$1 million to provide signs displaying poetry in zoos.

I rise today to announce the nominees for the month of March and to announce the winner. The second runner up was a grant related to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, or ISTEA, and Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, or SAFETEA-LU, which was awarded \$150,000 to create special tunnels for salamanders to pass under a Vermont road. The first runner up was a video game, funded by the Federal Government, called "WolfQuest," which was developed using a National Science Foundation grant of \$609,160 to the Minnesota Zoo.

However, the March winner of the "silver fleece award," with a 63-percent vote, is a grant of \$460,000 funding a study on why people lie on text messages, instant messaging services, social networking Web sites, and other modern communication systems. Yes, we spent over \$460,000 of hard-earned taxpayer dollars to tell you why people lie when they are communicating electronically.

There are new nominees for the April "silver fleece award." This month's nominees were put forward by a leader on the issues of fighting pork and government waste in the House, Congressman JEFF FLAKE of Arizona. He nominated \$450,000 in grants from the State Department for art shows in Venice, Italy, \$130,276 in National Health Foundation funds to sponsor the creation and distribution of a cookbook, and \$328,835 spent on an Air Force photo op in New York City.

We invite your votes and your feedback on "wastebook on Facebook" to decide what next month's "silver fleece award" winner will be.

The sad thing in all of this is that the only current loser is the American people.

TRIBUTE TO BILL SAMUELS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, when most people think about Kentucky, three things usually spring to mind immediately: horses, college basketball, and bourbon. What few people realize, however, is that it is only in the past few decades that premium bourbon has had much of a presence outside Kentucky at all. Just 30 years ago, bourbon was one of the fastest-declining spirits in America. And yet today, the industry supports 10,000 jobs in Kentucky; more than 1.5 million people have visited the Kentucky Bourbon Trail in the last 5 years; and every distiller in the State is adding capacity. So bourbon's come a long way, and if you ask folks in Kentucky, most of the credit goes to one man, whose 35-year run at the helm of the world's most famous bourbon distillery comes to an end this week.

I am referring, of course, to Mr. Bill Samuels, Jr., the longtime president of Makers Mark. Bill's dad may have come up with the formula for premium bourbon, but it is because of Bill's vision and tenacity that the rest of the world knows about it today.

The first thing you could say about Bill Samuels is that rarely in the history of American commerce has there been a better marriage between a man and a product than the one between him and Makers Mark. To many Kentuckians, he is an instantly recognizable figure. You could say that what Colonel Sanders was to chicken, Bill is to bourbon. And so it is appropriate that the first job he ever had, at the age of 16, was driving the colonel around. You couldn't ask for a better teacher than Harlan Sanders if you wanted to learn how to promote a product, and, if that product was bourbon, you couldn't ask for a better hometown than Bardstown, KY. Bill's godfather and next-door neighbor was Jim Beam, and Bill can trace his family's tradition of bourbon making in Bardstown back seven generations to 1844.

A dramatic change in the family business came in 1953, when Bill's father, Bill Samuels, Sr., decided to abandon the old family recipe, bought the smallest distillery in the State, just outside of Loretto, and got to work on a more premium product. Bill, Sr. never really thought of the family business as much more than a hobby, so Bill, Jr. went off to college where he studied engineering and earned a law degree. But the family business retained a certain attraction, and soon the younger of the two Bills had to make a choice: practice law, or accept his father's offer to work with him for half the money. The other terms of employment weren't much better. Bill's dad told him that they did three things and three things only at the family's distillery: "We make whiskey, we

count money, and we sell whiskey”—and that his dad was in charge of the first two.

Bill knew the family's bourbon had a future beyond its small but loyal customer base, and over the next several years he would put together the strategy to prove it. Where most businesses focused on telling people why they should buy their product, Bill would let the people who already liked Makers Mark do the talking. Bill's view was that if he focused on maintaining quality, the demand would grow on its own, one happy customer at a time. The real turning point came in 1980, when a reporter from the Wall Street Journal started making inquiries about this distillery outside Loretto, KY, that seemed to be in high demand. The front-page story that followed called Makers Mark a model of inefficiency by choice. It noted that the Samuels' produced only 19 barrels of bourbon a day compared to an industry average in the hundreds, and described a cadre of loyal fans who liked it so much they would pay a premium to get it.

The response was overwhelming. Bill, Jr. followed up with a series of clever ads that underscored just how small the distillery was, and how difficult it had become to keep up with demand, which of course only increased it. Soon, Makers Mark exploded onto the national and international stage as a premium brand, and an entire premium industry emerged for Kentucky, which today produces more than 95 percent of all bourbon produced in the U.S.

Bill's genius for marketing and his love for Kentucky has always extended well beyond the family business. Over the years, he chaired an astonishing 27 different boards, including those at the University of Louisville, Bellarmine University, and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. To the amusement of his friends, he recently signed up for Leadership Kentucky, a program typically reserved for young businessmen or women or newcomers to the State who want to learn more about Kentucky.

For a guy who is about as well known in Kentucky business as Colonel Sanders, it doesn't make much sense. But it makes perfect sense to people who know Bill. And whether he is showing up unexpectedly at some bar in Dallas or Chicago and buying a round of drinks, greeting visitors at the distillery in Loretto, or showing up at an event in a 12-button suit, Bill is one of those rare businessmen who has always been great at getting attention without showing a trace of ego. He has done it by focusing on the needs of his community, insisting on quality, and sticking to the winning formula that made Makers Mark a success. Those who have worked with Bill will tell you he is prone to self-deprecation, but this week Kentuckians across the State will have an opportunity to commend him on a job well done. And on behalf of all who have benefited from the vision and creativity of Bill Samuels, Jr., I would like to thank him for his dedicated

service to the Commonwealth, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors. Knowing Bill, he is probably just getting started.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CAILLEY AND MEMORABLE FACTOR

• Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, Le Grand Concours French competition consists of oral and written portions and is given by the American Association of Teachers of French to over 100,000 students learning French in all 50 States and abroad.

The MathFest was created in 2001 to provide an extended math initiative that would motivate students, parents, and teachers to raise the standards and expectations in math. This year the South Carolina MathFest was held in Columbia, and 4,000 math students from around the State participated in the competition.

I would like to take a moment to recognize and honor Cailley Factor of Charleston County for winning first place in the second division at the State MathFest competition and for being named a national champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 French competition. Additionally, I would like to recognize Memorable "Mem" Factor of Charleston County for winning first place in the first grade division at the State MathFest competition and for being named a national champion of Le Grand Concours 2010 French competition. This is the first time in the history of the competition that siblings have been named winners in the same year.

The achievements of both Cailley and Memorable Factor serve as an example which all students should strive towards. I applaud them both in their accomplishments and look forward to their future success.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 9, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1363) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1363. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of April 8, 2011, the enrolled

bill was subsequently signed on April 9, 2011 by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. DURBIN).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 37. A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 783. A bill to provide an extension of time for filing individual income tax returns in the case of a Federal Government shutdown.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

H.J. Res. 37. Joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices.

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-1310. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Glyphosate (N-(phosphonomethyl)glycine); Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8866-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1311. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Escherichia coli O157:H7 Specific Bacteriophages; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8868-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1312. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Etoxazole; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8867-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1313. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a violation of the Antideficiency Act that occurred within the Department of the Army and was assigned case number 08-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.