

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE
"FIGHTING BLUE HENS"

Mr. ROTH. Madam President, the NCAA tournament is called by some the 'Big Dance' because only 64 teams are invited each year. This year, I am proud to say one of those teams is the Fighting Blue Hens from the University of Delaware—the 1998 champions of the America East Conference. The Blue Hens put together a remarkable 20 win season culminating last Saturday in a win over Boston University to clinch a spot in the tournament.

Coach Mike Brey and his team should be proud of their excellent season.

Now some will say that the odds are long because the Blue Hens are seeded 15th and their opponent is seeded 2nd. But I remind you, more than 200 years ago, another group of men from Delaware faced some steep odds themselves. Back then, the number one seed was the Red Coats.

Facing off against the Red Coats was a company of men from Delaware recruited by Captain Jonathan Caldwell. They quickly became known as the Blue Hens because their fighting ability was said to rival that of a famous fighting blue hen. They fought well and hard in battles from Long Island and White Plains to Trenton and Princeton.

Two hundred years ago somebody picked a fight with the Blue Hens and they were sent home packing. Don't be surprised if it happens again.

U.S. FOREIGN OIL CONSUMPTION
FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 6TH

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, the American Petroleum Institute reports that for the week ending March 6, the U.S. imported 7,700,000 barrels of oil each day, 190,000 barrels more than the 7,510,000 imported each day during the same week a year ago.

Americans relied on foreign oil for 54.9 percent of their needs last week, and there are no signs that the upward spiral will abate. Before the Persian Gulf War, the United States obtained approximately 45 percent of its oil supply from foreign countries. During the Arab oil embargo in the 1970s, foreign oil accounted for only 35 percent of America's oil supply.

Anybody else interested in restoring domestic production of oil? By U.S. producers using American workers?

Politicians had better ponder the economic calamity sure to occur in America if and when foreign producers shut off our supply—or double the already enormous cost of imported oil flowing into the U.S.—now 7,700,000 barrels a day.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Madam President, at the close of business yesterday, Tuesday, March 10, 1998, the federal debt stood at \$5,525,631,040,092.91 (Five trillion, five hundred twenty-five billion,

six hundred thirty-one million, forty thousand, ninety-two dollars and ninety-one cents).

One year ago, March 10, 1997, the federal debt stood at \$5,354,330,000,000 (Five trillion, three hundred fifty-four billion, three hundred thirty million).

Five years ago, March 10, 1993, the federal debt stood at \$4,208,636,000,000 (Four trillion, two hundred eight billion, six hundred thirty-six million).

Ten years ago, March 10, 1988, the federal debt stood at \$2,481,157,000,000 (Two trillion, four hundred eighty-one billion, one hundred fifty-seven million).

Fifteen years ago, March 10, 1983, the federal debt stood at \$1,224,513,000,000 (One trillion, two hundred twenty-four billion, five hundred thirteen million) which reflects a debt increase of more than \$4 trillion—\$4,301,118,040,092.91 (Four trillion, three hundred one billion, one hundred eighteen million, forty thousand, ninety-two dollars and ninety-one cents) during the past 15 years.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE CHASE, COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. SPECTER. Madam President, on April 18, 1998, the Pennsylvania American Legion will honor its State Commander, Louise Chase, a World War II Navy veteran, who was elected Commander at the conclusion of the 79th convention on July 20, 1997. She is the first woman commander of the Department of Pennsylvania in its 80 year history.

In 1979, Commander Louise Chase was elected as the Department of Pennsylvania's first woman vice commander. She has served twice as District Commander. Her Legion service also includes terms as Adjutant of Philadelphia County and the Eastern Judicial Section, two terms as Post Commander and 12 years as Adjutant of Tioga Post 319. She has also served as the organization's state legislative chairman and twice as chairman of the Select Committee on Economics and Benefits, as well as chairman of several other committees.

She is one of only two Pennsylvania Legionnaires to have served on committees of the two National Conventions held in Pennsylvania. She served for 16 years as the Eastern Regional Vice Chairman of the United States Service Academies Selection Committee for Senators John Heinz and Harris Wofford.

Commander Chase served in the U.S. Navy, with duty posting in Washington, D.C. during World War II.

Her family has a long tradition of service to America dating from the Civil War, including her brother Tom who saw sea duty with the U.S. Navy off Cuban waters during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Her late father personally worked with the original astronauts while they were in training at the

Johnsville Naval Air Development Center in Warminster, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Her business career includes serving as controller and office manager of Philadelphia's prestigious Germantown Cricket Club for 13 years; controller of a construction company, plus manager of two of its high rise apartment buildings for 10 years; and manufacturers' representative for paper container companies for five years. She recently retired as an international marketing representative of a major computer manufacturer.

Her husband, Joseph, was Pennsylvania American Legion Commander in 1991-1992. The two live in Horsham, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Madam President, I congratulate Commander Louise Chase for her service to the veterans of Pennsylvania. I am certain that the Testimonial Dinner being held in her honor on April 18, 1998 will be a fitting tribute to her years of service to The American Legion, veterans, and to her country.

ADVOCACY OF THE DIGITAL COPYRIGHT CLARIFICATION AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION ACT OF 1997

Mr. ASHCROFT. Madam President, I rise today to talk about the role of government in the technology sector. Two things can be predicted with confidence about congressional meddling in this sector of the economy. First, legislation will be obsolete on the day it is passed. Second, it will hurt consumers, students, teachers, workers, shareholders, and the economy. If Congress had helped set up the automobile industry, there still might be a livery stable in every town, and buggy whip factories in large cities. America's dynamic, world-leading computer industry must be kept free of regulation by slow-moving federal bureaucrats who cannot possibly understand or keep pace with the most dynamic sector of the economy.

Taken together, these developments highlight the need for Congress to step back and draft with care the necessary legislation to extend copyright protections to those who develop content for the digital age, instead of blindly racing ahead to enact a Clinton Administration proposal supported by major Hollywood interests.

Consider the consequences. Last year, Americans purchased 11 million PCs and 16.8 million VCRs. This year, another 12.6 million PCs and 16.6 million VCRs are expected to be purchased in the United States. These devices enjoy great popularity. At least one VCR is found in 90 million homes and at least one PC is found in 42 million homes, specifically because of the convenience, entertainment and efficiency they bring. They are popular precisely because they are useful and technologically advanced. Nonetheless, a House subcommittee specifically rejected an amendment that would have