

perfect 12–0 record and won the North Central Region title for the first time in school history. They then won two out of three games in the Elite Eight Championship and finished in second place.

These young women represented USD and South Dakota in an extraordinary fashion. Their hard work is representative of South Dakota values and was rewarded with a great season. I would like to give credit to the coaches, parents, supporters and organizers, and especially the hard work and dedication of these young players. I would like all of South Dakota to recognize the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship this team has shown on their way through the tournament.

I recognize Head Coach Chad Lavin, Assistant Coach Becky Flynn-Jensen for their guidance and support to help make this year's team so successful. I also congratulate all of this year's team members: Natalie Carda, Shannon Daly, Michelle Dirks, Anne Doshier, Kelli Fargen, Amber Hegge, Jeana Hoffman, Jenna Hoffman, Kara Iverson, Jasmine Mosley, Amy Robinette, Ashley Robinette, Annie Roche, Kendra Schomer, Bridget Yoerger, and Maggie Youngberg for their dedication and commitment this great season.

Again, congratulations to the University South Dakota Coyotes women's basketball team on fighting their way to the championship game.●

#### 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 which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:28 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 5501. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5501. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Armed Services by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

S. 2764. A bill to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance protections for service-members relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2807. A bill to protect the liberty and property of all Americans.

S. 2808. A bill to require that citizens within a National Heritage Area are informed of the designation and that government officials must receive permission to enter private property.

S. 2809. A bill to ensure that there are no adverse effects of a National Heritage Area designation to local communities and home owners.

S. 2810. A bill to require an annual report detailing the amount of property the Federal government owns and the cost of government land ownership to taxpayers.

S. 2811. A bill to require citizens' approval of Federal government land grabs.

#### 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-5638. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ferric Citrate; Inert Ingredient; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8071-2) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5639. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "S-Abscisic Acid, Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8357-4) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5640. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flonicamid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8356-7) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5641. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dicamba; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8356-6) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5642. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acephinocyl; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8356-6) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5643. A communication from the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, a report entitled "National Security and Nuclear Weapons in the 21st Century"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5644. A communication from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fitness-for-Duty Programs" (RIN3150-AF12) received on March 28, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5645. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8549-8) received on March 27, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5646. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8549-6) received on March 27, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5647. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Perchloroethylene Air Emission Standards for Dry Cleaning Facilities" ((RIN2060-AO52)(FRL No. 8547-4) received on March 27, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5648. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8548-9) received on March 27, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5649. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "NESHAP: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Standards for Hazardous Waste Combustors; Amendments" (FRL No. 8549-4) received on March 27, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5650. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to the California State Implementation Plan, Bay Area Quality Management District" (FRL No. 8547-6) received on March 27, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5651. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alabama: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL No. 8550-3) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5652. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Delegation of National Emission Standards

for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories; State of Nevada, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection” (FRL No. 8550-9) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5653. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Delegation of New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the States of Arizona and Nevada” (FRL No. 8551-1) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5654. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Federal Implementation Plan for the Billings/Laurel, Montana, Sulfur Dioxide Area” ((RIN2008-AA01)(FRL No. 8551-2)) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5655. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Final 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards Designations for the Early Action Compact Areas” ((RIN2060-AO83)(FRL No. 8550-1)) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5656. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Medicare Program: Modification to the Weighting Methodology Used to Calculate the Low-Income Benchmark Amount” (RIN0938-AP25) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5657. 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 “Partnership Audit Techniques Guide—Chapters 1, 2, and 7” (Docket No. LMSB-04-0208-007) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5658. 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 “Coordinated Issue: Cost Sharing Stock Based Compensation” (Docket No. LMSB-04-0208-005) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5659. 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 “Classification of Certain Foreign Entities” (TD 9388) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5660. 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 “Tier I Issue - Foreign Tax Credit Generator Directive” (Docket No. LMSB-04-0208-003) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5661. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2008 Annual Report of the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5662. 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 “Tier I Transfer of

Intangibles Offshore/Section 482 Cost Sharing Buy-in Payment Issue Directive No. 2” (Docket No. LMSB-04-0308-016) received on March 25, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5663. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Government of Cuba’s compliance with several agreements; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5664. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report relative to Federal sector equal employment opportunity complaints filed with the Office during fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 468. A resolution designating April 2008 as “National 9-1-1 Education Month”.

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 579. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Catharina Haynes, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Rebecca A. Gregory, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Ms. STABENOW):

S. 2812. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of telehealth services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BUNNING (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 2813. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to take action with respect to currency manipulation by the People’s Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 2814. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Au-

thority for the planning, design, and construction of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DODD, Mr. REED, and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 2815. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to increase unsubsidized Stafford loan limits for undergraduate students, provide for a secondary market for FFEL loans, allow for the in-school deferment of PLUS loans, augment the maximum Federal Pell Grant for the lowest income students, and expand the number of students eligible to obtain loans under the lender-of-last-resort program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. AKAKA):

S. 2816. A bill to provide for the appointment of the Chief Human Capital Officer of the Department of Homeland Security by the Secretary of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. TESTER):

S. 2817. A bill to establish the National Park Centennial Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, and Mr. GREGG):

S. 2818. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to provide for enhanced health insurance marketplace pooling and relating market rating; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. 2819. A bill to preserve access to Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program during an economic downturn, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 2820. A bill to amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend and expand the number of States qualifying for supplemental grants under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DODD, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. SMITH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 2821. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the limited continuation of clean energy production incentives and incentives to improve energy efficiency in order to prevent a downturn in these sectors that would result from a lapse in the tax law; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. CASEY):