

I congratulate each member of the team: Head Coach Bill Beaney, Assistant Coach Chris LaPerle, Student Assistant Coach Ryan Cahill, Team Manager Ryan McQuillan, Team Trainer David Matthews, Team Physician Mark Peluso, Ross Cherry, Tom Maldonado, Jed McDonald, Levi Doria, Scott Ward, Tim Graham, Mickey Gilchrist, Darwin Hunt, Patrick Nugent, Eric LeFreniere, Justin Gaines, Evgeny Saidachev, Robert MacIntyre, Shady Young, Jeff Smith, Brett Shirreffs, John Sales, Leonard Badeau, Brian Phinney, Richie Fuld, Yen-I Chen, Jocko DeCarolis, Samuel Driver, and Scott Bartlett.

Again, congratulations Panthers on another incredible season and good luck next year.●

TRIBUTE TO THE MIDDLEBURY PANTHERS WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I would like to commend the Middlebury College women's ice hockey team on its recent victory in the NCAA Division III National Championship against Elmira College. This is the second straight national championship for the Panthers and their fourth in the past 6 years.

Over 120 years ago, Middlebury College began admitting female students, decades before many similar institutions were willing to do so. Since that time, Middlebury has offered young men and women alike a superb liberal arts education amidst the beauty of the Green Mountains. Reflecting Middlebury's proud and pioneering tradition of academic excellence and co-education, the women's athletic program at Middlebury has developed into one of the best Division III athletics. Over the last 10 years, women's athletic teams at Middlebury have captured 13 national titles.

The women's hockey team has been one of the most consistently successful athletic teams at Middlebury. In the 2005 national championship, the Panthers exhibited their characteristic spirit and determination by overcoming an early 2-1 deficit to win by a final 4-3. I am pleased our local schoolchildren have the opportunity to see such accomplished and impressive student-athletes competing in Vermont.

I congratulate each member of the team: Head Coach Bill Mandigo, Assistant Coach Jean Butler, Team Trainer Rachel Eldredge, Team Physician Mark Peluso, Abby Kurtz-Phelan, Shannon Tarrant, Emily McNamara, Rose Babst, Liz Yale-Loehr, Allison Liati, Karen Levin, Gillian Paul, Shannon Sylvester, Emily Quizon, Jackie Cohen, Lindsay Jones, Tory MacNeil, Gloria Velez, Alison Graddock, Margaret MacDonald, Samantha Ritt, Lacey Farrell, Ellen Sargent, Lorna Gifis, Tania Kenny, Kerry Kiley, Abby

Smith, Angie Todd, Nina Daugherty, and Kate Kogut.

Again, congratulations Panthers on another national championship, I wish you all the best next year.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 21, 2005, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment

S. 686. An act to provide for the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 23. concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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

H.R. 1270. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the Acting President pro tempore. (Mr. WARNER).

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

S. 686. An act to provide for the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo.

The enrolled bill was signed subsequently by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. FRIST).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 95. Concurrent resolution establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on March 21, 2005, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 686. An act to provide for the relief of the parents of Theresa Marie Schiavo.

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-1321. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the New England fishing capacity reduction initiative; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1322. A communication from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Apportionment of Membership on the Regional Fishery Management Councils"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1323. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Final Specification for Groundfish in the Gulf of Alaska Management Area" received on March 18, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1324. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Amendment 82 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on March 18, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1325. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule: Annual Management Measures for the 2005 Pacific Halibut Fishery" (0648-AT06) received on March 18, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1326. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Rule to Implement Final Specification for Groundfish in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" received on March 18, 2005; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1327. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, Wireless Telecommunications