

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 505—COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2008 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NCAA) DIVISION I BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. ROBERTS (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. STEVENS) submitted the following resolution; Which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 505

Whereas, on April 7th, 2008, the University of Kansas men's basketball team won its third NCAA Division I Basketball Championship and fifth national title with its 75-68 overtime win over the University of Memphis—on the twentieth anniversary of the historic win by the team lead by Danny Manning known as “Danny and the Miracles”;

Whereas, with this win the Jayhawks achieved a school record for all-time season wins, posting a 37-3 win-loss record during their run for the title, and finished the season with a thirteen-game winning streak, securing the Big XII Conference Championship title after starting the season with a twenty-game undefeated record, in addition to the 2008 NCAA Division I men's basketball crown;

Whereas, Head Coach Bill Self improved his all-time record at Kansas to 142-32 and 12-4 in the tournament assisted by a miraculous last-minute three-point shot by guard Mario Chalmers;

Whereas, Kansas guard Mario Chalmers was chosen as the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four and was named to the all-tournament team along with guards Brandon Rush and Darrell Arthur;

Whereas, each player, coach, trainer, and manager dedicated his or her time and effort to ensuring that the Kansas Jayhawks reached their goal of capturing a national championship; and

Whereas, the families of the players, students, alumni, and faculty of the University of Kansas, and all the supporters of the University of Kansas, are to be congratulated for their commitment to, and pride in, the basketball program at the University: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the University of Kansas men's basketball team for winning the 2008 NCAA Division I Basketball Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all of the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the University of Kansas men's basketball team win its third NCAA Division I Basketball Championship and fifth national championship;

(3) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to—

(A) the University of Kansas for appropriate display;

(B) the Chancellor of the University of Kansas, Robert Hemenway;

(C) the Athletic Director of the University of Kansas, Lew Perkins;

(D) the Head Coach of the University of Kansas men's basketball team, Bill Self.

SENATE RESOLUTION 506—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ IN THE FUTURE FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING FOR SECURITY FORCES BE PROVIDED AS A LOAN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ

Mr. NELSON of Nebraska submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 506

Whereas the United States has been engaged in Iraq for more than 5 years at a great cost to the United States in both lives and resources;

Whereas March 19, 2008, marked the fifth anniversary of the engagement of the United States in Iraq;

Whereas the United States Government has spent \$600,000,000,000 to fight the war in Iraq and that expenditure has contributed greatly to the Nation's debt;

Whereas taxpayers in the United States have provided \$45,000,000,000 in funding for reconstruction to the country and the Government of Iraq;

Whereas world oil prices have reached more than \$100 a barrel;

Whereas consumers in the United States are paying record gas prices of approximately \$3.29 a gallon;

Whereas, when the war began, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz said, “We're dealing with a country that can really finance its own reconstruction, and relatively soon.”;

Whereas, due to high oil prices and expanded oil production, it has been predicted that the Government of Iraq is likely to experience an enormous revenue windfall;

Whereas, in January 2008, the Government Accountability Office issued a report stating that, according to Iraq's official expenditure reports, the Government of Iraq had spent only 4.4 percent of its \$10,100,000,000 investment budget as of August 2007;

Whereas Iraq has not made satisfactory progress toward achieving the political benchmarks established by Congress; and

Whereas the Government of Iraq needs to invest in the future of Iraq by paying a larger share of the costs of reconstruction: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that any funding provided by the United States to the Government of Iraq for reconstruction and training for security forces after the date on which the Senate agrees to this resolution be provided as a loan to the Government of Iraq.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 74—HONORING THE PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND, BERTIE AHERN, FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND AND TO THE WORLD AND WELCOMING THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 74

Whereas the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives are saddened that the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, has announced that he will resign on May 6, 2008;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern has served the people of Ireland with distinction for many years and has been an extraordinary friend to the United States throughout his years in office;

Whereas, during his extensive period of public service, Prime Minister Ahern has made significant contributions to an unprecedented era of peace, prosperity, and progress in Ireland;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern entered politics in 1977 and has been elected 10 times in the past 31 years by the people of Dublin Central;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern was elected leader of Fianna Fáil in 1994 and became Prime Minister in 1997;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern is the second-longest-serving Taoiseach, or Prime Minister, in the history of Ireland, and the second-longest-serving leader of Fianna Fáil;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern is the first Taoiseach since 1944 to be elected on 3 successive occasions;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern has been fully committed to strengthening the economy of Ireland and, under his leadership, Ireland became more prosperous than at any time in the history of the country and became world-renowned as the “Celtic Tiger”;

Whereas the people of Ireland have benefited from a significantly improved quality of life during Prime Minister Ahern's service as Taoiseach;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern promised years ago that one of his highest priorities was to end the decades-long cycle of hatred and violence in Northern Ireland;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern kept that promise and worked assiduously to achieve the peace that Northern Ireland enjoys today;

Whereas the former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Tony Blair, described Prime Minister Ahern as a “remarkable leader” and stated that Prime Minister Ahern “will always be remembered for his crucial role in bringing about peace in Northern Ireland, [and] for transforming relations between Britain and the Irish Republic”;

Whereas Prime Minister Ahern will address a joint session of Congress on April 30, 2008: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That—

(1) it is the sense of Congress that—

(A) the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, has been a strong and effective leader for the people of Ireland and a good friend to the United States;

(B) the skillful leadership of Prime Minister Ahern was indispensable in finally achieving a successful resolution of the long-standing conflict in Northern Ireland; and

(C) the legacy of Prime Minister Ahern is clear and his contribution to peace is enormous;

(2) Congress thanks Prime Minister Ahern on behalf of the people of the United States, wishes him well, and hopes his unique talents will be of service in resolving conflicts elsewhere in the years ahead in our divided world; and

(3) the Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives look forward to paying fitting and fond tribute to Prime

Minister Ahern when he addresses a joint session of Congress on April 30, 2008.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 4494. Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HARKIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4478 submitted by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BROWN) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation.

SA 4495. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4425 submitted by Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. NELSON of Florida) and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4496. Mr. SPECTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4497. Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4498. Mr. BUNNING submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4395 submitted by Mr. BUNNING and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 4387 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4499. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4404 proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4500. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4448 submitted by Ms. LANDRIEU and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 4387 proposed by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4501. Mr. GREGG submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4419 proposed by Mr. ENSIGN to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4502. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4467 submitted by Mr. ENSIGN and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4503. Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. KOHL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4419 proposed by Mr. ENSIGN to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4504. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4419 proposed by Mr. ENSIGN to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4505. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4506. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4507. Mrs. MURRAY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4478 submitted by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BROWN) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4508. Ms. LANDRIEU submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4404 proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4509. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4429 submitted by Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. KYL) to the amendment SA 4419 proposed by Mr. ENSIGN to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4510. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4419 proposed by Mr. ENSIGN to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4511. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4423 proposed by Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4512. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4433 submitted by Mrs. LINCOLN (for Ms. SNOWE) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4513. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4404 proposed by Ms. LANDRIEU to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4514. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4384 proposed by Mr. SANDERS to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4515. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4478 submitted by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BROWN) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4516. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4421 proposed by Mr. CARDIN

(for himself and Mr. ENSIGN) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 4517. Mr. SANDERS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4401 submitted by Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 4494. Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HARKIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4478 submitted by Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. BROWN) to the amendment SA 4387 submitted by Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) to the bill H.R. 3221, moving the United States toward greater energy independence and security, developing innovative new technologies, reducing carbon emissions, creating green jobs, protecting consumers, increasing clean renewable energy production, and modernizing our energy infrastructure, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the production of renewable energy and energy conservation; as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted, insert the following:

SEC. _____.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the amount appropriated under section 301(a) of this Act shall be \$3,862,500,000 and the amount appropriated under section 401 of this Act shall be \$237,500,000: Provided, That, of amounts appropriated under such section 401 \$37,500,000 shall be used by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation (referred to in this section as the "NRC") to (1) make grants to counseling intermediaries approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development or the NRC to hire attorneys trained and capable of assisting homeowners of owner-occupied homes with mortgages in default, in danger of default, or subject to or at risk of foreclosure who have legal issues that cannot be handled by counselors already employed by such intermediaries, and (2) support NRC partnerships with State and local legal organizations and organizations described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of that Code with demonstrated relevant legal experience in home foreclosure law, as such experience is determined by the Chief Executive Officer of NRC: Provided further, That for the purpose of the prior proviso the term "relevant experience" means experience representing homeowners in negotiations and or legal proceedings aimed at preventing or mitigating foreclosure or providing legal research and technical legal expertise to community based organizations whose goal is to reduce, prevent, or mitigate foreclosure: Provided further, That of the amounts provided for in the prior provisos the NRC shall give priority consideration to counseling intermediaries and legal organizations that (1) provide legal assistance in the 100 metropolitan statistical areas (as defined by the Director of the Office of Management and