

The dissolution of this coalition coincides with the completion of the physical cleanup and the beginning of the process to transfer oversight over much of the site from the Department of Energy to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. As the focus of efforts shifts from cleanup to future management, the members of the coalition now join with other local governments, organizations, and individual representatives to form the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council, which will continue local oversight of postclosure plans for the site. The Stewardship Council will facilitate ongoing discussion between Federal and local officials and will ensure that the best interests of Colorado citizens will be served as Rocky Flats makes its transition to wildlife refuge.

For their devoted advocacy of the interests of fellow citizens, for the work they have done to ensure the safe and thorough cleanup of the Rocky Flats weapons facility, for the example that they have given us of what can be accomplished when governments work together, and for the tremendous success they have helped to achieve at Rocky Flats, I offer my sincere thanks and congratulations to the members of the Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments.●

#### RECOGNITION OF MICHIGAN'S ALEX "IZY" IZYKOWSKI

● Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Michigan's own Alex "Izy" Izykowski and to pay tribute to his recent accomplishment in winning a bronze medal in the 5,000-meter short track relay at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy.

I join my colleagues and everyone across the great State of Michigan in honoring Izy's outstanding representation of his team, his State, and his country. Izy's medal winning performance on behalf of Team USA was the culminating achievement of an athlete's career that has embodied the finest in both the American spirit and the Olympic ideal.

From his earliest days as a member of the Bay County Speedskating Club, Izy's career has stood as an example of excellence. His hard work, dedication, and focus have resulted in success at every level of his sport, leading to Izy's stellar performance last week in the pinnacle of athletic contests, the Olympic Games.

It is not just Izy's success on the speedskating track, though, that I stand to pay tribute to today. Izy's journey to the Olympic medal podium has been one that makes us all proud. The manner in which this fine young man has conducted himself should stand as an example to all of us and as a tribute to the support and love of his family. The Izykowski family, and the extended family of Bay City, should take special pride in knowing that they played an essential role in molding a young man who truly embodies the Olympic creed: "The most important

thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle."

I rise today in honor of Alex Izykowski's bronze medal winning performance at the 2006 Winter Olympics. Success in a sport as physically and mentally demanding as short track speedskating requires years of dedicated and regimented training focused into intense bursts of incredible effort. The personal sacrifice, self discipline, and competitive spirit required to earn an Olympic Medal are attributes to which we should all aspire and Izy clearly embodies all of these qualities. It is because of young men and women like Izy that I remain confident in the continued success of our great State and Nation. I honor Izy for representing the values that are so essential to our Michigan way of life on the world stage.●

#### DRAFT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION ENTITLED "LEGISLATIVE LINE ITEM VETO ACT OF 2006"— PM 42

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

In my State of the Union Address, I asked the Congress to give the President a line item veto. Today, I am sending the Congress a legislative proposal to give the President line item authority to reduce wasteful spending. This legislation will help to limit spending and ensure accountability and transparency in the expenditure of taxpayer funds.

Although the Congress achieved significant spending restraint this past year, appropriations and other bills that are sent to my desk still contain spending that is not fully justified, is a low priority, or is earmarked to avoid the discipline of competitive or merit-based reviews. When this legislation is presented to me, I now have no ability to line out unnecessary spending. In 1996, the Congress gave the President a line item veto—an important tool to limit wasteful spending—but the Supreme Court struck down that version of the law in 1998.

My proposed legislation, the "Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006," would provide a fast-track procedure to require the Congress to vote up-or-down on rescissions proposed by the President. There has been broad bipartisan support for similar proposals in the past. Under this proposal, the President could propose legislation to rescind wasteful spending, and the Congress would be obligated to vote quickly on that package of rescissions, without amendment. The same procedure would apply to new mandatory spending and to special interest tax breaks given to small numbers of individuals.

Forty-three Governors have a line item veto to reduce spending. The President needs similar authority to help control unjustified and wasteful spending in the Federal budget. I urge you to promptly consider and send me this legislation for enactment to reduce unnecessary spending and help achieve my goal of cutting the deficit in half by 2009.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 6, 2006.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 4, 2005, the Secretary of the Senate, on March 3, 2006, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 1777. An act to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed during the session of the Senate by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

##### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, March 6, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1777. An act to provide relief for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

#### 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-5884. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Honeywell International Inc. T5309, T5311, T5313B, T5317A, T5317A-1, and T5317B Series, and T53-L-9, T53-L-11, T53-L-13B, T53-L-13BA, T53-L-13B S/SA, T53-L-13B S/SB, T53-L-13B/D, and T53-L-703 Series Turboshift Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(200-NE-01)) received on February 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5885. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A300 B2 and B4 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-NM-016)) received on February 27, 2006; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5886. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; BAe Systems Limited Model BAe 146-100A and -200A Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(2005-