

Nevada submitted to the Senate and to the House of Representatives a notice of disapproval of the proposed nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, pursuant to section 116 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. The notice was duly referred in the Senate to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources under rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Under section 115 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, it is my duty, as the chairman of the committee to which the notice of disapproval was referred, to introduce, by request, a resolution of repository siting approval not later than the first day of session following the day on which the Governor's notice of disapproval was submitted.

In accordance with the statutory requirement, I am today introducing the resolution of repository siting approval. The text of the resolution is prescribed by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act. The resolution will be referred to committee for a period of up to 60 days. Under the terms of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, the Governor's notice of disapproval will stand, and the Department of Energy will be prohibited from applying for a license to develop a nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain, unless both Houses of Congress pass the resolution of repository siting approval and it becomes law within 90 days from yesterday.

This is an extraordinary process. The 97th Congress, which prescribed this process for us to follow 20 years ago, did not do so lightly. The Members of the 97th Congress only arrived at this procedure after considerable debate. Representative Morris K. Udall, who was the principal architect of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, explained the thinking of our predecessors. "We are all agreed that the States ought to have a veto," Chairman Udall said. "If you are going to put something as important, as a nuclear waste repository, in a State, then the State, through its Governor or legislature, ought to be able to say no thanks." But, he continued, "we are also agreed that once the State has made that veto, that there ought to be mechanism so that, in the national interest, it could be overridden, as we do in war when we need an air base or at other times when we need Federal eminent domain."

The process upon which we are embarking today was designed to serve those two goals. It will afford the State of Nevada a fair hearing on its objections to the repository and will ensure that those objections stand unless the administration can persuade both Houses of Congress to override them. At the same time, it will give the administration an opportunity to present its case and to override the State's objections if it can show its decision was sound and in the national interest.

It is my intention, once the Senate completes action on the energy bill, to schedule hearings before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources to consider the President's rec-

ommendation of the Yucca Mountain site and the objections of the State of Nevada to the use of the site for the nuclear waste repository and to report the committee's recommendation to the Senate within the prescribed 60-day period as the 97th Congress envisioned.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 232—CONGRATULATING THE HUSKIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT FOR WINNING THE 2002 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 232

Whereas the University of Connecticut women's basketball team won its second national championship in 3 years by defeating the University of Oklahoma by the score of 82-70;

Whereas NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Coach of the Year Geno Auriemma's team finished the 2002 season with a perfect 39-0 record, becoming only the fourth NCAA Division I women's basketball team to go undefeated;

Whereas Sue Bird was chosen as the national women's player of the year;

Whereas Swin Cash was named the Final Four Most Outstanding Player;

Whereas Sue Bird, Swin Cash, Diana Taurasi, Asjha Jones, and Tamika Williams were selected as All-Americans;

Whereas the Huskies' 35-point average margin of victory during the regular season was the largest in NCAA Division I women's basketball history;

Whereas the Huskies dominated this year's NCAA Division I women's basketball tournament, averaging 83.3 points and a 27-point margin of victory en route to the championship;

Whereas the high caliber of the Huskies in both athletics and academics has significantly advanced the sport of women's basketball and provided inspiration for future generations of young men and women alike; and

Whereas the Huskies' season of unparalleled accomplishment rallied Connecticut residents of all ages, from New London to New Haven, from Hartford to Hamden, behind a common purpose, and triggered a wave of euphoria across the State: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate commends the Huskies of the University of Connecticut for—

(1) completing the 2001-2002 women's basketball season with a 39-0 record; and

(2) winning the 2002 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship.

SENATE RESOLUTION 233—CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND TERRAPINS FOR WINNING THE 2002 NCAA NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. SARBANES (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 233

Whereas the 2002 University of Maryland Terrapins men's basketball team won 32 games, a school record for wins in a season;

Whereas the 2002 Maryland Terrapins were undefeated at home in the last year of play at historic Cole Field House, compiling a home record of 15-0;

Whereas the 2002 Maryland Terrapins continued their dominance over nonconference opponents at home, extending their NCAA record nonconference home winning streak to 84 wins;

Whereas the 2002 Maryland Terrapins won their first, outright Atlantic Coast Conference regular season championship in 22 years;

Whereas the Maryland Terrapins qualified for a 9th consecutive NCAA tournament under Coach Gary Williams, being awarded a number 1 seed in the East Region;

Whereas the Maryland Terrapins handily defeated the Siena College Saints in the first round of the NCAA tournament by a score of 85-70;

Whereas in the second round, the Maryland Terrapins ousted the Wisconsin Badgers by a score of 87-57;

Whereas in the Sweet Sixteen, the Maryland Terrapins overpowered the tough Kentucky Wildcats by a score of 78-68;

Whereas in the final game of the East Regional, the Maryland Terrapins earned a 2d straight bid to the Final Four by defeating the Connecticut Huskies by a score of 90-82;

Whereas in the Final Four, the Maryland Terrapins achieved a 97-88 victory over the potent Kansas Jayhawks;

Whereas in the NCAA championship game, the Maryland Terrapins came away with a 64-52 victory over the storied Indiana Hoosiers;

Whereas on April 1, 2002 the University of Maryland won the NCAA men's basketball championship, the first ever for the University of Maryland;

Whereas the 2002 Maryland Terrapins, by winning the 2002 NCAA men's basketball championship, became only the 5th NCAA Division I athletic program to have won national championships in both basketball and football;

Whereas senior Juan Dixon was named the most outstanding player of the 2002 NCAA tournament, first team all-American, and Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year;

Whereas senior Lonny Baxter was named the most valuable player in regional play for the second year in a row; and

Whereas in game number 2002 of the University of Maryland men's basketball program, the Terrapins achieved the title of 2002 national champion: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the mighty University of Maryland Terrapins for winning the 2002 NCAA national men's basketball championship on April 1, 2002;

(2) commends the Maryland Terrapins for their outstanding performance in the 2002 NCAA national tournament, the Atlantic Coast Conference, and the entire 2002 season;

(3) applauds the Maryland Terrapins for their commitment to high standards of character, perseverance, and teamwork;

(4) congratulates the Maryland Terrapins on reaching their goal of an NCAA championship, an achievement that no previous Maryland men's basketball team had been able to accomplish;

(5) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the University of Maryland Terrapins win the 2002 NCAA championship;

(6) congratulates all of the 65 outstanding teams who participated in the 2002 NCAA Tournament;