

Senate on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., to hold a nomination hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., to hold a hearing on Iraq.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "The adequacy of Representation in Capital Cases" on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 10:15 a.m., in room SF-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Witness List

Michael Greco, Former President of the American Bar Association, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis, Boston, MA; Bryan Stevenson, Executive Director, Equal Justice Initiative, Clinical Professor Law, New York University School of Law, Montgomery, AL; The Honorable Carolyn Engel Temin, Senior Judge, Court of Common Pleas of the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; Donald Verrilli, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Seapower of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., in open session to receive testimony on Navy force structure requirements and programs to meet those requirements in review of the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2009 and the future years defense program.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate to conduct a hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Ayesha Khanna, a detailee with the Finance Committee staff, be allowed floor privileges today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 505, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 505) commending the University of Kansas men's basketball team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I basketball championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, it is my privilege today to submit S. Res. 505, along with Mr. BROWNBACK. It is my hope it will be considered hot-lined on both sides and passed later this afternoon.

This resolution is a commendation resolution on behalf of the University of Kansas Men's Basketball Team for winning the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Association, NCAA, Division I, basketball championship as of last night.

This might be a little unique in that I am a graduate of Kansas State University, home of the ever-optimistic and fighting Wildcats. Sometimes we are rivals. In this particular case, all of Kansas, including every K State fan, stands in salute of the Jayhawks. It is clearly "Rock Chalk, Jayhawk" time in Kansas.

Mr. President, I will skip to the bottom line of the resolution, where it says:

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 the Senate commends the University of Kansas men's basketball team for winning the 2008 NCAA Division I Basketball Championship.

The Secretary of the Senate will transmit enrolled copies of this resolution to the University of Kansas so they can display it; the chancellor of the university, Bob Hemenway, a great friend; the athletic director of the university, Lew Perkins; and the head coach of the team, Bill Self, who should remain at the University of Kansas. Those remarks were not prepared, but that is my advice.

For those of you who did not see the game last night—and it started at 9 p.m. and I know most Senators are probably asleep at 9 o'clock at night—trailing 60 to 51, with 2:12 seconds left in regulation, Kansas closed the second half with a 12–3 run, capped off by a Mario Chalmers' three-point basket, with 2.1 seconds remaining to force overtime. Kansas then outscored Memphis 12 to 5 in overtime to claim its third national championship.

As General Petraeus is here testifying before four committees in regard to national security and the war with Iraq, and when this Senate is considering a housing bill and stimulus package to help the economy, let us hope the example of the University of Kansas men's basketball team, in regard to their perseverance and dedication, will enable us to achieve our goals as well.

If you listen hard, from the mountains from which our acting Presiding Officer is so familiar, from Montana and further west, on to the high plains, to the Midwest, across the Appalachians, and clear to the east coast and our Nation's capital—if you listen hard, you can hear that chant, "Rock Chalk, Jayhawk, KU–U–U." If we listen hard, maybe we can work together, follow their example of perseverance and unbelievable heroics to win the NCAA championship. Thus, sayeth this champion of Kansas State athletics on behalf of the University of Kansas and their basketball team.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 505) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

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 led 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