

Jefferson boys had a regular season record of 24-1. They duplicated the girls' victory the following weekend on March 15, 2008 by winning their first state championship in the 5A Division against a very good Corvallis team.

Both teams showed an incredible amount of determination; they proved their great will to win and displayed a spirit that would not allow them to give up. As a former basketball player myself, I know how hard it is to win and play at a high level for multiple games. I am especially proud because Jefferson High School has a special place in my heart. When I started my public career in Portland, I lived in the Jefferson district, so I always feel like it is home.

I learned a long time ago that the Jefferson community is the heart and soul of Portland. That is why I want all of my colleagues in the Senate and people around the country to know about the Jefferson Democrats' Herculean efforts and achievements. These two teams exemplify the character and true values of Oregonians by proving that hard work can lead to great success. They have shown that if you really work at something and are persistent, you can get the job done on and off the hardwood.

I want to salute all the members of the girls' basketball team and acknowledge the exceptional play of their starting lineup Janita Badon, Dequise Hammick, Nyesha Sims, Ariel Reynolds, and Tyrisha Blake who have proven to be the best girls' starting lineup in Oregon. Without the solid contributions from Jasmine Smith, Arquazia Jackson, Daniel Dixon, Debbie Blackmon, Arqueisha Preston, Hollisha Watson, Denaya Brazzle and Adreya Hudson, the Democrats would not have won a state championship. They also had great leadership that took them all the way to the championship, starting with their head coach, Michael Bontemps, and his outstanding assistant coaching staff.

I also want to salute the members of the boys' basketball team who carried on the tradition of winning that has been built by so many Jefferson champions who came before them community and business leaders like Tony Hopson, Ray Leary, Aaron Miles, and Michael Lee. Each of them began at Jefferson and went on to become winners in life after winning championships on the court. It will not surprise me when I read about the huge individual successes that these stellar players from the 2008 championship teams will have in their future. Oregonians everywhere will surely be watching as they go off to pursue great things.

So I applaud all the players on the boys' basketball team along with their head coach, Marshall Haskins, and his coaching staff. They put together a great starting line-up for the 2007-2008 season, including Terrance Jones, Terrance Ross, Tyrone White, Kalonji Paschel, Henry Williams and Jordan

Black who is known as the best sixth man in 5A basketball. The Jefferson boys' roster was loaded with talent that gave them an option of a second starting line up that often made it difficult for teams to prepare for them when Darrel Nelson, Noah Kone, Jonathan Hall, Marlon Miles, Alexander Johnson, Robert Price, and Rashad Dent entered the game.

Jefferson keeps winning against all odds. They are true champions and an inspiration for all Americans both on and off the court. Their commitment and dedication to hard work has given me a new reason to be proud that I am an Oregonian. I will savor this unique moment in our State's sports history along with my fellow 3 million Oregonians as I congratulate both the girls' and boys' Democrats on a job well done.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2419) to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

Ordered, that the following Members be the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of the House bill (except title XII) and the Senate amendment (except sections 12001, 12201-12601, and 12701-12808), and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. PETERSON of Minnesota, HOLDEN, MCINTYRE, ETHERIDGE, BOSWELL, BACA, CARDOZA, SCOTT of Georgia, GOODLATTE, LUCAS, MORAN of Kansas, HAYES, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, and Mr. NEUGEBAUER.

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of sections 4303 and 4304 of the House bill, and sections 4901-4905, 4911, and 4912 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, and Mr. PLATTS.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 6012, 6023, 6024, 6028, 6029, 9004, 9005, and 9017 of the House bill, and sections 6006, 6012, 6110-6112, 6202, 6302, 7044, 7049, 7307, 7507, 9001, 11060, 11072, 11087, and 11101-11103 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. DINGELL, PALLONE, and BARTON of Texas.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of section 11310 of the House bill, and sections 6501-6505, 11068, and 13107 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. KANJORSKI, Ms. WATERS, and Mr. BACHUS.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of sections 3001-

3008, 3010-3014, and 3016 of the House bill, and sections 3001-3022, 3101-3107, and 3201-3204 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. BERMAN, SHERMAN, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 11102, 11312, and 11314 of the House bill, and sections 5402, 10103, 10201, 10203, 10205, 11017, 11069, 11076, 13102, and 13104 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. CONYERS, SCOTT of Virginia, and SMITH of Texas.

From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of sections 2313, 2331, 2341, 2405, 2607, 2607A, 2611, 5401, 6020, 7033, 7311, 8101, 8112, 8121-8127, 8204, 8205, 11063, and 11075 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. RAHALL, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sections 1501 and 7109 of the House bill, and sections 7020, 7313, 7314, 7316, 7502, 8126, 8205, and 10201 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. WAXMAN, TOWNS, and JORDAN of Ohio.

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of sections 4403, 9003, 9006, 9010, 9015, 9019, and 9020 of the House bill, and sections 7039, 7051, 7315, 7501, and 9001 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. GORDON of Tennessee, LAMPSON, and MCCAUL of Texas.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of subtitle D of title XI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Messrs. SHULER, and CHABOT.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 2203, 2301, 6019, and 6020 of the House bill, and sections 2604, 6029, 6030, 6034, and 11087 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. GRAVES.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 1303 and title XII of the House bill, and sections 12001-12601, and 12701-12808 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. RANGEL, POMEROY, and MCCRERY.

For consideration of the House bill (except title XII) and the Senate amendment (except sections 12001, 12201-12601, and 12701-12808), and modifications committed to conference: Ms. DELAURO and Mr. PUTNAM.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2016. An act to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5395. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "William 'Bill' Clay Post Office Building".

H.R. 5472. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Julia M. Carson Post Office Building".

H.R. 5489. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the "Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office".

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 5395. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "William 'Bill' Clay Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Environment and Public Works by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 123. An act to authorize appropriations for the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2016. An act to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, April 10, 2008, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 550. An act to preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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-5745. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenhexamid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8357-2) received on April 4, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5746. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Buprofezin; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8356-9) received on April 4, 2008; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5747. A communication from the Director of Administration and Management, De-

partment of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the total cost for the renovation of Wedges 2 through 5 of the Pentagon; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5748. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Piaggio Aero Industries S.p.A. Model P 180 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-087)) received on April 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5749. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cirrus Design Corporation Models SR20 and SR22 Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-CE-048)) received on April 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5750. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter France Model AS-365N2 and N3, SA-365C, C1 and C2, and SA-365N and N1 Helicopters" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2007-SW-43)) received on April 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5751. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier Model DHC-8-400 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. 2008-NM-029)) received on April 8, 2008; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-5752. A communication from the Senior Vice President, Communications, Government and Valley Relations, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Statistical Summary of the Board of Directors for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5753. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a navigation improvement project for Port Lions, Alaska; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5754. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "1-methylcyclopropane; Amendment to and Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8357-5) received on April 8, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5755. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Iowa" (FRL No. 8553-1) received on April 8, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5756. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Approval of Revisions to the 1-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan for the Raleigh/Durham and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point Areas" (FRL No. 8551-9) received on April 4, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5757. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Revisions to the Nevada State Implementation Plan; Updated Statutory and Regulatory Provisions; Rescissions" (FRL No. 8548-8) received on April 4, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5758. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; State of Maryland; Control of Large Municipal Waste Combustor Emissions from Existing Facilities" (FRL No. 8552-5) received on April 4, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5759. A communication from the Branch Chief of Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Critical Habitat for *Helianthus paradoxus*" (RIN1018-AV02) received on April 4, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5760. A communication from the Regulations Officer, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Parks, Recreation Areas, Wildlife and Waterfowl Refuges, and Historical Sites" (RIN2125-AF14) received on March 31, 2008; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5761. A communication from the Program Manager, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Standards for E-Prescribing Under Medicare Part D and Identification of Backward Compatible Version of Adopted Standard for E-Prescribing and the Medicare Prescription Drug Program" (RIN0938-AO66) received on April 8, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5762. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations Under Section 6050L Relating to Information Returns by Donees of Qualified Intellectual Property" ((RIN1545-BE11)(TD 9392)) received on April 8, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5763. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2008-45) received on April 8, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5764. A communication from the Program Manager, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Conditions for Coverage for End-Stage Renal Disease Facilities" (Docket No. CMS-3818-F) received on April 8, 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5765. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations: Part 121—The United States Munitions List" (22 CFR Part 121) received on April 4, 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5766. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Federal