

SENATE RESOLUTION 342—CONGRATULATING THE WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM OF WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY ON WINNING THE DIVISION II NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 342

Whereas on Saturday, December 12, 2015, the Wheeling Jesuit Cardinals won the Division II National Championship women's volleyball trophy in 3 straight sets, defeating the Palm Beach Atlantic Sailfish of Tampa, Florida, by scores of—

- (1) 25 to 22;
- (2) 26 to 24; and
- (3) 26 to 24;

Whereas Wheeling Jesuit Cardinals setter Andrea Thobe earned the Most Outstanding Player award;

Whereas Wheeling Jesuit Cardinals volleyball players Jessica Thobe, Haley Kindall, and Kayce Krucki were recognized by being named to the All-Tournament team;

Whereas head volleyball coach Christy Benner, assistant volleyball coach Matt Benner, and graduate assistant coach Allissa Ware brilliantly created successful game plans throughout the 2015 season; and

Whereas all members of the Wheeling Jesuit Cardinals women's volleyball team, including Abby Moffit, Alexa Brown, Sydney Obringer, Maddy Smyth, Allegra Shippy, Julie Henderson, Samantha Obringer, Maddy Kassen, Emily Black, Katie Campbell, Emma Schluecher, and Lauren Graves successfully worked together to help deliver the first National Championship for Wheeling Jesuit University: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates the women's volleyball team of Wheeling Jesuit University on winning the Division II National Championship.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2938. Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2939. Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CORKER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 2152, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes.

SA 2940. Mr. PERDUE (for Mrs. FISCHER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1115, to close out expired grants.

SA 2941. Mr. PERDUE (for Mr. THUNE) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 4188, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2016 and 2017, and for other purposes.

SA 2942. Mr. PERDUE (for Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr.

WHITEHOUSE, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. REED)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1893, to reauthorize and improve programs related to mental health and substance use disorders.

SA 2943. Mr. PERDUE (for Mr. LEE) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1893, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 2938.** Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 2029, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In title III of division P, insert after section 303 the following new section:

**SEC. 303A. EXTENSION OF ENERGY CREDIT FOR OTHER ENERGY PROPERTY.**

(a) **QUALIFIED FUEL CELL PROPERTY.**—Section 48(c)(1)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “for any period after December 31, 2016” and inserting “the construction of which does not begin before January 1, 2022”.

(b) **QUALIFIED MICROTURBINE PROPERTY.**—Section 48(c)(2)(D) of such Code is amended by striking “for any period after December 31, 2016” and inserting “the construction of which does not begin before January 1, 2022”.

(c) **COMBINED HEAT AND POWER SYSTEM PROPERTY.**—Section 48(c)(3)(A)(iv) of such Code is amended by striking “which is placed in service before January 1, 2017” and inserting “construction of which begins before January 1, 2022”.

(d) **QUALIFIED SMALL WIND ENERGY PROPERTY.**—Section 48(c)(4)(C) of such Code is amended by striking “for any period after December 31, 2016” and inserting “the construction of which does not begin before January 1, 2022”.

(e) **THERMAL ENERGY PROPERTY.**—Section 48(a)(3)(A)(vii) of such Code is amended by striking “periods ending” and inserting “property the construction of which begins before January 1, 2022”.

(f) **PHASEOUT OF 30 PERCENT CREDIT RATE FOR FUEL CELL AND SMALL WIND ENERGY PROPERTY.**—Subsection (a) of section 48 of such Code, as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(7) **PHASEOUT FOR QUALIFIED FUEL CELL PROPERTY AND QUALIFIED SMALL WIND ENERGY PROPERTY.**—In the case of qualified fuel cell property or qualified small wind energy property, the construction of which begins before January 1, 2022, the energy percentage determined under paragraph (2) shall be equal to—

“(A) in the case of any property the construction of which begins after December 31, 2019, and before January 1, 2021, 26 percent, and

“(B) in the case of any property the construction of which begins after December 31, 2020, and before January 1, 2022, 22 percent.”.

(g) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SA 2939.** Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. CORKER) proposed an amendment to the

bill S. 2152, to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy to encourage the efforts of countries in sub-Saharan Africa to develop an appropriate mix of power solutions, including renewable energy, for more broadly distributed electricity access in order to support poverty reduction, promote development outcomes, and drive economic growth, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 3, line 21, strike “technologies; and” and insert “technologies;”.

On page 4, line 2, strike “energy.” and insert the following: “energy; and

(9) promote and increase the use of private financing and seek ways to remove barriers to private financing and assistance for projects, including through charitable organizations.

On page 10, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

(12) A description of how United States investments to increase access to energy in sub-Saharan Africa may reduce the need for foreign aid and development assistance in the future.

(13) A description of policies or regulations, both domestically and internationally, that create barriers to private financing of the projects undertaken in this Act.

(14) A description of the specific national security benefits to the United States that will be derived from increased energy access in sub-Saharan Africa.

On page 13, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following:

(c) **PROMOTION OF USE OF PRIVATE FINANCING AND ASSISTANCE.**—In carrying out policies under this section, such institutions shall promote the use of private financing and assistance and seek ways to remove barriers to private financing for projects and programs under this Act, including through charitable organizations.

On page 13, line 9, strike “(c)” and insert “(d)”.

**SA 2940.** Mr. PERDUE (for Mrs. FISCHER) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1115, to close out expired grants; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Grants Oversight and New Efficiency Act” or the “GONE Act”.

**SEC. 2. IDENTIFYING AND CLOSING OUT EXPIRED FEDERAL GRANT AWARDS.**

(a) **EXPIRED FEDERAL GRANT AWARD REPORT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall instruct the head of each agency, in coordination with the Secretary, to submit to Congress and the Secretary a report, not later than December 31 of the first calendar year beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, that—

(A) lists each Federal grant award held by such agency;

(B) provides the total number of Federal grant awards, including the number of grants—

- (i) by time period of expiration;
- (ii) with zero dollar balances; and
- (iii) with undisbursed balances;

(C) for an agency with Federal grant awards, describes the challenges leading to delays in grant closeout; and

(D) for the 30 oldest Federal grant awards of an agency, explains why each Federal grant award has not been closed out.