

Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 84, H.R. 8: to make the repeal of the estate tax permanent.

Bill Frist, Jon Kyl, Jim Bunning, Conrad Burns, Richard Burr, Tom Coburn, Wayne Allard, Craig Thomas, George Allen, Judd Gregg, Johnny Isakson, David Vitter, John Thune, Mike Crapo, Jeff Sessions, John Ensign, Rick Santorum.

Mr. McCONNELL. I now withdraw my motion to proceed.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2005—MOTION TO PROCEED

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. I move to proceed to Calendar No. 101, S. 147, a bill related to Native Hawaiians.

On behalf of the Democratic minority, I send a motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, hereby move to bring to a close the debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 101, S. 147, Native Hawaiians Governing Entity.

Daniel K. Akaka, Daniel K. Inouye, Charles Schumer, Jack Reed, Patrick Leahy, Joe Biden, Barbara Mikulski, Evan Bayh, Barbara Boxer, Frank Lautenberg, Harry Reid, Jay Rockefeller, Richard Durbin, Jeff Bingaman, Edward Kennedy, Herb Kohl, James M. Jeffords, Mark Dayton, Jon Kyl, Norm Coleman.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the live quorums required under rule XXII be waived.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President and Members of the Senate, a clarification. These cloture votes will occur on Thursday. We will set aside some time for debate on both of these issues tomorrow afternoon.

COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA CAVALIERS MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to consideration of S. Res. 501, 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. 501) commending the University of Virginia Cavaliers men's lacrosse team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I National Lacrosse Championship.

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

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider by laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 501) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 501

Whereas the students, alumni, faculty, and supporters of the University of Virginia are to be congratulated for their commitment to, and pride in, the University of Virginia Cavaliers national champion men's lacrosse team;

Whereas the University of Virginia Cavaliers men's lacrosse team won the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship game 15-7 against the University of Massachusetts Amherst Minutemen, and became the first team in NCAA history to finish with a 17-0 record and the 12th team in NCAA history to win the national championship with an undefeated record;

Whereas the University of Virginia Cavaliers men's lacrosse team won the 2006 NCAA Division I National Championship, which was dominated by the Cavaliers possession, due to the impressive play of Drew Thompson who won 8 out of 12 face offs, goals scored by Matt Poskay, Ben Rubeor, Kyle Dixon, and Danny Glading, sparkling goaltending by Kip Turner, and the outstanding performance of NCAA Men's Division I Lacrosse Tournament's Most Outstanding Player Matt Ward;

Whereas the University of Virginia Cavaliers men's lacrosse team added the Division I title to 5 previous national championships;

Whereas every player on the University of Virginia lacrosse team, Will Barrow, Garrett Billings, Mike Britt, Douglas Brody, Patrick Buchanan, Kevin Coale, Chris Conlon, Michael Culver, Joe Dewey, Kyle Dixon, Adam Fassnacht, Drew Garrison, Steve Giannone, Foster Gilbert, Gavin Gill, Danny Glading, Charlie Glazer, Pike Howard, Drew Jordan, Matt Kelly, Ryan Kelly, James King, Jared Little, J.J. Morrissey, Chris Ourisman, Matt Paquet, Michael "Bud" Petit, Derek Piliapak, Max Pomper, Matt Poskay, Jack Riley, Ben Rubeor, Tim Shaw, Ricky Smith, Drew Thompson, Mike Timms, Kip Turner, Mark Wade, and Matt Ward, contributed to the team's success in this undefeated championship season;

Whereas the University of Virginia Cavaliers outstanding, creative, and motivational lacrosse Head Coach Dom Starsia has had a successful 14-year tenure as the University of Virginia's head lacrosse coach that includes 3 NCAA Division I Men's Lacrosse National Championships; and

Whereas Assistant Coaches Marc Van Arsdale and Hannon Wright deserve high commendation for their strong leadership and superb coaching support, as well as the dedication of team staff members Lorenzo Rivers, Katie Serenelli, Matt Diehl, Jade White, and Dr. Danny Mistry to the University of Virginia Cavaliers men's lacrosse team: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Virginia Cavaliers men's lacrosse team for winning the 2006 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I, National Championship; and

(2) respectfully requests the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Dom Starsia of the National Champion University of Virginia

Cavaliers and a copy to John T. Casteen III, the president of the University of Virginia.

CONGRATULATING CONTESTANTS OF THE 2006 SCRIPPS SPELLING BEE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 502, 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. 502) congratulating all of the contestants of the 2006 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

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

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the young men and women who competed in the 79th annual Scripps National Spelling Bee last week. I would like to extend special praise to Miss Katharine "Kerry" Close for winning this demanding competition. Miss Close is an eighth grade student at the H.W. Mountz School in Spring Lake, NJ, and was sponsored by the Asbury Park Press and the Home News Tribune. Other New Jersey participants included Serenity Fung of Faith Hope Love Academy in Somerset, Joseph Reed of Deerfield Township Elementary School in Rosenhayn, Austin Tamutus of MacFarland Junior School in Bordentown, Tianqi Wang of Ramapo Ridge Middle School in Mahwah, and Nisha Sadanand Naik of St. Anne's Parish School in Jersey City. I am proud of all of them.

Miss Close—showing true grace under pressure—won in the 20th round by correctly spelling "ursprache," which is defined as "a parent language, especially one reconstructed from the evidence of later languages." Miss Close is a five-time veteran of the National Spelling Bee, first competing when she was 9. She tied for seventh place last year. Over the past 5 years, Miss Close has spent between 1 and 2 hours each day looking up words and their origins in order to prepare for the contests. Her dedication should serve as an inspiration to all of us.

The 2006 Scripps National Spelling Bee, which is administered by the E.W. Scripps Company and 268 local sponsors, is the largest and longest running educational promotion in the United States. This competition began with 275 competitors from across the United States, American Samoa, the Bahamas, Canada, Europe, Guam, Jamaica, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands who qualified for the contest by winning locally sponsored spelling bees.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in congratulating Miss Close and the other 274 competitors in this year's Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution