

We found in our State over the last 20 years that summer academies, just 2 or 4 weeks, in different subjects, has made a remarkable difference in the quality of education. In Georgia, for example, their experience is that half the students who go to the Georgia math and science academy then go to Georgia Tech. That means they stay in Georgia instead of going somewhere else and then they are the source of the new jobs and higher standard of living for our future.

As I hope you can tell, I am excited about what has happened today. I know enough about the Senate to know we are not through. The Senate is not done until it is done. My hope is that Senator BINGAMAN is right and we can finish tomorrow.

I thank the majority leader and the Republican leader for creating an environment in which we can succeed. They

have given us the time to do it and our colleagues have been diligent. I hope our colleagues will come to the floor tomorrow with their suggestions. But I want the American people to know what I said when I began. It is always a privilege to serve in the Senate, but especially it is a privilege this week because this is the Senate acting as grown-ups, not playing partisan, petty politics, not dealing with little kindergarten issues. We are dealing with the two foremost issues facing our country: How we go forward in Iraq—we have profound disagreements still—and how we keep our competitive advantage, our brain power advantage, so we can keep our jobs. We are coming to a consensus because of very hard work on both sides. I think the American people will be proud of the result, if we are able to succeed, which I very much hope we can.

I thank the Chair and yield the floor.

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ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, April 25.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:58 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

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CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Tuesday, April 24, 2007:

THE JUDICIARY

Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.