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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Heroes' Welcome for Team USA Hockey Players]

EMILIE IKEDA: Since the victory, there's little rest for these stars, who went from winning the gold in Milan on Sunday to Miami on Monday to Washington, D.C. on Tuesday for a stop at the State of the Union. There was some controversy after this locker-room call following their Milan win from the President.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP [on 02/22/26]: We will have to bring the women's team, you do know that?

UNIDENTIFIED PLAYER [on 02/22/26]: Absolutely!

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TRUMP [on 02/22/26]: If we don't do that, I do believe I would probably be impeached.

IKEDA: Later, some on the men's team acknowledging —

JEREMY SWAYMAN: We should have reacted differently. We know that we are so excited for the women's team. WE have so much respect for the women's game.

IKEDA: Hilary Knight, the U.S. women's team captain, telling ESPN:

HILARY KNIGHT [on ESPN's *Sportscenter AM*, 02/25/26]: I thought it was a sort of distasteful joke. [SCREEN WIPE] We're trying to focus on celebrating the women in our room.

IKEDA: But Knight also speaking to the bond between the two gold medal teams.

KNIGHT [on ESPN's *Sportscenter AM*, 02/25/26]: I think there's a — there's a genuine level of support there and respect.

IKEDA: Hughes celebrating their dual success last night.

JACK HUGHES: I'm so proud and I'm so happy that the men's and women's USA Hockey teams brought back gold for the United states of America.