

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting on S. 285, the Native American Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Consolidation Act of 2003; S. 555, the Native American Health and Wellness Foundation Act of 2003; S. 558, a bill to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service to Assistant Secretary; S. 344, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity; and S. 702, a bill to reauthorize the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act, to be followed immediately by an oversight hearing on the "Role and Funding of the Federal National Indian Gaming Commission, NIGC."

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet on Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at 10 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building to conduct an oversight hearing on the "Role and Funding of the Federal National Indian Gaming Commission, NIGC."

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

AWARD OF A CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO TONY BLAIR

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 91, S. 709.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will state the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 709) to award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair.

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

Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Senate passage of legislation I have sponsored to award the Congressional Gold Medal to The Right Honorable Tony Charles Lynton Blair, Prime Minister of Great Britain, First Lord of the Treasury and Minister for the Civil Service.

The rules of Congress require that the recipient of a Congressional Gold Medal "shall have performed an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture that is likely to be recognized as a major achievement in the recipient's field long after the achievement."

Indeed, Prime Minister Tony Blair has done just that.

In the more than a year and a half since the tragic attacks of September 11th the United States has been thank-

ful for the demonstration of solidarity from nations across the world. But, Tony Blair and the people of Great Britain deserve special recognition for their steadfast resolve in all of the challenges our nations have faced in the war against terror. Together, we have determined that ridding the world of terrorism and the regimes that support them and encourage them, is in the best interests of all of the nations of the world.

For years, our nations have been close allies, and our allegiance to each other has been demonstrated time after time when our men and women have joined together to defeat a mutual threat. However, since the attacks of September 11, 2001, we have rediscovered the closeness in our relations just as tragedy brings families closer together. Let us keep the British troops and the families who have lost loved ones in our prayers as we pray for our own armed forces and families.

In the 18th century, English philosopher Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

It is clear that Prime Minister Blair and the people of Great Britain understands the truth in these words, and that strong leaders often hold lonely positions when they forgo the politically expedient.

Prime Minister Blair took a courageous and principled stand before the world during a time that must have been politically lonely, and some might even say risky. But he stood strong for what was right and for what was just. And for that, he deserves nothing less than our highest accolades.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 709) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 709

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDING.

Congress finds that Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom has clearly demonstrated, during a very trying and historic time for our 2 countries, that he is a staunch and steadfast ally of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

(a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the presentation, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal of appropriate design, to Prime Minister Tony Blair, in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions to maintaining the security of all freedom-loving nations.

(b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") shall

strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Secretary.

SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses, and the cost of the gold medal.

SEC. 4. STATUS OF MEDALS.

(a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

(b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section 5134 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

SEC. 5. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF SALE.

(a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is authorized to be charged against the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be necessary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant to this Act.

(b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section 3 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—VOTING SEQUENCE

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, the chairman and I now ask unanimous consent that the following be the vote sequence when we turn to amendments tomorrow:

No. 1, the Bunning amendment No. 589 with respect to Social Security;

No. 2, the Dorgan amendment No. 556 with respect to Social Security;

No. 3, the Grassley amendment No. 555 with respect to fraud;

No. 4, the Specter amendment No. 569 with respect to the sense of the Senate on simplification of the flat tax;

No. 5, the Baucus amendment No. 570 with respect to child tax credit;

No. 6, the Kennedy amendment No. 544 with respect to unemployment insurance;

No. 7, the Lincoln amendment No. 578 with respect to child tax credit expansion;

No. 8, the Cantwell amendment No. 577 with respect to R&D tax credit;

No. 9, the Jeffords amendment No. 587 with respect to marriage penalty relief and EITC;

No. 10, the Burns amendments Nos. 559 and 593 with respect to broadband Internet access;

No. 11, the Grassley amendment No. 594 with respect to Medicare payments and rural hospitals;

No. 12, the Harkin amendment No. 595 with respect to Medicare payments and rural hospitals;

No. 13, the Collins amendment No. 596 with respect to State aid;

No. 14, the Murray amendment No. 564 with respect to State aid, FMAP;

No. 15, the Stabenow amendment No. 614 with respect to Medicare prescription drug program;

No. 16, the Warner amendment No. 550 with respect to teacher deductions;

No. 17, the Voinovich amendment No. 592 with respect to tax commission;

No. 18, the Graham of Florida amendment No. 617 with respect to a substitute amendment;

No. 19, the Kyl amendment No. 575 with respect to attorneys fees on tobacco settlements;

No. 20, the Landrieu amendment No. 579 with respect to a substitute amendment;

No. 21, the Landrieu amendment No. 620 with respect to Reservists;

No. 22, the Landrieu amendment No. 621 with respect to renewal communities;

No. 23, the Ensign amendment No. 622 with respect to repatriation;

No. 24, the Schumer amendment No. 557 with respect to tuition deduction;

No. 25, the Conrad amendment No. 611 with respect to child credit;

No. 26, the McCain amendment No. 612 with respect to military retirement benefits.

Mr. President, I think there is a correction perhaps on one of these. That is the consent request.

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