

that neither measure intends to affect any of the other sorts of transactions that might otherwise be subject to section 464 or to affect in any way the application of any other Federal laws that might apply to lands that are covered by section 464.

We are also making clarifying amendments to AIPRA relating to the effective date of its amendments and to its amendments to the "Applicable Federal Law" provisions of section 207(g) of the Indian Land Consolidation Act. With respect to the former, the substitute includes technical amendments to the effective date section of AIPRA, section 8(b) of AIPRA, to make it clear that the amendments that were made to 25 U.S.C. 464 and 25 U.S.C. 348 are intended to take effect 1 year after the date on which the Secretary of Interior certified that notice of the AIPRA amendments had been given to Indian country in accordance with AIPRA section 8(a), and that sections 348 and 464, as they read immediately prior to the passage of AIPRA, would continue to apply until the effective date of the new amendments.

Finally, the substitute also makes some minor changes to the wording of section 207(g) of ILCA just to further clarify congressional intent that nothing in ILCA supercedes or affects the application of special laws that relate to specific Indian tribes or the allotted lands of specific tribes.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee substitute at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The amendment (No. 3587) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (H.R. 3351), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

#### PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 382, the adjournment resolution; provided that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 382) was agreed to, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 382

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, April 6, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to*

section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Thursday, April 6, 2006, through Sunday, April 9, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, April 24, 2006, or such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

#### APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the Senate's adjournment, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on April 20, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

#### CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 366 which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 366) to congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 21st anniversary of the first flight of the space transportation system.

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

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, there have been times that we, as a nation, have become so accustomed to successful space shuttle launches that we barely heard about them on the

evening news. One hundred and fourteen successful missions have provided a wealth of information and research results that are seen and felt in our everyday lives. Yet few of us could identify these as having resulted from Space Shuttle research.

Today, the Space Shuttle is viewed by many as an over-aged relic of the past and the vehicle whose two failures in the past 24 years of its service cost the lives of 14 brave astronauts. As tragic and unforgettable as the *Challenger* and *Columbia* accidents were, we must honor the memory of their crews by honoring the task for which they gave their lives. I am proud that our Nation has chosen to learn everything possible from those tragic losses to minimize the risks that will always be present in human space flight and to move forward to keep the dream of spaceflight alive.

It is appropriate today, as we consider House Concurrent Resolution 366, to reach back to the very beginning of space shuttle nights to the day, 25 years ago next week—April 12, 1981, at 7 a.m. eastern time. On that morning, the space shuttle *Columbia* lifted off on her maiden voyage, carrying two brave and intrepid explorers, Commander John Young and Pilot Robert Crippen. They orbited the Earth 36 times in two days, six hours and twenty minutes, landing in California at Edwards Air Force Base on April 14, 1981, at 1:20 p.m. eastern time. This first mission of a reusable spacecraft marked the beginning of a new era in human spaceflight.

This era also provided the Nation and the world with new and incredible views of our Earth as seen from orbit. It also provided a continuous stream of important microgravity research that has found its way into medical devices, treatment procedures, computer enhancements, communications technologies, and a host of other practical applications that generally go unnoticed. The Great Telescopes, such as Hubble, Chandra and the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory, were all made possible by the Space Shuttle. In the case of the Hubble, its inestimable value as a research tool was both rescued by the Space Shuttle and extended by servicing missions not possible without the Space Shuttle.

In the next several years, as the Space Shuttle completes the mission for which it was designed—completing the assembly and outfitting of the International Space Station—we will move into a new era of human spaceflight. We will experience new firsts and enter new names into the history books of those who accomplish the important milestones along our way to the Moon, Mars and beyond.

None of that would be possible, however, without the service of those who have gone before, and especially those two heroes we honor and recognize today. These two men took a vehicle never flown before on a journey of over a million miles. By any standard, that is an impressive first step.

Mr. NELSON of Florida. Mr. President, 25 years ago, on April 12, 1981, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* lifted off from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. It marked the beginning of a historic two day mission, and more importantly, it was the first of many future shuttle missions. I am pleased to support passage of H. Con. Res. 366, commemorating this important anniversary.

I applaud the tremendous bravery of the STS-1 crew—Commander John W. Young and Pilot Robert L. Crippen—on accomplishing the mission safely and successfully. This anniversary is a testament to the thousands of people who worked to bring the Space Shuttle Program to life and to those who have sustained it throughout the years.

The Space Shuttle Program brought our Nation commercial and government satellite deliveries, in-orbit satellite repairs, delivery of large science observatories such as the Hubble Space Telescope, Space Lab science missions, historic dockings with the Russian Mir Space Station and assembly of the International Space Station.

Since the STS-1 launch in 1981, this Nation has launched more than 100 flights. Sadly, the *Challenger* and *Columbia* were lost in 1986 and 2003, respectively. What we learned about safety in spaceflight, brought by the sacrifices of the *Challenger* and *Columbia* crews, has made our space program stronger.

Today the great challenge facing our space program is one of transition. We must complete the construction of the station and retire the shuttle fleet with dignity. And equally important, we must work together to preserve the workforce that will soon become the backbone of the new Crew Exploration Vehicle and the next human space project.

With the 25th anniversary of STS-1, let us all rededicate ourselves to the unfinished mission of exploration and discovery. Let us pledge to complete the journey that Commander Young and Pilot Crippen began by returning safely to flight with STS-121 later this summer, and move forward in leading the world in space exploration.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 366) was agreed to.

#### AUTHORITY TO SIGN DULY ENROLLED BILLS OR JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that during the

adjournment of the Senate, the majority leader and senior Senator from North Carolina be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

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

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

##### NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session; provided further that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following Coast Guard nominations: PN 1332, PN 1333, PN 1334, and PN 1335; provided further that the Senate proceed to their consideration; I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, with the motions to reconsider laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

##### COAST GUARD

The following named officer for appointment as Commander, Atlantic Area of the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., Section 50:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. David B. Peterman

The following named officer for appointment as Commander, Pacific Area of the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., Section 50:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. Charles D. Wurster

The following named officer for appointment as Chief of Staff of the United States Coast Guard and to the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., section 50a:

*To be vice admiral*

Rear Adm. (lh) Robert J. Papp

The following named officer for appointment as Vice Commandant of the United States Coast Guard in the grade indicated under Title 14, U.S.C., section 47:

*To be vice admiral*

Vice Adm. Vivien S. Crea

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

#### ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 382 until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 24. I further ask unanimous consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then proceed to a period of morning business with Senators allowed to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. We will return after the Easter/Passover break and begin consideration of the supplemental appropriations bill. As I indicated earlier, there will be no votes on Monday, April 24. However, Senators will be able to come to the floor for opening statements on the supplemental bill. We will begin consideration of the bill on Tuesday, and therefore votes will occur on Tuesday.

We also have two district judges on the calendar and may well schedule votes on them on that Tuesday as well.

I certainly wish everyone a restful and safe break.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 382.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:34 p.m., adjourned until Monday, April 24, 2006, at 2 p.m.

#### DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of the following nominations and the nominations were confirmed:

COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF REAR ADM. DAVID B. PETERMAN TO BE VICE ADMIRAL.  
COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF REAR ADM. CHARLES D. WURSTER TO BE VICE ADMIRAL.  
COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF REAR ADM. (LH) ROBERT J. PAPP TO BE VICE ADMIRAL.  
COAST GUARD NOMINATION OF VICE ADM. VIVIEN S. CREA TO BE VICE ADMIRAL.

#### CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, Friday, April 7, 2006:

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DORRANCE SMITH, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.  
THE ABOVE NOMINATION WAS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE NOMINEE'S COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY BEFORE ANY DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE.

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMANDER, ATLANTIC AREA OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 50:

*To be vice admiral*

REAR ADM. DAVID B. PETERMAN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMANDER, PACIFIC AREA OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 50:

*To be vice admiral*

REAR ADM. CHARLES D. WURSTER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AND TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 50A:

*To be vice admiral*

REAR ADM. (LH) ROBERT J. PAPP

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS VICE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD IN THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 47:

*To be vice admiral*

VICE ADM. VIVIEN S. CREA