

“(1) may acquire any real property necessary for the construction of the new maintenance facility under subsection (a)(2)(A); and

“(2) shall convey to the City of Tuscaloosa fee simple title in and to any portion of the Parcel not required for construction of the new administrative facility under subsection (a)(2)(C) through—

“(A) sale at fair market value;

“(B) exchange of other Federal land on an acre-for-acre basis; or

“(C) another form of transfer.”

SA 1111. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 1001, insert the following after paragraph (41):

(42) SABINE-NECHES WATERWAY, TEXAS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The project for navigation and other related purposes, Sabine-Neches Waterway, Texas, provided a favorable Report is issued by the Chief of Engineers, at a total cost of \$900,000,000, with an estimated Federal cost of \$675,000,000 and estimated non-Federal cost of \$225,000,000.

(B) PROVISION OF NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The non-Federal share of the cost of the project under this paragraph may be provided in the form of services, materials, supplies, or other in-kind contributions.

(C) NAVIGATIONAL SERVITUDE.—In carrying out construction and maintenance of the project under this paragraph, the Secretary shall fully enforce and enjoy the rights of the Secretary under Federal navigational servitude in the Sabine-Neches Waterway, including, at the sole expense of the owner of the facility, the removal or relocation of any facility obstructing the project.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing on Nominations to the Federal Election Commission.

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Howard Gantman at the Rules and Administration Committee, 224-6352.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT OF 2007—MOTION TO PROCEED

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. REID. I move to proceed to calendar No. 144, S. 1348 and send a cloture 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 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 debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 144, S. 1348, Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

Barbara Boxer, Harry Reid, Patrick Leahy, Carl Levin, Jack Reed, Dick Durbin, Daniel K. Inouye, B.A. Mikulski, Robert Menendez, Amy Klobuchar, Daniel K. Akaka, Maria Cantwell, Jeff Bingaman, Ken Salazar, Dianne Feinstein, Christopher Dodd, Edward Kennedy.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the vote on the cloture motion occur on Wednesday, May 16, at a time determined by the majority leader, following consultation with the Republican leader, and that the mandatory quorum required under rule XXII be waived, and I now withdraw the motion to proceed.

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

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 192.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 192) recognizing National Nurses Week on May 6 through May 12, 2007.

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 192) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 192

Whereas, since 2003, National Nurses Week is celebrated annually from May 6, also known as National Nurses Day, through May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing;

Whereas National Nurses Week is the time each year when nurses are recognized for the critical role they play in providing safe, high quality, and preventative health care;

Whereas nurses are the cornerstone of the Nation's complex health care system, representing the largest single component of the health care profession, with an estimated 2,900,000 registered nurses in the United States;

Whereas, according to a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine in May 2002, a higher proportion of nursing care provided by registered nurses and a greater number of hours of care by registered nurses per day are associated with better outcomes for hospitalized patients;

Whereas nurses are experienced researchers and their work encompasses a wide scope of scientific inquiry including clinical research, health systems and outcomes research, and nursing education research;

Whereas nurses are currently serving the Nation admirably in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan;

Whereas nurses help inform and educate the public to improve the practice of all nurses and, more importantly, the health and safety of the patients they care for;

Whereas our Nation continues to face a nursing shortage unprecedented in its depth and duration, with a projected 1,200,000 new and replacement nurses needed by 2014;

Whereas the nationwide nursing shortage has caused dedicated nurses to work longer hours and care for more acutely ill patients;

Whereas nurses are strong allies to Congress as they help inform, educate, and work closely with legislators to improve the education, retention, recruitment, and practice of all nurses and, more importantly, the health and safety of the patients they care for; and

Whereas nurses are an integral part of the health care delivery team and provide quality care, support, and education to patients and their families, conduct essential research, and serve as strong patient advocates; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the significant contributions of nurses to the health care system of the United States;

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Nurses Week, as founded by the American Nurses Association; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Nurses Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of nurses to the everyday lives of patients.

NATIONAL MPS AWARENESS DAY

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 198.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 198) designating May 15, 2007, as “National MPS Awareness Day.”

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

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 198) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 198

Whereas mucopolysaccharidosis (referred to in this resolution as “MPS”) is a genetically determined lysosomal storage disorder that renders the human body incapable of producing certain enzymes needed to break down complex carbohydrates;

Whereas complex carbohydrates are then stored in almost every cell in the body and progressively cause damage to those cells;

Whereas the cell damage adversely affects the human body by damaging the heart, respiratory system, bones, internal organs, and central nervous system;

Whereas the cellular damage caused by MPS often results in mental retardation, short stature, corneal damage, joint stiffness, loss of mobility, speech and hearing impairment, heart disease, hyperactivity, chronic respiratory problems, and, most importantly, a drastically shortened life span;

Whereas the nature of the disorder is usually not apparent at birth;

Whereas, without treatment, the life expectancy of an individual afflicted with MPS begins to decrease at a very early stage in the life of the individual;

Whereas recent research developments have resulted in the creation of limited treatments for some MPS disorders;

Whereas promising advancements in the pursuit of treatments for additional MPS disorders are underway;

Whereas, despite the creation of newly developed remedies, the blood brain barrier continues to be a significant impediment to effectively treating the brain, thereby preventing the treatment of many of the symptoms of MPS;

Whereas treatments for MPS will be greatly enhanced with continued public funding;

Whereas the quality of life for individuals afflicted with MPS, and the treatments available to them, will be enhanced through the development of early detection techniques and early intervention;

Whereas treatments and research advancements for MPS are limited by a lack of awareness about MPS disorders;

Whereas the lack of awareness about MPS disorders extends to those within the medical community;

Whereas the damage that is caused by MPS makes it a model for study of many other degenerative genetic disorders;

Whereas the development of effective therapies and a potential cure for MPS disorders can be accomplished by increased awareness, research, data collection, and information distribution;

Whereas the Senate is an institution than can raise public awareness about MPS; and

Whereas the Senate is also an institution that can assist in encouraging and facilitating increased public and private sector research for early diagnosis and treatments of MPS disorders: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates May 15, 2007, as “National MPS Awareness Day”; and
 (2) supports the goals and ideals of “National MPS Awareness Day”.

COMMEMORATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further

consideration and the Senate proceed to H. Con. Res. 71.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 71) commemorating the 85th Anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the Nation's 1.3 million American citizens of Greek ancestry, and Philhellenes.

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

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble 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. 71) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 15,
 2007

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 15; that on Tuesday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that there then be a period of morning business for 60 minutes, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the majority controlling the first half and the Republicans controlling the final portion; that at the close of morning business, the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 1495, as provided for under a previous order; that on Tuesday, the Senate stand in recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. in order to accommodate the respective party conference meetings.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Madam President, we have so much to do the next 2 weeks. As indicated with what is going on here today, we have to do our very best to complete WRDA. We have the most important supplemental to take care of the funding of the operations in Iraq and other things. Senator McCONNELL and I have spoken today about how to get from here to there. We do not have that totally resolved yet, but we have moved the ball down the road. We also have a budget conference to complete. That has not been done yet. And we have immigration.

So, Madam President, I want this to be the first notice—and we have done very well. We have not had to work many Fridays; certainly in the afternoons we have not had to. We have had a number of free Mondays, and we have had only one Saturday we have worked all year. But everyone should be on notice the next two weekends and the next few days and certainly next week, including Monday, people should understand—and people, if they have arrangements they have made, if they have things to do for which they cannot be here until later Monday, change that because we have to have votes—unless something comes up we do not understand—Monday morning. We have too much to do. We must complete the items I have talked about before we leave for our Memorial Day recess or we will have to delay that recess.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.
 TOMORROW

Mr. REID. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate today, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:30 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, May 15, 2007, at 10 a.m.