

under laws guaranteeing absolute political equality to women;

Whereas she cast that vote as a 70 year-old woman in the town of Laramie's municipal election;

Whereas, the Laramie Daily Sentinel wrote, "It is comforting to note that our first woman voter was really a lady . . . of the highest social standing in the community, universally beloved and respected. The scene was in the highest degree interesting and impressive. There was too much good sense in our community for any jeers or sneers to be seen on such an occasion";

Whereas this vote was inspirational to the women's suffrage movement and to the cause of civil rights;

Whereas, Wyoming's statehood, in 1890, brought the codification of this suffrage right through the ratification of the new Wyoming State constitution under Article 6, section 1;

Whereas, when the Congress threatened to withhold statehood from Wyoming, territory legislators replied with a telegram stating that Wyoming would remain out of the Union 100 years rather than join without women's suffrage;

Whereas President Benjamin Harrison, on July 10, 1890, signed into law a bill admitting Wyoming into the Union, and recognizing it as the Nation's "Equality State";

Whereas these actions instigated a path to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution 50 years after Louisa Swain's historical first vote; and

Whereas September 6, 2008, would be an appropriate date to designate as Louisa Swain Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That Congress supports the designation of a Louisa Swain Day.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS IRVING JOSEPH SCHWARTZ POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 6837) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7925 West Russell Road in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Private First Class Irving Joseph Schwartz Post Office Building," and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6837

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

SECTION 1. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS IRVING JOSEPH SCHWARTZ POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7925 West Russell Road in Las Vegas, Nevada, shall be known and designated as the "Private First Class Irving Joseph Schwartz Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other

record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Private First Class Irving Joseph Schwartz Post Office Building".

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING THE RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FESTIVAL OF DIWALI

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of House Resolution 245 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 245

Whereas Diwali, a festival of great significance to Indian Americans and South Asian Americans, is celebrated annually by Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains throughout the United States;

Whereas there are nearly 2,000,000 Hindus in the United States, of which approximately 1,250,000 are of Indian and South Asian origin;

Whereas the word "Diwali" is a shortened version of the Sanskrit term "Deepavali", which means "a row of lamps";

Whereas Diwali is a festival of lights, during which celebrants light small oil lamps, place them around the home, and pray for health, knowledge, and peace;

Whereas celebrants of Diwali believe that the rows of lamps symbolize the light within the individual that rids the soul of the darkness of ignorance;

Whereas Diwali, falling on the last day of the last month in the lunar calendar, is celebrated as a day of thanksgiving and the beginning of the new year for many Hindus;

Whereas for Hindus, Diwali is a celebration of the victory of good over evil;

Whereas for Sikhs, Diwali is feted as the day that the sixth founding Sikh Guru, or revered teacher, Guru Hargobind, was released from captivity by the Mughal Emperor Jehangir; and

Whereas for Jains, Diwali marks the anniversary of the attainment of moksha or liberation by Mahavira, the last of the Tirthankaras, who were the great teachers of Jain dharma, at the end of his life in 527 B.C.: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali; and

(2) requests the President to issue a proclamation recognizing Diwali.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE SHOULD USE ALL REASONABLE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT EVERY PERSON IS COUNTED IN THE 2010 DECENNIAL CENSUS

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of House Resolution 1262 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House. The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1262

Whereas the decennial census is described in article I, section 2 of the Constitution, which calls for an actual enumeration of the people every 10 years;

Whereas the decennial census is used to apportion seats in the House of Representatives among the States;

Whereas the decennial census is crucial to Federal policymakers who distribute billions of taxpayer dollars among many Federal programs based on the results of those enumerations;

Whereas the first official census was conducted in 1790 under the leadership of Thomas Jefferson, who was then the Secretary of State;

Whereas the 2010 decennial census will be the 23rd decennial census;

Whereas an accurate census is one that counts, as of the decennial census date, all persons living in the United States, any territory or possession of the United States, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all Federal civilian and military personnel serving abroad; and

Whereas an accurate 2010 decennial census is crucial for our democracy and the equitable distribution of Federal funds: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That—

(1) the House of Representatives demands that the 2010 decennial census count every person living in the United States, any territory or possession of the United States, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all Federal civilian and military personnel serving abroad; and

(2) it is the sense of the House of Representatives that, in conducting the 2010 decennial census, the Secretary of Commerce should use all reasonable means to count every person living in the United States, any territory or possession of the United States, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and all Federal civilian and military personnel serving abroad.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING ARMED FORCES DAY

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform be discharged from further consideration of House Resolution 1122 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1122

Whereas Armed Forces Day was created in 1949 as a result of the consolidation of the military services in the Department of Defense;

Whereas the purpose of Armed Forces Day is to honor those serving in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard;

Whereas Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May, which this year is May 17, 2008;

Whereas United States soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines have given tremendous service to the Nation;

Whereas the House of Representatives is committed to supporting all members of the Armed Forces and their families; and

Whereas all Americans express recognition and gratitude for members of the Armed Forces at home and abroad: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives recognizes Armed Forces Day in appreciation of the members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measures just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2786) to reauthorize the programs for housing assistance for Native Americans.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the Senate amendment is as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2008”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Congressional findings.

Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—BLOCK GRANTS AND GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 101. Block grants.

Sec. 102. Indian housing plans.

Sec. 103. Review of plans.

Sec. 104. Treatment of program income and labor standards.

Sec. 105. Regulations.

TITLE II—AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACTIVITIES

Sec. 201. National objectives and eligible families.

Sec. 202. Eligible affordable housing activities.

Sec. 203. Program requirements.

Sec. 204. Low-income requirement and income targeting.

Sec. 205. Availability of records.

Sec. 206. Self-determined housing activities for tribal communities program.

TITLE III—ALLOCATION OF GRANT AMOUNTS

Sec. 301. Allocation formula.

TITLE IV—COMPLIANCE, AUDITS, AND REPORTS

Sec. 401. Remedies for noncompliance.

Sec. 402. Monitoring of compliance.

Sec. 403. Performance reports.

TITLE V—TERMINATION OF ASSISTANCE FOR INDIAN TRIBES UNDER INCORPORATED PROGRAMS

Sec. 501. Effect on Home Investment Partnerships Act.

TITLE VI—GUARANTEED LOANS TO FINANCE TRIBAL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Sec. 601. Demonstration program for guaranteed loans to finance tribal community and economic development activities.

TITLE VII—FUNDING

Sec. 701. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 801. Limitation on use for Cherokee Nation.

Sec. 802. Limitation on use of funds.

Sec. 803. GAO study of effectiveness of NAHASDA for tribes of different sizes.

SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.

Section 2 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101) is amended in paragraphs (6) and (7) by striking “should” each place it appears and inserting “shall”.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

Section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (22);

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (8) through (21) as paragraphs (9) through (22), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (7) the following:

“(8) **HOUSING RELATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term ‘housing related community development’ means any facility, community building, business, activity, or infrastructure that—

“(i) is owned by an Indian tribe or a tribally designated housing entity;

“(ii) is necessary to the provision of housing in an Indian area; and

“(iii)(I) would help an Indian tribe or tribally designated housing entity to reduce the cost of construction of Indian housing;

“(II) would make housing more affordable, accessible, or practicable in an Indian area; or

“(III) would otherwise advance the purposes of this Act.

“(B) **EXCLUSION.**—The term ‘housing and community development’ does not include any activity conducted by any Indian tribe under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.).”

TITLE I—BLOCK GRANTS AND GRANT REQUIREMENTS

SEC. 101. BLOCK GRANTS.

Section 101 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the first sentence—

(i) by striking “For each” and inserting the following:

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—For each”;

(ii) by striking “tribes to carry out affordable housing activities.” and inserting the following: “tribes—

“(A) to carry out affordable housing activities under subtitle A of title II; and”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) to carry out self-determined housing activities for tribal communities programs under subtitle B of that title.”; and

(C) in the second sentence, by striking “Under” and inserting the following:

“(2) **PROVISION OF AMOUNTS.**—Under”; and

(2) in subsection (g), by inserting “of this section and subtitle B of title II” after “subsection (h)”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(j) **FEDERAL SUPPLY SOURCES.**—For purposes of section 501 of title 40, United States Code, on election by the applicable Indian tribe—

“(1) each Indian tribe or tribally designated housing entity shall be considered to be an Executive agency in carrying out any program, service, or other activity under this Act; and

“(2) each Indian tribe or tribally designated housing entity and each employee of the Indian tribe or tribally designated housing entity shall have access to sources of supply on the same basis as employees of an Executive agency.

“(k) **TRIBAL PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with respect to any grant (or portion of a grant) made on behalf of an Indian tribe under this Act that is intended to benefit 1 Indian tribe, the tribal employment and contract preference laws (including regulations and tribal ordinances) adopted by the Indian tribe that receives the benefit shall apply with respect to the administration of the grant (or portion of a grant).”

SEC. 102. INDIAN HOUSING PLANS.

Section 102 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4112) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) by striking “(1)(A) for” and all that follows through the end of subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(1)(A) for an Indian tribe to submit to the Secretary, by not later than 75 days before the beginning of each tribal program year, a 1-year housing plan for the Indian tribe; or”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “subsection (d)” and inserting “subsection (c)”; and

(2) by striking subsections (b) and (c) and inserting the following:

“(b) **1-YEAR PLAN REQUIREMENT.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A housing plan of an Indian tribe under this section shall—

“(A) be in such form as the Secretary may prescribe; and

“(B) contain the information described in paragraph (2).

“(2) **REQUIRED INFORMATION.**—A housing plan shall include the following information with respect to the tribal program year for which assistance under this Act is made available:

“(A) **DESCRIPTION OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES.**—A statement of planned activities, including—

“(i) the types of household to receive assistance;

“(ii) the types and levels of assistance to be provided;

“(iii) the number of units planned to be produced;

“(iv)(I) a description of any housing to be demolished or disposed of;

“(II) a timetable for the demolition or disposition; and

“(III) any other information required by the Secretary with respect to the demolition or disposition;

“(v) a description of the manner in which the recipient will protect and maintain the viability