

No one disagrees that 85 percent unemployment in Indian Country is unacceptable. No one disagrees that it is unacceptable that the majority of America's at-risk youth live in Indian Country. However, merely reciting these statistics over and over will not make the situation any better. We need to work together to make Indian Country a better place to live, work and raise a family.

We introduced this vital legislation to help advance the remarkable work of tribal colleges and universities. Through grants awarded under this bill, tribal colleges and universities will have additional resources necessary to strengthen Indian communities by providing healthy living and disease prevention education, outreach and workforce development programs, research, and capacity building. Not only will it improve education, but it will also improve the delivery of culturally appropriate health care services. In addition to good education and increased access to health care, this bill will also help create good jobs for tribal members living on American Indian reservations.

Tribal Colleges and Universities are accredited by independent, regional accreditation agencies, and like all institutions of higher education, must undergo stringent performance reviews to retain their accreditation status. In addition to offering postsecondary education opportunities, tribal colleges serve reservation communities by providing critical services including: libraries, community centers, cultural, historical and language programs; tribal archives, career centers, economic development and business centers; health and wellness centers, public meeting places, child and elder care centers. Despite their many obligations, functions, and notable achievements, tribal colleges remain the most poorly funded institutions of higher education in this country.

The continued success and future of the Nation's tribal colleges and universities depends on their ability to provide higher education and community outreach programs. For them to succeed however, they must have the financial resources to do so.

As a Montanan and member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, I am proud to introduce this legislation. I look forward to swift consideration and eventual passage.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 635. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be placed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 635

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

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SEGMENTS.**

Section 3(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (16 U.S.C. 1274(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(\_\_\_\_\_) ILLABOT CREEK, WASHINGTON.—The 14.3 mile segment from the headwaters of Illabot Creek to 1,000 feet south of and at no point closer than 200 feet from the Rockport-Cascade Road, flowing through lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, and Seattle City Light, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as follows:

“(A) The 4.3 mile segment from the headwaters of Illabot Creek to the boundary of Glacier Peak Wilderness Area as a wild river.

“(B) The 10 mile segment from the boundary of Glacier Peak Wilderness to 1,000 feet south of Rockport-Cascade Road as a recreational river.”.

**SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS**

**SENATE RESOLUTION 76—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE TARIFF AND NONTARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE IN CLEAN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOODS AND SERVICES**

Ms. CANTWELL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. RES. 76

Whereas the United States and the People's Republic of China are among the world's largest economies, are the world's largest producers, consumers, and importers of energy, and are the world's largest sources of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions;

Whereas future growth in the United States, China, and other countries should follow a model for energy use that does not further jeopardize the planet's climate and that presents numerous opportunities for significant economic growth;

Whereas a global transformation to the use of clean energy will require the adoption of renewable energy technologies to reduce carbon emissions and to build energy-efficient infrastructures;

Whereas that global transformation will also require substantial amounts of clean energy and environmental goods and services to be traded among the United States, China, and other countries;

Whereas tariffs imposed by foreign countries on renewable energy goods such as solar water heaters can be as high as 35 percent, tariffs on solar cells can be as high as 23 percent, and tariffs on wind power generating sets and hydraulic turbines can be as high as 25 percent; and

Whereas it is in the best interests of all countries to reduce or eliminate tariff and nontariff barriers to trade in clean energy and environmental goods and services: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States and the People's Republic of China should—

(A) work together to reduce or eliminate tariff and nontariff barriers to trade in clean

energy and environmental goods and services; and

(B) work through the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation and the World Trade Organization to reach a multilateral agreement to reduce or eliminate such barriers; and

(2) reducing or eliminating tariff and nontariff barriers to trade in clean energy and environmental goods and services will allow the United States, China, and other countries to develop, promote, and deploy clean energy technologies to meet global environmental challenges.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 77—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA SHOULD NEGOTIATE A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON CLEAN ENERGY COOPERATION**

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself and Mr. VOINOVICH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 77

Whereas the United States and the People's Republic of China are the world's largest producers, consumers, and importers of energy and account for 36 percent of global primary energy use and 41 percent of global carbon dioxide emissions;

Whereas, in 2007, China surpassed the United States to become the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases and China is projected to increase emissions of greenhouse gases by 3.3 percent annually during the next 2 decades;

Whereas, by working together to tackle shared economic, environmental, and security challenges, the United States and China can more quickly and cost-effectively develop and implement cleaner, 21st-century energy systems;

Whereas efforts to develop and implement such systems will benefit from a foundation in sound science and policies that rely on and augment the vast technical capabilities and resources of both the United States and China; and

Whereas an action plan resulting from a bilateral agreement on clean energy cooperation between the United States and China may serve as a catalyst for the economic growth of the United States, an expression of United States foreign policy with respect to mitigating climate change, and a means for accelerating the development of a global clean energy economy: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States and the People's Republic of China should negotiate a bilateral agreement under which the United States and China agree to cooperate in the development and use of clean energy; and

(2) the negotiation of such an agreement would send a clear signal to the world community that the United States is ready to lead a robust effort to mitigate global climate change that involves all countries that are major emitters of greenhouse gases.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 78—DESIGNATING MARCH 22, 2009, AS “NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY”**

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

## S. RES. 78

Whereas rehabilitation counselors conduct assessments, provide counseling, support families, and plan and implement rehabilitation programs for those in need of rehabilitation;

Whereas the purpose of professional organizations for rehabilitation counseling and education is to promote the improvement of rehabilitation services available to individuals with disabilities through quality education for counselors and rehabilitation research;

Whereas various professional organizations, including the National Rehabilitation Association, Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association, the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association, the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association, the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification, the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Council on Rehabilitation Education, have vigorously advocated up-to-date education and training and the maintenance of professional standards in the field of rehabilitation counseling and education;

Whereas on March 22, 1983, Martha Walker of Kent State University, who was President of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education, testified before the Subcommittee on Select Education of the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives, and was instrumental in bringing the need for qualified rehabilitation counselors to the attention of Congress; and

Whereas the efforts of Martha Walker led to the enactment of laws that require rehabilitation counselors to have proper credentials, in order to provide a higher quality of service to those in need of rehabilitation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 22, 2009, as “National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day”; and

(2) commends—

(A) rehabilitation counselors, for their dedication and the hard work they provide to individuals in need of rehabilitation; and

(B) professional organizations, for the efforts they have made to assist those who require rehabilitation.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 685. Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 146, to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 685.** Mr. BROWNBACK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 146, to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

#### SEC. \_\_\_\_ . FLINT HILLS CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, KANSAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the

Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, shall offer to enter into such conservation easements as the Secretary determines to be necessary to protect the Flint Hills tallgrass prairie in eastern Kansas.

(b) WILLING OWNERS.—The Secretary shall offer to enter into conservation easements under subsection (a) with any willing owner of land or an interest in land located in a biologically significant area of the Flint Hills tallgrass prairie in eastern Kansas, as determined by the Secretary.

(c) TREATMENT.—A conservation easement entered into under this section shall be—

(1) a perpetual easement; and

(2) recorded on the deed of the relevant land or interest in land.

#### NOTICES OF HEARINGS

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Energy of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the legislative hearing is to receive testimony on draft legislation to improve energy market transparency and regulation.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Rosemarie\_Calabro@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Tara Billingsley at (202) 224-4756 or Rosemarie Calabro at (202) 224-5039.

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Energy of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at 2 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen 430.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 18, 2009. The Committee will meet in room 334 of the Cannon House Office Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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

##### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled “The Need to Strengthen Forensic Science in the United States: The National Academy of Science’s Report on a Path Forward” on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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

##### AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER RECOVERY

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “A New Way Home: Findings from the Disaster Recovery Subcommittee Special Report and Working with the New Administration on a Way Forward.”

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