

Straits Native Corporation, and the State of Alaska. The underlying agreement provides for the conveyance of certain Federal lands to the Bering Straits Native Corporation and to the State of Alaska. The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act was enacted in 1971. It was intended to resolve long-standing issues surrounding native land claims in Alaska. Under this act, Alaska Native regional corporations are entitled to a certain amount of public lands. The Bering Straits Native Corporation is one of those regional corporations entitled to certain lands.

In addition, the Alaska Statehood Act grants the State of Alaska the opportunity to select a certain amount of public lands for the State's benefit. Normally, legislation is not required to implement these selections. In this case, however, both the State and the Native corporations selected some of the same lands. After years of negotiations, the parties, along with the United States, arrived at an agreement to resolve this conflict.

I want to commend our colleague, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, for his hard work and dedication to this legislation, and I ask my colleagues to support its passage.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I support this bill as sponsored by our colleague from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG). It resolves overlapping selections to the same parcels of land that were filed by the State of Alaska and the Bering Straits Native Corporation pursuant to the Alaska Statehood Act and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. As we learned during the committee hearing on this bill, there is no opposition to its enactment. So I am pleased to support this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2340, as amended, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2340, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1460) recognizing the important role pollinators play in supporting the ecosystem and supporting the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1460

Whereas bees, birds, butterflies, and other pollinators are vital to sustaining a healthy ecosystem;

Whereas pollinators are responsible for an estimated 1 out of every 3 bites of food that we eat;

Whereas diversity of pollinators is necessary for diversity of plant life and the security of our food supply;

Whereas a decline in pollinators would adversely impact animal species that eat pollinating plants;

Whereas colony collapse disorder has caused an alarming decline in the population of honey bees, one of the most important pollinators;

Whereas the United States Senate designated the last week of June as National Pollinator Week in 2006; and

Whereas the majority of States have recognized June 21–27, 2010, as National Pollinator Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the importance of pollinators in agriculture and in maintaining our diverse ecosystem; and

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. CARDOZA) and the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LUCAS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1460, recognizing the important role that pollinators play in supporting the ecosystem and supporting the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

Approximately three-quarters of the world's 250,000 flowering plants require pollinators to facilitate reproduction. In addition, nearly 130 different crops that provide more than \$15 billion per year in farm gate value would cease to exist without our pollinators. In California alone, some 1.3 million beehives pollinate over 600,000 acres of almond trees. There is no doubt that without the healthy population of pollinators that we currently have, our Nation's

farmers will not be able to continue to grow many of the high quality and nutritious foods that we enjoy today.

The House Agriculture Committee has paid special attention to the issue facing pollinators, holding several hearings in recent years to review the status of pollinator health issues and including funds in the 2008 farm bill to conduct much-needed research on pollinator health. I'm proud to support this resolution brought by my colleague today, which recognizes the importance of pollinators supporting diverse ecosystems and the crops that produce so many of the foods grown across this great Nation. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

I rise in support of House Resolution 1460, recognizing the important role pollinators play in supporting the ecosystem and supporting the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

More than 32 State Governors designated the last week of June as Pollinator Week to bring awareness to the important role pollinators play in our food supply and ecosystem. In my home State of Oklahoma, Pollinator Week was celebrated with a variety of activities and exhibits across the State, including those at the Oxley Nature Center in Tulsa. On a national level, the Pollinator Partnership has launched a Web-based program to highlight specific actions that school groups, farmers, gardeners, and others can take to support pollinators.

It is important that we bring awareness to the importance of pollinators, given the fact that most pollinating species are in a decline. Colony Collapse Disorder, commonly referred to as CCD, continues to plague honeybees and will be a major concern to beekeepers and agricultural communities.

Over the past several years, the honeybee population has experienced a dramatic decline due to a variety of factors, including loss of habitat, introduction of diseases and pests, and migratory stress. All of these factors have contributed to higher operating costs for the pollinator industry as well as the agricultural producers who rely on a readily available supply of pollinator bees.

Pollination activities by honeybees add more than \$15 billion annually to the value of U.S. crops. With one-third of our food supply dependent upon pollination by honeybees, we need to have a solid understanding of CCD and how to eradicate it.

I commend researchers from the Federal and State level as well as the industry, State universities, and State Departments of Agriculture for coming together under the CCD Working Group. I am hopeful that this collective group of experts can get to the bottom of this very important problem.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the valuable

contribution of America's pollinator industry by supporting House Resolution 1460.

I have no further requests for time, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague from Oklahoma, my good friend, for his support of this resolution.

At this time, I yield such time as he may consume to the author of the resolution, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS), who, without his help, we would not have been able to pass the farm bill in 2008. He has been continuously an advocate for pollinator research and for making sure that specialty crops get their due day in the sun.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. I thank my good friend from California for yielding the time.

Mr. Speaker, today the House is going to consider H. Res. 1460, which honors National Pollinator Week. With the efforts of the Pollinator Partnership, a majority of States and a number of Federal agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, have officially recognized June 21 through June 27, 2010, as a time to reflect upon the importance of, and challenges facing, these species.

The resolution, as offered, acknowledges how vital bees and other pollinators are to our ecosystem and agriculture and supports the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

As mentioned by my colleague, 75 percent of all flowering plant species rely on creatures like birds, bats, bees, and butterflies for fertilization. It would be a misconception, however, to think that pollinators are only important to plants and provide little benefit to us. In fact, one out of every three bites of food that we eat as well as \$20 billion of products in the United States alone are derived from pollinators. In light of those kinds of figures, the security of our food supply clearly hinges on the survival of these species.

National Pollinator Week is a time to reflect upon these contributions and what we can do to help preserve these animals. On a similar note, Mr. Speaker, to further emphasize the importance of this issue, I recently participated in cofounding and am now co-chair of the Congressional Pollinator Protection Caucus, along with Representative TIM JOHNSON, Representative CARDOZA, and Representative HENRY BROWN of South Carolina. The caucus is a bipartisan source of information and discussion related to how natural, political, and economic developments impact the security of pollinators and their habitats.

Last week, a briefing on the future of pollinators and in recognition of National Pollinator Week was held in conjunction with the caucus and was a tremendous success. We are planning more events and briefings to keep Members and their staffs informed on this important issue. I urge all of my colleagues to become members of the

Congressional Pollinator Protection Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, National Pollinator Week provides us with an opportunity to recognize how important pollinators are to the sustainability of our environment and to our food supply.

You know, Mr. CARDOZA, several in my local media and throughout have come forward with all sorts of humor about this; you know, "It bees that way," and "It's the buzz" and a whole bunch of these things. But when all is said and done, I think we all recognize that beyond the humor, this is a critically serious matter for the food supply of this Nation and, indeed, the world.

Therefore, I strongly urge my colleagues to vote in favor of this resolution, and I thank you for yielding me the time.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume simply to close by thanking my colleagues Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. HASTINGS, and Mr. JOHNSON for their work on this important issue. It does make a tremendous difference in our ecology, and certainly with a \$15 billion tag, the effect of losing these pollinators on our agricultural economy, it's important to every consumer and every pocketbook.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I want to again thank my colleague from Oklahoma for his gracious advocacy on behalf of this issue.

And to my colleague from Florida, if your media were to be without the products of these bees, that really, truly would be a news story, Mr. HASTINGS. I want to thank you for your tireless advocacy on behalf of pollinators and on behalf of agriculture generally.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CARDOZA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1460.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

AIRPORT AND AIRWAY EXTENSION ACT OF 2010, PART II

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5611) to amend the Inter-

nal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5611

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2010, Part II".

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF TAXES FUNDING AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND.

(a) FUEL TAXES.—Subparagraph (B) of section 4081(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "July 3, 2010" and inserting "August 1, 2010".

(b) TICKET TAXES.—

(1) PERSONS.—Clause (ii) of section 4261(j)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "July 3, 2010" and inserting "August 1, 2010".

(2) PROPERTY.—Clause (ii) of section 4271(d)(1)(A) of such Code is amended by striking "July 3, 2010" and inserting "August 1, 2010".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on July 4, 2010.

SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AIRPORT AND AIRWAY TRUST FUND EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 9502(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking "July 4, 2010" and inserting "August 2, 2010"; and

(2) by inserting "or the Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2010, Part II" before the semicolon at the end of subparagraph (A).

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (2) of section 9502(e) of such Code is amended by striking "July 4, 2010" and inserting "August 2, 2010".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on July 4, 2010.

SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 48103(7) of title 49, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(7) \$3,515,000,000 for fiscal year 2010."

(2) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Sums made available pursuant to the amendment made by paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.

(b) PROJECT GRANT AUTHORITY.—Section 47104(c) of such title is amended by striking "July 3, 2010," and inserting "August 1, 2010,".

SEC. 5. EXTENSION OF EXPIRING AUTHORITIES.

(a) Section 40117(l)(7) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "July 4, 2010," and inserting "August 2, 2010,".

(b) Section 44302(f)(1) of such title is amended—

(1) by striking "July 3, 2010," and inserting "August 1, 2010,"; and

(2) by striking "September 30, 2010," and inserting "October 31, 2010,".

(c) Section 44303(b) of such title is amended by striking "September 30, 2010," and inserting "October 31, 2010,".

(d) Section 47107(s)(3) of such title is amended by striking "July 4, 2010," and inserting "August 2, 2010,".

(e) Section 47115(j) of such title is amended by striking "July 4, 2010," and inserting "August 2, 2010,".