

SENATE RESOLUTION 527—CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC. FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD, AND COMMENDING PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC. FOR EXEMPLIFYING THE IDEALS OF BROTHERHOOD, SCHOLARSHIP, AND SERVICE WHILE UPHOLDING THE MOTTO "CULTURE FOR SERVICE AND SERVICE FOR HUMANITY"

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. NELSON, Mrs. HAGAN, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. BALDWIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 527

Whereas Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded on the campus of Howard University in the District of Columbia on January 9, 1914, by A. Langston Taylor, Leonard F. Morse, and Charles I. Brown;

Whereas since the formation of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. have maintained a strong commitment to brotherhood, community involvement, and service to all people;

Whereas Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has implemented a number of initiatives encouraging diversity, business opportunities, and advocacy;

Whereas Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has established the Sigma Wellness, Sigma Cares, and Living Well Brother to Brother programs;

Whereas Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was the first African-American fraternity to establish alumni chapters and youth mentoring clubs and is the only fraternity to form an African-American sorority counterpart, Zeta Phi Beta;

Whereas the men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. have dedicated themselves to the promotion of civil rights, and the members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. include influential leaders and activists such as Hosea Williams, A. Philip Randolph, and Lafayette McKee Hershaw;

Whereas members belonging to chapters of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. across the United States responded to a call for support of the war efforts of the United States during World War I;

Whereas members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., such as Alain LeRoy Locke, Weldon Johnson, and A. Philip Randolph, made significant contributions to the Harlem Renaissance;

Whereas Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. has over 700 chapters in the United States, Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Caribbean;

Whereas the men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. have distinguished themselves as public servants, including members such as—

(1) a United States Congressman, civil rights activist, and chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee;

(2) the first African-American Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives;

(3) the first African-American Democrat elected to the Congress of the United States;

(4) Demetrius C. Newton, Sr., elected in 1986 as the first African-American Speaker Pro Tempore of the Alabama House of Representatives; and

(5) Fleming Jones, Jr., the first African-American Democratic member of the West Virginia House of Delegates; and

Whereas Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. commemorated its history and promoted service during the Phi Beta Sigma centennial celebration on January 9, 2014, in the District of Columbia: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for 100 years of service to communities throughout the United States and the world; and

(2) commends Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. for a continued commitment to the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

SENATE RESOLUTION 528—COMMEMORATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF NORTH DAKOTA'S STATEHOOD

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

S. RES. 528

Whereas the Dakota Territory was incorporated in 1861;

Whereas President Theodore Roosevelt came to the Dakota Territory in 1883 to hunt and begin cattle ranching near Medora, North Dakota;

Whereas President Theodore Roosevelt credited the fact he was elected President to the time he spent and the experiences he had in North Dakota;

Whereas North Dakota was admitted to the Union on November 2, 1889;

Whereas the population of North Dakota grew from 2,000 in 1870 to 680,000 in 1930, and reached a State record of 730,000 people in 2014;

Whereas the battleship USS NORTH DAKOTA, the first turbine-powered ship in the United States Navy, was launched in 1908;

Whereas the North Dakota State flag, the regimental flag carried by the North Dakota Infantry in the Spanish-American War in 1898 and Philippine Island Insurrection in 1899, was designated in 1911;

Whereas the Bank of North Dakota was established in 1919 and the State mill and elevator began operating in 1922;

Whereas, in 1932, the International Peace Garden was established on the border between North Dakota and the Canadian province of Manitoba, a symbol of peace between the governments of the United States and Canada;

Whereas, in 1949, the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park was dedicated, covering 3 areas of the badlands in western North Dakota;

Whereas, in 1953, President Eisenhower dedicated the Garrison Dam, the fifth-largest earthen dam in the world, which created Lake Sakakawea, the third-largest man-made lake in the United States;

Whereas North Dakota has a world-class system of higher education, which supports student development across a variety of fields, including aerospace, agriculture, architecture, education, engineering, law, medicine, and nursing;

Whereas the USS NORTH DAKOTA, a Virginia-class submarine was christened in November 2013;

Whereas North Dakota has had the lowest unemployment rate in the United States for over 5 years;

Whereas, in 2013, North Dakota was either 1st or 2nd in the United States in total agriculture production for 16 different commodities;

Whereas North Dakota is the second largest producer of oil and gas in the United States;

Whereas North Dakota produces over 1,000,000 barrels of oil each day;

Whereas the economy of North Dakota has grown faster than the economy of all other States of the United States for 4 consecutive years;

Whereas the personal income of people in North Dakota is nearly 30 percent above the national average;

Whereas, in 2012, exports from North Dakota topped \$4,000,000,000; and

Whereas the economy and communities of North Dakota has experienced unprecedented development, resulting in national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates—

(A) the State of North Dakota on its 125th anniversary; and

(B) the people of North Dakota for their tremendous work and success in building the prosperity of current and future generations living in the State; and

(2) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Governor of North Dakota.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3700. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2569, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3701. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2569, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3702. Mrs. HAGAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3703. Mr. KIRK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3704. Mr. KIRK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3705. Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3700. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2569, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 13, after line 3, insert the following:

SEC. 4. LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR EMPLOYER HEALTH CARE COVERAGE MANDATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section 4980H(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) EXCEPTION FOR LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.—The term ‘full-time employee’ shall not include any individual who is a long-term unemployed individual (as defined in section 3111(d)(3)) with respect to such employer.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to months beginning after December 31, 2013.

SA 3701. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2569, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 13, after line 3, insert the following:

SEC. 4. CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS EXEMPT FROM EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4980H(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(F) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—The term ‘applicable large employer’ shall not include—

“(i) any elementary school or secondary school (as such terms are defined in section 9101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965),

“(ii) any local educational agency or State educational agency (as such terms are defined in section 9101 of such Act), and

“(iii) any institution of higher education (as such term is defined in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965).”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to months beginning after December 31, 2013.

SA 3702. Mrs. HAGAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title I, add the following:

SEC. 1. HIGH PRIORITY CORRIDORS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1105(c) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (105 Stat. 2032) is amended by striking paragraph (13) and inserting the following:

“(13) Raleigh-Norfolk Corridor from Raleigh, North Carolina, through Rocky Mount, Williamston, and Elizabeth City, North Carolina, to Norfolk, Virginia.”.

(b) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ROUTE SEGMENTS ON INTERSTATE SYSTEM.—Section 1105(e)(5)(A) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (109 Stat. 597; 115 Stat. 872; 118 Stat. 293) is amended in the first sentence by inserting “subsection (c)(13),” after “subsection (c)(9),”.

SA 3703. Mr. KIRK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal

year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

SEC. 1247. EXTENSION OF ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE MILITARY POWER OF IRAN.

Section 1245(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111-84; 123 Stat. 2544) is amended by striking “December 31, 2014” and inserting “December 31, 2018”.

SA 3704. Mr. KIRK submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2410, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle B of title XVI, add the following:

SEC. 1616. PROHIBITION ON INTEGRATION OF MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS OF CHINA INTO MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS OF UNITED STATES.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2015 for the Department of Defense may be used to integrate a missile defense system of the People's Republic of China into any missile defense system of the United States.

SA 3705. Mr. ENZI (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 5021, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. . PAYMENTS FROM THE ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 411(h) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1240a(h)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(C)—

(A) by striking “Payments” and inserting the following:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Payments”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) CERTAIN PAYMENTS REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, as soon as practicable after October 1, 2015, of the 7 equal installments referred to in clause (i), the Secretary shall pay to any certified State or Indian tribe to which the total annual payment under this subsection was limited to \$15,000,000 in 2013 and \$28,000,000 in fiscal year 2014—

“(I) the final 2 installments in 2 separate payments of \$82,700,000 each; and

“(II) 2 separate payments of \$32,600,000 each.”; and

(2) by striking paragraphs (5) and (6).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a)(2) shall take effect October 1, 2015.

(c) OFFSET.—For purposes of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.)—

(1) oil and gas exploration, development, and production activities shall be considered to be compatible with the purposes for which the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was established; and

(2) no further findings or decisions shall be required to implement those activities.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BROWN. 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 July 29, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “Revisiting the RESTORE Act: Progress and Challenges in Gulf Restoration Post-Deepwater Horizon.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BROWN. 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 July 29, 2014, at 3 p.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled, “Opportunities and Challenges for Improving Truck Safety on our Highways.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BROWN. 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 July 29, 2014, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “Breaking the Logjam at BLM: Examining Ways to More Efficiently Process Permits for Energy Production on Federal Lands.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014, at 10 a.m. in room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Tobacco: Taxes Owed, Avoided, and Evaded.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014 at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “Iran: Status of the P-5+1.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on July 29, 2014, at 2 p.m.