

S. Res. 400. A resolution designating the week beginning February 11, 2018, as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week”; considered and agreed to.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 400—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11, 2018, AS “NATIONAL TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK”

Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. TESTER, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. MORAN, Mr. PETERS, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. UDALL, Ms. SMITH, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Mrs. MURRAY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 400

Whereas there are 36 Tribal Colleges and Universities operating on more than 75 campuses in 16 States;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities are tribally chartered or federally chartered institutions of higher education and therefore have a unique relationship with the Federal Government;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities serve students from more than 250 federally recognized Indian tribes;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities offer students access to knowledge and skills grounded in cultural traditions and values, including indigenous languages, which—

(1) enhances Indian communities; and

(2) enriches the United States as a nation;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities provide access to high-quality postsecondary educational opportunities for—

(1) American Indians;

(2) Alaska Natives; and

(3) other individuals that live in some of the most isolated and economically depressed areas in the United States;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities are accredited institutions of higher education that effectively prepare students to succeed in—

(1) the academic pursuits of the students; and

(2) the global and highly competitive workforce;

Whereas Tribal Colleges and Universities have open enrollment policies, and approximately 15 percent of the students at Tribal Colleges and Universities are non-Indian individuals; and

Whereas the collective mission and the considerable achievements of Tribal Colleges and Universities deserve national recognition: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week beginning February 11, 2018, as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week”; and

(2) calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for Tribal Colleges and Universities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1941. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution H.

Con. Res. 104, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1892.

SA 1942. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1301, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1941. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to the concurrent resolution H. Con. Res. 104, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1892; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SEC. 101. The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 (division D of Public Law 115-56) is further amended by inserting after section 165 the following new section:

“SEC. 166. (a) Employees furloughed as a result of any lapse in appropriations which begins on or about February 9, 2018, shall be compensated at their standard rate of compensation, for the period of such lapse in appropriations, as soon as practicable after such lapse in appropriations ends.

“(b) For purposes of this section, ‘employee’ means:

“(1) a Federal employee;

“(2) an employee of the District of Columbia Courts;

“(3) an employee of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia; or

“(4) a District of Columbia Government employee.

“(c) All obligations incurred in anticipation of the appropriations made and authority granted by this division for the purposes of maintaining the essential level of activity to protect life and property and bringing about orderly termination of Government functions, and for purposes as otherwise authorized by law, are hereby ratified and approved if otherwise in accord with the provisions of this division.”

SEC. 102. For the purposes of division D of Public Law 115-56, the time covered by such division shall be considered to include the period which began on or about February 9, 2018, during which there occurred a lapse in appropriations.

This Act may be cited as the “Continuing Appropriations Amendments Act, 2018”.

SA 1942. Mr. McCONNELL proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1301, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1892, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

(1) Strike the first section 1 and section 2 immediately following the enacting clause and insert the following:

“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

“This Act may be cited as the “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018”.

“DIVISION A—HONORING HOMETOWN HEROES ACT

“SECTION 10101. SHORT TITLE.

“This division may be cited as the ‘Honoring Hometown Heroes Act’.

“SEC. 10102. PERMITTING THE FLAG TO BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF A FIRST RESPONDER SERVING IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

“(a) AMENDMENT.—The sixth sentence of section 7(m) of title 4, United States Code, is amended—

“(1) by striking ‘or’ after ‘possession of the United States’ and inserting a comma;

“(2) by inserting ‘or the death of a first responder working in any State, territory, or possession who dies while serving in the line of duty,’ after ‘while serving on active duty.’;

“(3) by striking ‘and’ after ‘former officials of the District of Columbia’ and inserting a comma; and

“(4) by inserting before the period the following: ‘, and first responders working in the District of Columbia’.

“(b) FIRST RESPONDER DEFINED.—Such subsection is further amended—

“(1) in paragraph (2), by striking ‘, United States Code; and’ and inserting a semicolon;

“(2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting ‘; and’; and

“(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

““(4) the term “first responder” means a “public safety officer” as defined in section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10284).”

“(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to deaths of first responders occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.”.

(2) Strike section 1 immediately preceding division B.

(3) In section 30422(b)(4), strike subparagraphs (A) and (B) and insert the following:

“(A) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—For purposes of enabling the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, and consistent with the Standing Rules of the Senate, there is authorized from the date of enactment of this Act through February 28, 2019, \$500,000 to be allocated—

“(i) in total during the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

“(ii) any remaining amounts shall be carried forward for the period October 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

“(B) EXPENSES.—Expenses of the joint committee shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the co-chairs, subject to the rules and regulations of the Senate.”.

(4) In section 30422(b)(4)(I)(i), insert “, consistent with the rules and regulations of the Senate” before the period at the end.

(5) Strike section 30423 and insert the following:

“SEC. 30423. FUNDING.

“(a) SPECIAL RESERVE.—To enable the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, within the funds in the account for ‘Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations’ of the Senate, not more than \$500,000 shall be allocated from the special reserve established in S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), for use by the joint committee.

“(b) EXPIRATION.—None of the funds made available by this section may be available for obligation by the joint committee after January 2, 2019.

“(c) AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of the joint committee, section 20(b) of S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), shall not apply.”.

(6) In section 30442(b)(4), strike subparagraphs (A) and (B) and insert the following:

“(A) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—For purposes of enabling the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, and consistent with the Standing Rules of the Senate, there is authorized from the date of enactment of this Act through February 28, 2019, \$500,000 to be allocated—

“(i) in total during the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

“(ii) any remaining amounts shall be carried forward for the period October 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019.

“(B) EXPENSES.—Expenses of the joint committee shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the co-chairs, subject to the rules and regulations of the Senate.”

(7) In section 30442(b)(4)(I)(i), insert “, consistent with the rules and regulations of the Senate” before the period at the end.

(8) Strike section 30443 and insert the following:

“SEC. 30443. FUNDING.

“(a) SPECIAL RESERVE.—To enable the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, within the funds in the account for ‘Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations’ of the Senate, not more than \$500,000 shall be allocated from the special reserve established in S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), for use by the joint committee.

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“(c) AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of the joint committee, section 20(b) of S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), shall not apply.”

(9) Strike lines 4-8 on page 232 of the amendment and replace with the following:

“(II) a State false claims act, including a State false claims act with qui tam provisions, or”.

(10) At the end of division G, strike the following: “.”

“(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to deaths of first responders occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.”.

PROVIDING FOR A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 1892

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 104, which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 104) providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 1892.

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment at the desk be agreed to, the concurrent resolution, as amended, be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The amendment (No. 1941) was agreed to, as follows:

(Purpose: In the nature of a substitute)

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1892, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

(1) Strike the first section 1 and section 2 immediately following the enacting clause and insert the following:

“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

“This Act may be cited as the ‘Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018’.”

“DIVISION A—HONORING HOMETOWN HEROES ACT

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“(1) in paragraph (2), by striking ‘, United States Code; and’ and inserting a semicolon;

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“(4) the term ‘first responder’ means a ‘public safety officer’ as defined in section 1204 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10284).”.

“(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to deaths of first responders occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.”.

(2) Strike section 1 immediately preceding division B.

(3) In section 30422(b)(4), strike subparagraphs (A) and (B) and insert the following:

“(A) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—For purposes of enabling the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, and consistent with the Standing Rules of the Senate, there is authorized from the date of enactment of this Act through February 28, 2019, \$500,000 to be allocated—

“(i) in total during the period October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; and

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“(B) EXPENSES.—Expenses of the joint committee shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the co-chairs, subject to the rules and regulations of the Senate.”.

(4) In section 30422(b)(4)(I)(i), insert “, consistent with the rules and regulations of the Senate” before the period at the end.

(5) Strike section 30423 and insert the following:

“SEC. 30423. FUNDING.

“(a) SPECIAL RESERVE.—To enable the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, within the funds in the account for ‘Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations’ of the Senate, not more than \$500,000 shall be allocated from the special reserve established in S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), for use by the joint committee.

“(b) EXPIRATION.—None of the funds made available by this section may be available for obligation by the joint committee after January 2, 2019.

“(c) AVAILABILITY REQUIREMENTS.—For purposes of the joint committee, section 20(b) of S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), shall not apply.”.

(6) In section 30442(b)(4), strike subparagraphs (A) and (B) and insert the following:

“(A) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—For purposes of enabling the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, and consistent with the Standing Rules of the Senate, there is authorized from the date of enactment of this Act through February 28, 2019, \$500,000 to be allocated—

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(7) In section 30442(b)(4)(I)(i), insert “, consistent with the rules and regulations of the Senate” before the period at the end.

(8) Strike section 30443 and insert the following:

“SEC. 30443. FUNDING.

“(a) SPECIAL RESERVE.—To enable the joint committee to exercise its powers, functions, and duties under this subtitle, within the funds in the account for ‘Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations’ of the Senate, not more than \$500,000 shall be allocated from the special reserve established in S. Res. 62, agreed to February 28, 2017 (115th Congress), for use by the joint committee.

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“(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to deaths of first responders occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.”.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 104), as amended, was agreed to.

NATIONAL TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WEEK

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 400, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 400) designating the week beginning February 11, 2018, as ‘National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week.’

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. I further ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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