

Whereas a National Moment of Remembrance would provide citizens in the United States an opportunity to participate in a symbolic act of American unity: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) expresses its support for a National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00 p.m. eastern standard time on each Memorial Day in honor of the men and women of the United States who died in the pursuit of freedom and peace; and

(2) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe a National Moment of Remembrance on each Memorial Day.

• Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague from Nebraska, Senator BOB KERREY, to submit a resolution expressing Congress' support for a national moment of remembrance, to be observed on Memorial Day each year, in order to appropriately honor American patriots lost in pursuit of peace and liberty around the world.

Should Congress pass this resolution, "Taps" will be played at 3 pm (Eastern Standard Time) on Memorial Day each year, in honor of those who have sacrificed their lives for their country. In other words, this resolution seeks to put the "memorial" back into Memorial Day.

It is my hope that this moment of remembrance will bring all Americans together in a spirit of respect, patriotism and gratitude. Our intention is to help restore the recognition our veterans deserve for the sacrifices they have made on behalf of our great Nation.

No Greater Love, a nonprofit organization which assists the families of Americans who died in service to their country or in terrorist acts, has helped support this resolution as part of their "Proud to Remember" campaign. We are all grateful for their efforts. •

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AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

LAUNCHING OUR COMMUNITIES' ACCESS TO LOCAL TELEVISION ACT OF 2000

JOHNSON (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 2891

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. JOHNSON (for himself, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. ROBB, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. BAUCUS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill (S. 2097) to authorize loan guarantees in order to facilitate access to local television broadcast signals in unserved and underserved areas, and for other purposes; as follows:

In section 4(d)(2)(D), insert after the phrase "acceptable to the Board" the following: "or any lender that (i) has not fewer than one issue of outstanding debt that is rated within the highest three rating categories of a nationally recognized statistical rating agency; or (ii) has provided financing to enti-

ties with outstanding debt from the Rural Utilities Service and which possess, in the judgment of the Board, the expertise, capacity and capital strength to provide financing pursuant to this Act".

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AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. on sports gambling.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing entitled Meeting the Challenges of the Millennium.

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

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, for hearings regarding the Inclusion of a Prescription Drug Benefit in the Medicare Program.

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

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Indian Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. to mark up S. 1507, Native American Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program Consolidation Act of 1999, and S. 1509, Indian Employment, Training and Related Services Demonstration Act Amendments of 1999; followed by a hearing on S. 1967, to make technical corrections to the status of certain lands held in trust for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. The hearing will be held in the Committee room, 485 Russell Senate Building.

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Com-

mittee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony on Presidential primaries and campaign finance.

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

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. to hold a closed hearing on intelligence matters.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT AND THE COURTS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in SD226.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LANDS

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29 at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on S. 1778 to provide for equal exchanges of land around the Cascade Reservoir; S. 1894, to provide for the conveyance of certain land to Park County Wyoming; and S. 1969, to provide for improved management of, and increased accountability for, outfitted activities by which the public gains access to and occupancy and use of Federal land, and for other purposes.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, March 29, 2000, for hearings on the nomination of Elizabeth Michelle Andrews Smith.

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

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THE FEDERAL GAS TAX

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I want to turn to the subject of the cloture vote that will be held tomorrow. It is scheduled on legislation to suspend 4.3 cents of the Federal gas tax and then the possibility, at some point in time, of the suspension of the full 18.4-cent gasoline tax; the 4.3, of course, is included in that.

Now this proposal was laid before the Senate last night by our distinguished majority leader, Senator LOTT. Senator LOTT is a man of principle. I rise with