

Hayes, a Pima Indian, was one of the men to raise the flag on Iwo Jima.

In the Vietnam War more than 41,500 Native Americans served in the United States Armed Forces. Of those, 90% were volunteers, giving Native Americans the highest record of service of any ethnic group in the country. In 1990, prior to Operation Desert Storm, some 24,000 Native American men and women were in the military. Approximately 3,000 served in the Persian Gulf. One of every four Native American males is a military veteran.

Native Americans in Michigan have told me that veterans are greatly respected in Native American societies and this honor is nowhere more apparent than at powwows. At a powwow celebration, the veterans are given the honor of carrying the flag and are the first to enter the powwow circle.

This resolution recognizes those Native Americans who with dignity served in the U.S. military. We note today their service to this country and honor Native Americans for their military contributions.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED

STEM CELL RESEARCH ACT OF 2000

BROWNBACK AMENDMENTS NOS. 4140-4153

(Ordered referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.)

Mr. BROWNBACK submitted fourteen amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill, H.R. 2015, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to human embryonic stem cells; as follows:

AMENDMENT No. 4140

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. __. PROHIBITION ON MIXING HUMAN AND ANIMAL GAMETES.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) GAMETE.—The term “gamete” means a haploid germ cell that is an egg or a sperm.

(2) SOMATIC CELL.—The term “somatic cell” means a diploid cell whose nucleus contains the full set of chromosomes of a human or an animal.

(b) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly attempt to create a human/animal hybrid by—

(1) combining a human gamete and an animal gamete; or

(2) conducting nuclear transfer cloning using a human egg or a human somatic cell nucleus.

(c) SANCTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any person who violates subsection (b) shall be fined in accordance with title 18, United States Code, or imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

(2) CIVIL PENALTIES.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall promulgate regulations providing for the application of civil penalties to persons who violate subsection (b).

AMENDMENT No. 4141

On page 1, line 4, strike “This”.

AMENDMENT No. 4142

On page 1, line 4, strike “Act”.

AMENDMENT No. 4143

On page 1, line 4, strike “may”.

AMENDMENT No. 4144

On page 1, line 4, strike “be”.

AMENDMENT No. 4145

On page 1, line 4, strike “cited”.

AMENDMENT No. 4146

On page 1, line 4, strike “as”.

AMENDMENT No. 4147

On page 1, line 4, strike “the”.

AMENDMENT No. 4148

On page 1, line 4, strike “Stem”.

AMENDMENT No. 4149

On page 1, line 4, strike “Cell”.

AMENDMENT No. 4150

On page 1, line 4, strike “Research”.

AMENDMENT No. 4151

On page 1, line 5, strike “Act”.

AMENDMENT No. 4152

On page 1, line 5, strike “of”.

AMENDMENT No. 4153

On page 1, line 5, strike “2000”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on September 20, 2000 in SR-328A at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to review how our food safety system should address microbial contamination.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the oversight hearing scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 26, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the current outlook for supply of heating and transportation fuels this winter.

For further information, please call Dan Kish at (202) 224-8276 or Jo Meuse (202) 224-4756.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, September 20, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. in room 485 of the Russell Senate Building to conduct a business meeting to markup S. 2920, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Improvement Act of 2000; S. 1840, the California Indian Land

Transfer Act; S. 2688, the Native American Languages Act Amendments Act of 2000; S. 2665, To establish a streamlined process to enable the Navajo Nation to lease trust lands without having to obtain the approval of the Secretary of the Interior of individual leases, except leases for exploration, development, or extraction of any mineral resources; S. 2917, the Santo Domingo Pueblo Claims Settlement Act of 2000; S. 2580, the Indian School Construction Act; and S. 3031, technical amendments.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTRY, CONSERVATION AND RURAL REVITALIZATION

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization will meet on September 21, 2000 in SR-328A at 3:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Trade Injury Compensation Act of 2000.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FORESTS AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, September 26, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C.

S. 3039, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell a Forest Service administrative site occupied by the Rocky Mountain Research Station in Boise, Idaho, and use the proceeds derived from the sale to purchase interests in a multiagency research and education facility to be constructed by the University of Idaho, and for other purposes, has been added to the agenda.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. For further information, please call Mike Menge at (202) 224-6170.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 19, 2000, at 9:30 a.m., in open session to receive testimony on U.S. policy toward Iraq.

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 19, 2000 to mark up H.R. 4986, the FSC Repeal and Extraterritorial Income Exclusion Act of 2000 and H.R. 2868, the Tariff Suspension and Trade Act of 2000.

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

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, September 19, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. for a hearing to consider the nomination of George Omas to be a Commissioner of the Postal Rate Commission.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, PROLIFERATION, AND FEDERAL SERVICES

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 19, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. for a hearing on "The State of Foreign Language Capabilities in the Federal Government—Part II".

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Power of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, September 19 at 2:30 p.m. to conduct a hearing. The subcommittee will receive testimony on H.R. 3577, a bill to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated for the north side pumping division of the Minidoka reclamation project, Idaho; S. 2906, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts the city of Loveland, Colorado, to use Colorado-Big Thompson Project facilities for the impounding, storage, and carriage of nonproject water for domestic, municipal, industrial, and other beneficial purposes; S. 2942, a bill to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of certain hydroelectric project in the State of West Virginia; S. 2951, a bill to authorize the Commissioner of Reclamation to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the Upper Columbia River; and S. 3022, a bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Mampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CLELAND. On behalf of Senator FEINSTEIN, I ask unanimous consent Howard Krawitz, a legislative fellow in

her office, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of H.R. 4444 and any votes thereon.

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

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Marianne Clark of my staff be permitted floor privileges during the pendency of this bill.

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

MEASURE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME—S. 3068

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I understand S. 3068 introduced earlier today by Senator KENNEDY and others is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the bill for the first time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3068) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to remove certain limitations on the eligibility of aliens residing in the United States to obtain lawful permanent resident status.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading, and I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 5173

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I understand that H.R. 5173 is at the desk, and I ask for its first reading.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5173) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to sections 103(b)(2) and 213(b)(2)(C) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2001 to reduce the public debt and to decrease the statutory limit on the public debt.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be read the second time on the next legislative day.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2000

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 20. I further ask consent that on Wednesday, imme-

diately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 11:30 a.m., with Senators speaking for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator GRAMM of Texas for 30 minutes, Senator GRAHAM of Florida for 10 minutes, Senator SESSIONS for 30 minutes, Senator DORGAN for 20 minutes, and Senator DURBIN for 30 minutes.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. BENNETT. When the Senate convenes at 9:30 a.m., the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 11:30 a.m. Following morning business, the Senate will resume debate on the conference report to accompany the legislative branch appropriations bill. Under the previous order, there are approximately 4 hours remaining for debate. Therefore, I expect that the vote will occur at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow on adoption of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4516.

Following the 3:30 p.m. vote, it is hoped that the Senate can begin consideration of the Water Resources Development Act under a consent agreement. Therefore, Senators can expect votes throughout tomorrow afternoon's session of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BENNETT. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:48 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 20, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 19, 2000:

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

EDWARD FRANCIS MEAGHER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY), VICE DAVID E. LEWIS, RESIGNED.

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 271:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. CHARLES D. WURSTER, 0000
 CAPT. THOMAS H. GILMOUR, 0000
 CAPT. ROBERT F. DUNCAN, 0000
 CAPT. RICHARD E. BENNIS, 0000
 CAPT. JEFFREY J. HATHAWAY, 0000
 CAPT. KEVIN J. ELDRIDGE, 0000