

(4) calls on the States, localities, schools, universities, nonprofit organizations, businesses, other entities, and the people of the United States to observe National Save for Retirement Week with appropriate programs and activities, with the goal of increasing retirement savings for all the people of the United States.

NATIONAL CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 650, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 650) designating the week of October 24 through October 30, 2010, as "National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week."

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

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 650) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 650

Whereas lead poisoning is one of the leading environmental health hazards facing children in the United States;

Whereas approximately 200,000 children in the United States under the age of 6 have harmful levels of lead in their blood;

Whereas lead poisoning may cause serious, long-term harm to children, including reduced intelligence and attention span, behavioral problems, learning disabilities, and impaired growth;

Whereas children from low-income families are significantly more likely to be poisoned by lead than are children from high-income families;

Whereas children may be poisoned by lead in water, soil, housing, or consumable products;

Whereas children most often are poisoned in their homes through exposure to lead particles when lead-based paint deteriorates or is disturbed during home renovation and repainting; and

Whereas lead poisoning crosses all barriers of race, income, and geography: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the week of October 24 through October 30, 2010, as "National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week"; and

(2) calls upon the people of the United States to observe National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week with appropriate programs and activities.

NATIONAL RICE MONTH

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 651, submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 651) recognizing the 20th anniversary of the designation of the month of September of 1991 as "National Rice Month."

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

Mr. CASEY. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements related to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 651) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 651

Whereas rice is a primary staple for more than half of the population of the world and has been one of the most important foods throughout history;

Whereas rice production in the United States dates back to 1685 and is one of the oldest agribusinesses in the United States;

Whereas rice grown in the United States significantly contributes to the diet and economy of the United States;

Whereas rice is produced in the States of Arkansas, California, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas;

Whereas rice production, processing, merchandizing, and related industries in the United States are vital to the economies of the rural areas of the Sacramento Valley in the State of California, the Gulf Coast region of the States of Louisiana and Texas, and the Mississippi Delta region where more than 3,000,000 acres of rice, on average, are produced annually;

Whereas, in 2009, rice farmers in the United States produced nearly 22,000,000,000 pounds of rice that had a farm gate value of more than \$3,000,000,000;

Whereas, in 2009, rice production and subsequent sales generated \$17,500,000,000 in total value added to the economy of the United States from rice production, milling, and selected end users and had the employment effect of contributing 127,000 jobs to the labor force;

Whereas eighty-five percent of the rice consumed in the United States is grown by American rice farmers, which supports rural communities and the economy of the United States;

Whereas the United States is one of the largest exporters of rice and produces more than two percent of the world's rice supply, feeding millions around the world;

Whereas rice is a food enjoyed throughout life in many forms, as the foundation of main dishes and side dishes, and as cereals, flour, bran, cooking oil, rice cakes, and other healthful snacks;

Whereas rice is an important source of nutritional value, as rice provides an excellent source of complex carbohydrates, and is cholesterol-free, sodium-free, and trans fat-free;

Whereas published research shows that people who eat rice have healthier diets;

Whereas rice farmers in the United States play a key role in the provision and enhancement of habitat for wetlands-dependant wildlife species, such as ducks, geese, swans, and cranes; and

Whereas the harvest of rice in the United States is celebrated each September and September 2010 marks the 20th anniversary of that annual celebration's designation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the 20th anniversary of the designation of the month of September of 1991 as "National Rice Month"; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Rice Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, September 28; that on Tuesday, following the prayer and pledge, 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 after any leader remarks, there be a period of morning business until 11:10 a.m., with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes, during which period Senators may make tributes to the late Senator Ted Stevens; that at 11:10 a.m. there be 20 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3816, with the time equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees; that at 11:30 a.m. the Senate then proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture, as provided for under a previous order.

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

PROGRAM

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, for the information of Senators, tomorrow former Senator Stevens will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. Buses will depart the Senate steps at 12:15 p.m. for Arlington.

I am correct, Mr. President, in stating that if cloture is not invoked on the motion to proceed to S. 3816, then there will be an immediate cloture vote on the motion to proceed to H.R. 3081?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The acting leader is correct.

Mr. CASEY. Therefore, Senators should note that two rollcall votes could occur beginning at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M.

TOMORROW

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate today, I now ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:01 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nomination received by the Senate:

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PAIGE EVE ALEXANDER, OF GEORGIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, VICE DOUGLAS MENARCHIK, RESIGNED.