

SENATE RESOLUTION 232—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT AUGUST 30, 2015, BE OBSERVED AS “1890 LAND-GRANT INSTITUTIONS QUASQUICENTENNIAL RECOGNITION DAY”

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. PERDUE, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WARNER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. CARPER, and Mr. COTTON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:

S. RES. 232

Whereas the Act of August 30, 1890 (7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.), popularly known as the “Second Morrill Act”, led to the creation of 19 historically black Federal land-grant educational institutions;

Whereas the 19 historically black 1890 land-grant universities are identified as Lincoln University, Alcorn State University, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Alabama A&M University, Prairie View A&T University, Southern University, Virginia State University, Kentucky State University, the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Florida A&M University, Delaware State University, North Carolina A&T University, Fort Valley State University, South Carolina State University, Langston University, Tennessee State University, Tuskegee University, Central State University, and West Virginia State University;

Whereas the Act of May 8, 1914 (7 U.S.C. 341), popularly known as the “Smith-Lever Act”, provided for the establishment of the Cooperative Extension Service within the Department of Agriculture for the dissemination, through Federal land-grant institutions, of information pertaining to agriculture and home economics; and

Whereas appropriate recognition should be given to the contributions made by the 19 historically black Federal land-grant institutions to the heritage, educational development, and agricultural strength of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) August 30, 2015, should be designated as “1890 Land-Grant Institutions Quasquicentennial Recognition Day”;

(2) such day should be observed with appropriate ceremonies and activities to recognize the collective contributions that these institutions have made to the United States;

(3) the Second Morrill Act and the Smith-Lever Act have helped the United States develop agricultural leaders; and

(4) the Department of Agriculture and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture should remain committed to supporting the goals of the Second Morrill Act and the Smith-Lever Act.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2528. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2266 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2529. Mr. JOHNSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2266 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2530. Mr. JOHNSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2531. Mr. JOHNSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2532. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2527 submitted by Mr. INHOFE and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 2266 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2533. Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2421 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the amendment SA 2266 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 22, supra.

SA 2534. Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. WARNER, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2421 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the amendment SA 2266 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2535. Mrs. FISCHER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2272 submitted by Mr. TESTER and intended to be proposed to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2536. Mr. MCCONNELL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2537. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2528. Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. MARKEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2266 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 52204 and insert the following:

SEC. 52204. STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DRAWDOWN AND SALE.

(a) DRAWDOWN AND SALE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 161 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6241), except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary of Energy shall drawdown and sell from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve—

(A) the quantity of barrels of crude oil that the Secretary of Energy determines to be appropriate to maximize the financial return to United States taxpayers for each of fiscal years 2016 and 2017;

(B) 4,000,000 barrels of crude oil during fiscal year 2018;

(C) 5,000,000 barrels of crude oil during fiscal year 2019;

(D) 8,000,000 barrels of crude oil during fiscal year 2020;

(E) 8,000,000 barrels of crude oil during fiscal year 2021;

(F) 10,000,000 barrels of crude oil during fiscal year 2022;

(G) 16,000,000 barrels of crude oil during fiscal year 2023;

(H) 25,000,000 barrels of crude oil during fiscal year 2024; and

(I) 25,000,000 barrels of crude oil during fiscal year 2025.

(2) DEPOSIT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM SALE.—Amounts received from a sale under paragraph (1) shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury during the fiscal year in which the sale occurs.

(b) EMERGENCY PROTECTION.—In any 1 fiscal year described in subsection (a)(1), the Secretary of Energy shall not drawdown and sell crude oil under this section in quantities that would result in a Strategic Petroleum Reserve that contains an inventory of petroleum products representing fewer than 90 days of emergency reserves, based on the average daily level of net imports of crude oil and petroleum products in the calendar year preceding that fiscal year.

(c) INCREASE; LIMITATION.—

(1) INCREASE.—The Secretary of Energy may increase the drawdown and sales under subparagraphs (A) through (I) of subsection (a)(1) as the Secretary of Energy determines to be appropriate to maximize the financial return to United States taxpayers.

(2) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Energy shall not drawdown or conduct sales of crude oil under this section after the date on which a total of \$9,050,000,000 has been deposited in the general fund of the Treasury from sales authorized under this section.

SA 2529. Mr. JOHNSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2266 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL to the bill H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . CLEARING TRAINS FROM GRADE CROSSINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Moving Obstructed Trains Into Openings Now (MOTION) Act”.

(b) GRADE CROSSING EXCEPTION.—

(1) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 211 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 21110. Grade crossing exception.

“Employees may be allowed to remain or go on duty for a period in excess of the limitations established under this chapter to the extent necessary to clear a blockage of vehicular traffic at a grade crossing.”.

(2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections for chapter 211 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following:

“21110. Grade crossing exception.”.

SA 2530. Mr. JOHNSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage