

This effort is a crucial component of good stewardship of our planet—really saving our planet. Our First Nations talk about thinking about the seventh generation. In a single generation, we have seen substantial impacts occurring right in our local communities. Every State can cite the impact. None of us is expecting that there is going to be quick action on Capitol Hill. It is grassroots organizing that came together and said we should not turn on the tap to the tar sands in Canada because it is the dirtiest oil on the planet. It is grassroots organizing that has come together and said that drilling in the Arctic is the height of irresponsibility. It is going to be grassroots efforts across this Nation that come together and say to us in the Halls of the Senate and the Halls of the House: Please act. Please exercise your responsibility as stewards of our planet. Please stop this egregious attack on rural America, on our forests, our farming, and our fishing—because on Capitol Hill, the voice heard right now is not the voice of common sense, it is not the voice of stewardship; it is the voice of those who own the oil and the coal who have invested massive amounts in the elections in the House and the elections in the Senate.

They have come up here and said they plan to invest nearly \$1 billion in the 2016 election. The Citizens United court case has opened the door wide open to this corruption of common sense, this corruption of stewardship, this corruption of the democratic process. So it is going to be grassroots that make a difference, to rally, to keep it in the ground. This message is one that should be debated in every congressional campaign. It should be debated in every Senate campaign. It should be debated in the Presidency. It should be debated in December in Paris when nations comes together. It should be debated in other nations that have public assets, as they ask how are they going to be good public stewards, because we need the international community working together.

Yes, we can work on the demand side—fuel efficiency and better insulated buildings—but we need to work on the supply side of keeping fossil fuels in the ground as well. We need to attack this problem from every direction. In doing so, as we transition from a fossil fuel economy to a clean energy economy, we are going to create millions of good-paying jobs. In doing so, we need to make sure that in that transition we don't leave our workers behind.

Those working in the fossil fuel industry have spent their lives providing the energy that has fueled tremendous growth in our economy, often at the expense of their personal family health and their families well-being. So this must not be a green-versus-blue transition from fossil fuels to clean energy, but it has to be green and blue together, side by side fighting for the environment and fighting for our work-

ers. We will not leave our workers behind.

It has been said that we are the first generation who feels the impact of global warming, and we are the last generation who can do something about it. So the choice is simple. Let us take on the climate challenge as policymakers and stewards. Let us take on the climate challenge fighting for rural America because of the terrible impact warming is having on our forests, our fishing, and our farms.

Let us make our Federal lands off limits. Let us do the smart thing. In terms of those Federal citizen-owned reserves of fossil fuels, let us keep it in the ground.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 305—COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE KANSAS CITY ROYALS ON THEIR 2015 WORLD SERIES VICTORY

Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. MORAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 305

Whereas, on November 1, 2015, the Kansas City Royals won the 2015 World Series with a 7-2 victory over the New York Mets;

Whereas the Kansas City Royals won the World Series in Game 5 at Citi Field in New York City, New York;

Whereas the Royals scored 5 runs in the 12th inning of Game 5 of the World Series to take the lead and seal a dramatic win;

Whereas all 25 players on the playoff roster of the Royals should be congratulated, including Johnny Cueto, Wade Davis, Danny Duffy, Kelvin Herrera, Luke Hochevar, Ryan Madson, Kris Medlen, Franklin Morales, Yordano Ventura, Edinson Volquez, Chris Young, Drew Butera, Salvador Perez, Christian Colon, Alcides Escobar, Eric Hosmer, Raul Mondesi, Kendrys Morales, Mike Moustakas, Ben Zobrist, Lorenzo Cain, Jarrod Dyson, Alex Gordon, Paulo Orlando, and Alex Rios;

Whereas the front office, the clubhouse, and all supporting staff and team members of the Kansas City Royals should be congratulated;

Whereas the Royals won a remarkable 95 games during the regular season, which earned the team the best record in the American League;

Whereas the American League won the Major League Baseball All-Star Game, which ensured the Royals home field advantage for the World Series;

Whereas the Royals had 7 players selected to the 2015 Major League Baseball All-Star Game, who should be congratulated, including Alex Gordon, Lorenzo Cain, Alcides Escobar, Salvador Perez, Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis, and Mike Moustakas;

Whereas the Royals earned a postseason berth by clinching the American League Central Division for the first time in team history;

Whereas the Royals earned a second American League Championship pennant in 2 years;

Whereas Royals catcher Salvador Perez received unanimous support for and won the World Series Most Valuable Player Award, after—

(1) hitting .364 in the World Series;

(2) driving in the tying run in the Royals' comeback in the ninth inning of Game 5 of the World Series; and

(3) sparking the Royals again in the 12th inning of Game 5 to seal the eventual win;

Whereas 8 of the Royals' 11 playoff wins came after trailing in the sixth inning or later;

Whereas 6 of the Royals' playoff comeback wins erased deficits of 2 runs or more, a playoff feat which had never been achieved before;

Whereas the Royals narrowly lost the 2014 World Series in Game 7, fueling a determination—

(1) to return to the World Series in 2015; and

(2) to accomplish what the team came so close to accomplishing 1 year earlier;

Whereas the Royals won their second World Series championship title in the 46-year history of the team and their first World Series championship title in 30 years, filling individuals in Kansas City and Royals fans everywhere with pride;

Whereas the Royals showed extraordinary steadiness, teamwork, focus, and love of the game in proving again to be an organization of great character, determination, and heart, a reflection of the city of Kansas City and the State of Missouri; and

Whereas the Kansas City Royals are the 2015 World Series champions: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Kansas City Royals on their—

(A) 2015 World Series championship title; and

(B) outstanding performance during the 2015 Major League Baseball season;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, management, and support staff of the Kansas City Royals, whose dedication and persistence made victory possible;

(3) congratulates—

(A) the city of Kansas City;

(B) the entire bi-state Kansas City metropolitan area; and

(C) Kansas City Royals fans everywhere; and

(4) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the city of Kansas City, Missouri mayor, Hon. Sylvester "Sly" James;

(B) Kansas City Royals president Mr. Dan Glass and Kansas City Royals general manager Mr. Dayton Moore; and

(C) Kansas City Royals manager Mr. Ned Yost.

SENATE RESOLUTION 306—DESIGNATING THE WEEK BEGINNING NOVEMBER 2, 2015, AS "NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK"

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Ms. CANTWELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Mr. COONS, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. KAINE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. PETERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. REED) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 306

Whereas a highly skilled workforce is necessary to compete in the global economy and to support economic growth;

Whereas the national registered apprenticeship system established by the Act of August 16, 1937 (29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.) (commonly

known as the “National Apprenticeship Act”) (referred to in this preamble as the “national registered apprenticeship system”), which has existed for over 75 years—

(1) is an important pathway for workers of the United States;

(2) offers a combination of—

(A) academic and technical instruction; and

(B) paid, on-the-job, training;

(3) provides workers of the United States credentials that are nationally-recognized and industry-recognized;

(4) leads to higher earnings for apprentices; and

(5) develops a highly skilled workforce for the United States;

Whereas registered apprenticeships—

(1) are becoming increasingly innovative and diverse in—

(A) design;

(B) partnerships;

(C) timeframes; and

(D) use of emerging educational and training concepts; and

(2) will continue to—

(A) evolve to meet emerging skill essentials and employer requirements; and

(B) maintain high standards for apprentices;

Whereas the national registered apprenticeship system provides education and training for apprentices in—

(1) high-growth sectors, including—

(A) information technology;

(B) financial services;

(C) advanced manufacturing; and

(D) health care; and

(2) traditional industries;

Whereas, according to the Department of Labor, the national registered apprenticeship system leverages approximately \$1,000,000,000 in private investment, which reflects the strong commitment of the sponsors of the national registered apprenticeship system;

Whereas an evaluation of registered apprenticeship programs in 10 States conducted by Mathematica Policy Research in 2012 found that—

(1) individuals who completed registered apprenticeship programs earned over \$240,000 more over their careers than individuals who did not participate in registered apprenticeship programs;

(2) the estimated social benefits of each registered apprenticeship program (including additional productivity of apprentices and the reduction in governmental expenditures as a result of reduced use of unemployment compensation and public assistance) exceeded the costs of each registered apprenticeship program by more than \$49,000; and

(3) the tax return on every dollar the Federal Government invested in registered apprenticeship programs was \$27; and

Whereas celebration of National Apprenticeship Week—

(1) honors industries that use the registered apprenticeship model;

(2) encourages expansion of the registered apprenticeship model to prepare highly skilled workers of the United States;

(3) recognizes the role the national registered apprenticeship system has played in preparing workers of the United States for jobs; and

(4) promotes conversation about ways the national registered apprenticeship system can continue to respond to workforce challenges in the 21st century: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates the week beginning November 2, 2015, as “National Apprenticeship Week”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing entitled “Zero Stars: How Gagging Honest Reviews Harms Consumers and the Economy.”

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

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy in North Africa.”

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

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2015, at 10 a.m. to conduct a hearing entitled “The Value of Education Choices for Low-Income Families: Reauthorizing the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program.”

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2015, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Nominations.”

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT, AGENCY ACTION, FEDERAL RIGHTS, AND FEDERAL COURTS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights, and Federal Courts be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 4, 2015, at 2 p.m., in room SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled “Justice Forsaken: How the Federal Government Fails the American Victims of Iranian and Palestinian Terrorism.”

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

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that my intern, Peter Narby, be granted the privileges of the floor for the balance of the day.

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

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Joshua Delaney, a staff member in my office, be granted floor privileges for the remainder of this session of Congress.

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

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 306, submitted earlier today.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 306) designating the week beginning November 2, 2015, as “National Apprenticeship Week.”

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

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I 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.

The resolution (S. Res. 306) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today’s RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 5; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 2685, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided in the usual form; finally, that the cloture vote with respect to the motion to proceed to H.R. 2685 occur at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:11 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 9:30 a.m.