

Whereas, Respect Month will function as a time to positively model respect, promote respect, and encourage youth and their peers to do the same for each other, their communities, and mankind; and

Whereas, Adults who can have an impact on children by putting an emphasis on the meaning of and the need for respect in society are invaluable to this cause, and character education brings about a greater respect and appreciation for all. The meaning of respect is ascertained during childhood, and the exhibiting of respect by adults is of great importance; and

Whereas, Proclaiming Respect Month and Respect Your Neighborhood Day will encourage service projects and conflict resolution courses, which are two ways to combat poor self-esteem and lack of self-respect which can lead to violence; and

Whereas, The existing diversity in our communities must be admired, appreciated, and valued, but without respect, this society will not achieve its full potential; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate October 2002 as Respect Month and October 30, 2002, as Respect Your Neighborhood Day on a permanent basis in the state of Michigan; and be it further

Resolved, That we urge President George W. Bush and the Congress of the United States to make such proclamations for the country as a whole; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-307. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland relative to September 11, 2001; ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLUTION

Be it hereby known to all that The Maryland General Assembly offers this resolution as an expression of sympathy in remembrance of September 11, 2001, when foreign terrorists conducted inhumane, murderous attacks on the United States.

The entire membership offers its deepest sympathy, its unwavering support, and its sincere concern to the families, friends, and the Nation.

The General Assembly directs this Resolution be presented on this 9th day of January, 2002, and that copies of this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, George W. Bush, all members of the United States Congress, the Governor of New York and Mayor of New York City, the Governor of Virginia, and the Governor of Pennsylvania.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES RECEIVED DURING RECESS

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of August 1, 2002, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 2, 2002:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1971: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to protect the retirement security of American workers by ensuring that pension assets are adequately diversified and by providing workers with adequate access to, and information about, their pension plans, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-242).

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of July 29, 2002, the following reports of committees were submitted on August 28, 2002:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 351: A bill to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to reduce the quantity of mercury in the environment by limiting use of mercury fever thermometers and improving collection, recycling, and disposal of mercury, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-243).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1079: A bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to provide assistance to communities for the redevelopment of brownfield sites. (Rept. No. 107-244).

By Mr. KENNEDY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 710: A bill to require coverage for colorectal cancer screenings. (Rept. No. 107-245).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1210: A bill to reauthorize the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996. (Rept. No. 107-246).

S. 2711: A bill to reauthorize and improve programs relating to Native Americans. (Rept. No. 107-247).

S. 1344: A bill to provide training and technical assistance to Native Americans who are interested in commercial vehicle driving careers. (Rept. No. 107-248).

S. 2017: A bill to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to improve the effectiveness of the Indian loan guarantee and insurance program. (Rept. No. 107-249).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CAMPBELL, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 210: A bill to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance abuse programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-250).

By Mr. KERRY, from the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2753: A bill to provide for a Small and Disadvantaged Business Ombudsman for Procurement in the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-251).

By Mr. INOUE, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 1308: A bill to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Quinault Indian Nation under United States Claims Court Dockets 772-72, 773-71, and 775-71, and for other purposes. (Rept. No. 107-252).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. BIDEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations:

Treaty Doc. 103-5 1990 Protocol to the 1983 Maritime Environment of the Wider Caribbean

Region Convention (Exec. Rept. No. 107-8)

TEXT OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION OF RATIFICATION

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein),

Section 1. Advice and Consent to Ratification of the Protocol Concerning Specifically Protected Areas and Wildlife to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, subject to Reservations, an Understanding, and a Declaration.

The Senate advises and consents to the ratification of the Protocol Concerning Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife to the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, including Annexes, done at Kingston on January 18, 1990 (Treaty Doc. 103-5), subject to the reservations in section 2, the understanding in Section 3, and the declaration in Section 4.

Section 2. Reservations.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following reservations, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification.

(1) The United States of America does not consider itself bound by Article 11(1) of the Protocol to the extent that United States law permits the limited taking of flora and fauna listed in Annexes I and II—

(A) which is incidental, or

(B) for the purposes of public display, scientific research, photography for educational or commercial purposes, or rescue and rehabilitation.

(2) The United States has long supported environmental impact assessment procedures, and has actively sought to promote the adoption of such procedures throughout the world. U.S. law and policy require environmental impact assessments for major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, although the United States expects that it will, for the most part, be in compliance with Article 13, the United States does not accept an obligation under Article 13 of the Protocol to the extent that the obligations contained therein differ from the obligations of Article 12 of the Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region.

(3) The United States does not consider the Protocol to apply to six species of fauna and flora that do not require the protection provided by the Protocol in U.S. territory. These species are the Alabama, Florida and Georgia populations of least tern (*Sterna antillarum*), the Audubon's shearwater (*Puffinus lherminieri*), the Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas population of the wood stork (*Mycteria americana*) and the Florida and Alabama populations of the brown pelican (*Pelicanus occidentalis*), which are listed on Annex II, as well as the fulvous whistling duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*), and the populations of widgeon or ditch grass (*Ruppia maritima*) located in the continental United States, which are listed on Annex III.

Section 3. Understanding.

The advice and consent of the Senate under section 1 is subject to the following understanding, which shall be included in the instrument of ratification:

The United States understands that the Protocol does not apply to non-native species, defined as species found outside of their natural geographic distribution, as a result of deliberate or incidental human intervention. Therefore, in the United States, certain exotic species, such as the muscovy duck (*Carina moschata*) and the common iguana (*Iguana iguana*), are not covered by the obligations of the Protocol.