

S. RES. 333

Whereas the peoples of the Philippine archipelago have a long and proud history, and today, as the Republic of the Philippines, embrace democracy, occupy a central strategic position in Asia and the Pacific, and nurture a rich and diverse cultural heritage;

Whereas the United States and the Philippines have enjoyed a long and productive relationship, including the period of United States governance between 1898 and 1946, and the period post-independence starting in 1946, during which the Philippines has taken its place among the community of nations and has been one of our country's most loyal and reliable allies internationally;

Whereas the bonds between our 2 countries have been strengthened through sustained immigration from the Philippines to the United States;

Whereas the 2000 census counted almost 2,400,000 Americans of Filipino ancestry living in all parts of our country, including the top 2 States, California, with almost 1,100,000 Filipino Americans, and Hawaii, with some 275,000;

Whereas the contributions of Filipino Americans to the United States include achievement in all segments of our society, including, to name a few, labor, business, politics, medicine, media and the arts;

Whereas Filipino Americans have especially served with distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States throughout the history of our long relationship, from World Wars I and II through the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, and today in Afghanistan and Iraq;

Whereas within the United States, Filipino Americans retained many of their country's proud cultural traditions and contribute immeasurably to the diverse tapestry of today's American experience;

Whereas Filipino Americans have also maintained close ties to their friends and relatives in the Philippines and in doing so play an indispensable role in maintaining the strength and vitality of the United States-Philippines relationship;

Whereas both the Filipino experience in the United States and the resultant ties between our 2 great countries began in earnest in 1906, when 15 Filipino contract laborers arrived in the then-Territory of Hawaii to work on the islands' sugar plantations, the beginnings of an emigration from the Philippines to Hawaii which, during the subsequent century, has sometimes exceeded 60,000 a year, making Filipinos the largest immigrant group from the Asia-Pacific region;

Whereas 1906 also saw the first class of 200 "pensionados" arrive from the Philippines to obtain United States educations with the intent of returning, although many later became United States citizens and helped form the foundation of today's Filipino-American community;

Whereas the story of America's Filipino-American community is little known and rarely told, yet is the quintessential immigrant story of early struggle, pain, sacrifice, and broken dreams, leading eventually to success in overcoming ethnic, social, economic, political, and legal barriers to win a well-deserved place in American society;

Whereas our Filipino-American community will recognize a century of achievement in the United States in 2006 through a series of nationwide celebrations and memorials honoring the centennial of sustained immigration from the Philippines; and

Whereas this centennial is for all Americans of whatever ethnic origin to celebrate both with and in order to understand and appreciate our Filipino-American community, but also as a remembrance of the struggles

and triumphs of all of our predecessors and in honor of our common national experience: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the centennial of sustained immigration from the Philippines to the United States;

(2) acknowledges the achievements and contributions of Filipino Americans over the past century; and

(3) urges the people of the United States to observe this milestone with appropriate celebratory and educational programs, ceremonies and other activities.

#### SHAREHOLDER CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS UNDER THE ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 182, S. 449.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 449) to facilitate shareholder consideration of proposals to make Settlement Common Stock under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. I ask unanimous consent the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 449) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 449

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT.

Section 36(d)(3) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1629b) is amended—

(1) by striking "(d)(3)" and inserting "(3)";

(2) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "of this section" and inserting "or an amendment to articles of incorporation under section 7(g)(1)(B)";

(3) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) by striking " , or" and inserting " ; or"; and

(B) by striking "such resolution" and inserting "the resolution or amendment to articles of incorporation"; and

(4) in subparagraph (B), by striking "such resolution" and inserting "the resolution or amendment to articles of incorporation".

#### ALLOWING BINDING ARBITRATION CLAUSES TO BE INCLUDED IN ALL CONTRACTS AFFECTING LAND WITHIN THE GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY RESERVATION

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 327, which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 327) to allow binding arbitration clauses to be included in all contracts affecting land within the Gila River Indian Community Reservation.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements related to the bill be printed in the record.

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

The bill (H.R. 327) was read the third time and passed.

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2005

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 15. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then proceed to the conference report to accompany the Labor-HHS bill, as under the order.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the first 90 minutes be under the control of Senator HARKIN. I further ask unanimous consent that following the use or yielding back of that time, the conference report be set aside, the Senate resume consideration of the PATRIOT conference report, and that the next 2 hours be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; provided further that following that 2-hour time period, the Senate stand in recess until 2:15 for the policy lunch to meet. I also ask unanimous consent that the time from 2:15 to 3:30 be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees; provided further that at 3:30 the Senate resume consideration of the House message to accompany S. 1932, with all time having been considered used, and the Senate proceed to a series of votes in relation to the remaining motions in the order offered; that the order of motions would be DeWine, Kohl, Kennedy, and Reed; and finally, I ask unanimous consent there be 2 minutes equally divided between each of those votes.

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

#### PROGRAM

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, tomorrow we will be considering several measures throughout the day. We will begin the day with debate on the Labor-HHS appropriations conference report. We will resume debate on the