

that neither measure intends to affect any of the other sorts of transactions that might otherwise be subject to section 464 or to affect in any way the application of any other Federal laws that might apply to lands that are covered by section 464.

We are also making clarifying amendments to AIPRA relating to the effective date of its amendments and to its amendments to the "Applicable Federal Law" provisions of section 207(g) of the Indian Land Consolidation Act. With respect to the former, the substitute includes technical amendments to the effective date section of AIPRA, section 8(b) of AIPRA, to make it clear that the amendments that were made to 25 U.S.C. 464 and 25 U.S.C. 348 are intended to take effect 1 year after the date on which the Secretary of Interior certified that notice of the AIPRA amendments had been given to Indian country in accordance with AIPRA section 8(a), and that sections 348 and 464, as they read immediately prior to the passage of AIPRA, would continue to apply until the effective date of the new amendments.

Finally, the substitute also makes some minor changes to the wording of section 207(g) of ILCA just to further clarify congressional intent that nothing in ILCA supercedes or affects the application of special laws that relate to specific Indian tribes or the allotted lands of specific tribes.

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee substitute at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, 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 amendment (No. 3587) was agreed to.

(The amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Text of Amendments.")

The bill (H.R. 3351), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT OR RECESS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 382, the adjournment resolution; provided that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 382) was agreed to, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 382

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on the legislative day of Thursday, April 6, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand adjourned until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to

section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first; and that when the Senate recesses or adjourns on any day from Thursday, April 6, 2006, through Sunday, April 9, 2006, on a motion offered pursuant to this concurrent resolution by its Majority Leader or his designee, it stand recessed or adjourned until noon on Monday, April 24, 2006, or such other time on that day as may be specified by its Majority Leader or his designee in the motion to recess or adjourn, or until the time of any reassembly pursuant to section 2 of this concurrent resolution, whichever occurs first.

SEC. 2. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate, or their respective designees, acting jointly after consultation with the Minority Leader of the House and the Minority Leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the House and the Senate, respectively, to reassemble at such place and time as they may designate if, in their opinion, the public interest shall warrant it.

APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO REPORT

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the Senate's adjournment, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on April 20, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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

CONGRATULATING THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H. Con. Res. 366 which was received from the House.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 366) to congratulate the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on the 21st anniversary of the first flight of the space transportation system.

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

Mrs. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, there have been times that we, as a nation, have become so accustomed to successful space shuttle launches that we barely heard about them on the

evening news. One hundred and fourteen successful missions have provided a wealth of information and research results that are seen and felt in our everyday lives. Yet few of us could identify these as having resulted from Space Shuttle research.

Today, the Space Shuttle is viewed by many as an over-aged relic of the past and the vehicle whose two failures in the past 24 years of its service cost the lives of 14 brave astronauts. As tragic and unforgettable as the *Challenger* and *Columbia* accidents were, we must honor the memory of their crews by honoring the task for which they gave their lives. I am proud that our Nation has chosen to learn everything possible from those tragic losses to minimize the risks that will always be present in human space flight and to move forward to keep the dream of spaceflight alive.

It is appropriate today, as we consider House Concurrent Resolution 366, to reach back to the very beginning of space shuttle nights to the day, 25 years ago next week—April 12, 1981, at 7 a.m. eastern time. On that morning, the space shuttle *Columbia* lifted off on her maiden voyage, carrying two brave and intrepid explorers, Commander John Young and Pilot Robert Crippen. They orbited the Earth 36 times in two days, six hours and twenty minutes, landing in California at Edwards Air Force Base on April 14, 1981, at 1:20 p.m. eastern time. This first mission of a reusable spacecraft marked the beginning of a new era in human spaceflight.

This era also provided the Nation and the world with new and incredible views of our Earth as seen from orbit. It also provided a continuous stream of important microgravity research that has found its way into medical devices, treatment procedures, computer enhancements, communications technologies, and a host of other practical applications that generally go unnoticed. The Great Telescopes, such as Hubble, Chandra and the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory, were all made possible by the Space Shuttle. In the case of the Hubble, its inestimable value as a research tool was both rescued by the Space Shuttle and extended by servicing missions not possible without the Space Shuttle.

In the next several years, as the Space Shuttle completes the mission for which it was designed—completing the assembly and outfitting of the International Space Station—we will move into a new era of human spaceflight. We will experience new firsts and enter new names into the history books of those who accomplish the important milestones along our way to the Moon, Mars and beyond.

None of that would be possible, however, without the service of those who have gone before, and especially those two heroes we honor and recognize today. These two men took a vehicle never flown before on a journey of over a million miles. By any standard, that is an impressive first step.