

Whereas more than 30,000 members of the United States Armed Forces were wounded serving in support of operations in Iraq;

Whereas families of the members of the United States Armed Forces serving in Iraq endured repeated deployments and spent many holidays, birthdays, and anniversaries apart;

Whereas, after nearly nine years of combat, we welcome home our veterans and continue to support members of the United States Armed Forces deployed in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the world;

Whereas Iraq's destiny and future development now lie with its people; and

Whereas the people of the United States recognize the service and sacrifices made by those members of the United States Armed Forces and veterans, as well as their families: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) pays tribute to the members of the United States Armed Forces who served in support of operations in Iraq;

(2) calls on the people of the United States to reflect on the service of those members of the United States Armed Forces, veterans, and their families, and honor their sacrifices; and

(3) commemorates and honors the contributions made by members of the United States Armed Forces and their families, as the official combat mission in Iraq draws to a close.

SENATE RESOLUTION 350—EX-PRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE RECENT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

Mr. LEE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 350

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

(1) all political leaders in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the supporters of those leaders should act responsibly, renounce violence, and resolve any disagreements regarding the presidential election of November 2011 through peaceful, constructive dialogue and existing legal remedies;

(2) the authorities of the Democratic Republic of the Congo should conduct a rapid technical review of the electoral process to—

(A) investigate the cause of any voting irregularities;

(B) suggest ways in which governance could be structured to give better effect to the will of the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and

(C) provide guidance for future elections;

(3) the authorities of the Democratic Republic of the Congo should complete the electoral process with maximum openness and transparency; and

(4) the United States Government should engage with other governments in Central Africa and ask those governments to reach out to President Joseph Kabila and opposition candidate Etienne Tshisekedi to encourage the 2 leaders to embrace a peaceful solution to the potential impasse facing the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

SENATE RESOLUTION 351—RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND COMMEMORATING THE NUMEROUS ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE ALASKA NATIVE PEOPLE OVER THE PAST 40 YEARS

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. BEGICH) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 351

Whereas on December 18, 1971, Public Law 92-203 (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) was enacted to settle long-standing issues of Alaska Native aboriginal land claims;

Whereas the pioneering work of Alaska Native leaders has created a lasting legacy of professional and personal success;

Whereas Alaska Native people have prospered from their own initiative and innovative approaches to fostering economic development through self-determination;

Whereas Alaska Natives have produced a significant number of educated Alaska Natives who now serve in positions of leadership in the State of Alaska and beyond;

Whereas Alaska Native people have risen to the challenge of independently and productively managing their aboriginal land, which has fostered sustainable businesses and created employment opportunities for the people of the United States, both across the country and globally;

Whereas Alaska Native people continue to serve in positions of leadership in the State of Alaska and beyond;

Whereas the dedication and enthusiasm of the next generation of Alaska Native leaders honors the previous generation of Alaska Native leaders who worked diligently to achieve the most significant Native land settlement in the history of the United States;

Whereas the next generation of Alaska Native people will continue to make positive changes in the world around them through acquired leadership skills, cultural advocacy, and community engagement;

Whereas the people of the United States have reason to commemorate the economic and political contributions of Alaska Native people; and

Whereas the people of the United States have reason to honor the tremendous educational, social, political, economic, and cultural achievements of the Alaska Native people over the past 40 years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes December 18, 2011, as the 40th anniversary of the original enactment of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (Public Law 92-203; 43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);

(2) recognizes the significant educational, economic, political, and cultural contributions of the Alaska Native people over the past 40 years; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to participate in activities that show support for the success of the Native people and tribes of the State of Alaska.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1465. Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes.

SA 1466. Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3630, supra.

SA 1467. Mr. REID (for Mr. BURR) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1959, to require a report on the designation of the Haqqani Network as a foreign terrorist organization and for other purposes.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1465. Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 3630, to extend the payroll tax holiday, unemployment compensation, Medicare physician payment, provide for the consideration of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX RELIEF

Sec. 101. Extension of payroll tax holiday.

TITLE II—TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROVISIONS

Sec. 201. Temporary extension of unemployment compensation provisions.

Sec. 202. Extended unemployment benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

TITLE III—TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF HEALTH PROVISIONS

Sec. 301. Medicare physician payment update.

Sec. 302. 2-month extension of MMA section 508 reclassifications.

Sec. 303. Extension of Medicare work geographic adjustment floor.

Sec. 304. Extension of exceptions process for Medicare therapy caps.

Sec. 305. Extension of payment for technical component of certain physician pathology services.

Sec. 306. Extension of ambulance add-ons.

Sec. 307. Extension of physician fee schedule mental health add-on payment.

Sec. 308. Extension of outpatient hold harmless provision.

Sec. 309. Extending minimum payment for bone mass measurement.

Sec. 310. Extension of the qualifying individual (QI) program.

Sec. 311. Extension of Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA).

Sec. 312. Extension of the temporary assistance for needy families program.

TITLE IV—MORTGAGE FEES AND PREMIUMS

Sec. 401. Guarantee Fees.

Sec. 402. FHA guarantee fees.

TITLE V—OTHER PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Keystone XL Pipeline

Sec. 501. Permit for Keystone XL pipeline.

Subtitle B—Budgetary Provisions

Sec. 511. Senate point of order against an emergency designation.

Sec. 512. PAYGO scorecard estimates.

TITLE I—TEMPORARY PAYROLL TAX RELIEF

SEC. 101. EXTENSION OF PAYROLL TAX HOLIDAY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (c) of section 601 of the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (26 U.S.C. 1401 note) is amended to read as follows: