

“SEC. 799C-14. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part, such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2011.”

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS**SENATE RESOLUTION 67—DESIGNATING THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH 2005 AS “EXTENSION LIVING WELL WEEK”**

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DEMINT, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARPER, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. JEFFORDS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 67

Whereas the health and well-being of the family is crucial to the functioning of the Nation and to providing adults and youth with the necessary skills and knowledge to help them achieve the best quality of life possible;

Whereas psychologically, socially, and emotionally strong families provide strength for future generations;

Whereas Extension is a nationwide educational network through the land-grant universities, funded cooperatively through the Department of Agriculture, State governments, and local county, city, and parish governments;

Whereas Extension provides non-biased, research-based information through informal education to help adults, youth, families, farms, businesses, and communities;

Whereas Extension education programs are developed at the grassroots level to meet local needs, and are available in nearly every county and parish in the United States and its territories, from the biggest to the smallest;

Whereas information offered by Extension is provided by scientists and researchers at land-grant universities, and is made practical and relevant by Extension educators working at the local level;

Whereas Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educators are advocates for education for families so that the families might gain skills for a full and productive life; and

Whereas the designation of the second week of March 2005 as “Extension Living Well Week” is a fitting tribute to the National Extension Association for Family and Consumer Sciences professionals who provide education that is critical to the quality of life of adults, youth, individuals, and families, including food preparation, food safety, nutrition, financial management, healthy lifestyles, home and work environment and safety, relationship and parenting skills, and much more: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the second week of March 2005 as “Extension Living Well Week”;

(2) encourages the people of the United States to take advantage of the educational opportunities that Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educators provide, education that can help them in raising kids, eating right, spending smart, and living well; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educators as they teach adults and youth and promote optimum health and wellness of families in the United States through the “Living Well” campaign.

SENATE RESOLUTION 68—DESIGNATING MARCH 2, 2005, AS “READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY”

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. REED, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 68

Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education and professional success, and is a source of pleasure throughout life;

Whereas the people of the United States must be able to read if the United States is to remain competitive in the global economy;

Whereas Congress, through the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-110) and the Reading First, Early Reading First, and Improving Literacy Through School Libraries programs, has placed great emphasis on reading intervention and providing additional resources for reading assistance; and

Whereas more than 40 national associations concerned about reading and education have joined with the National Education Association to use March 2, the anniversary of the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, to celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates March 2, 2005, as “Read Across America Day”;

(2) honors Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, for his success in encouraging children to discover the joy of reading;

(3) encourages parents to read with their children for at least 30 minutes on Read Across America Day in honor of Dr. Seuss and in celebration of reading; and

(4) encourages the people of the United States to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 14. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 14. Mr. BAYH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 19, strike line 13, and insert the following:

monthly income.

“(8) Paragraph (2) shall not apply if—

“(A) the debtor, or a member of the debtor’s family, is a member of the uniformed services (as defined in section 101(a)(5) of title 10); and

“(B) the filing under this title was a direct result of debts incurred as a result of a reduction of income due to a change of status from civilian employment to service on active duty (as defined in section 101(d) of title 10) as a member of the uniformed services.”.

On page 146, strike lines 6 through 19, and insert the following:

(b) RESTORING THE FOUNDATION FOR SECURED CREDIT.—Section 1325(b) of title 11, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) Section 506 shall not apply to a claim described in subsection (a)(5) under circumstances other than those described in section 707(b)(8)—

“(A) if—

“(i) the creditor has a purchase money security interest securing the debt that is the subject of the claim;

“(ii) the debt was incurred during the 910-day period preceding the date on which the petition was filed; and

“(iii) the collateral for that debt consists of a motor vehicle (as defined in section 30102 of title 49) acquired for the personal use of the debtor; or

“(B) if—

“(i) the debt was incurred during the 1-year period preceding the date on which the petition was filed; and

“(ii) collateral for the debt that is the subject of the claim consists of anything of value other than the collateral described in subparagraph (A)(iii).”.

On page 259, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

SEC. 605. GAO STUDY OF CAUSES OF BANKRUPTCY FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.

The Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) conduct a study of the frequency and causes of bankruptcy by members of the uniformed services; and

(2) provide recommendations to Congress on how to protect members of the uniformed services, and their families, who file for bankruptcy.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS**COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION**

Mr. LOTT, Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Tuesday, March 8, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., to examine and discuss S. 271, a bill which reforms the regulatory and reporting structure of organizations registered under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code.

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Susan Wells at the Rules and Administration Committee on 224-6352.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS

Mr. CRAIG, Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2004, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 179, to provide for the exchange of land within the Sierra National Forest, California, and for other purposes; S. 213, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Rio Arriba County, New Mexico; S. 267, to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes; and S. 305, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to recruit volunteers to assist with or facilitate the activities of various agencies and offices of the Department of the Interior.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Frank Gladics 202-224-2878 or Amy Millet at 202-224-8276.