

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that Ward Black, Patty Lawrence, and Alan Mackey from my staff be given floor privileges for the duration of the debate on the farm bill conference report.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I am going to do some wrap-up and then yield the floor. It will only take me a couple of minutes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa is recognized.

EXTENSION OF FARM SECURITY AND RURAL INVESTMENT ACT OF 2002

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 6051, 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. 6051) to provide for a temporary extension of programs authorized by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 beyond May 16, 2008.

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

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times and passed and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The bill (H.R. 6051) was read the third time and passed.

SUSPENDING THE ACQUISITION OF PETROLEUM FOR THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 6022, 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. 6022) to suspend the acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes.

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

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

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

The bill (H.R. 6022) was read the third time and passed.

DESIGNATING MAY 15, 2008, AS MILITARY KIDS DAY

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate now

proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 565, which was submitted earlier today.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 565) designating May 15, 2008, as Military Kids Day.

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

Mr. HARKIN. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 565) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 565

Whereas the members of the Armed Forces of the United States are the greatest soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines in the world;

Whereas as individuals and as a group, the members Armed Forces of the United States daily place their lives on the line for the United States, both here or abroad;

Whereas the children of these patriots, even the youngest of them, recognize the incredible service their parents provide, and daily face the challenges of military life, with frequent moves, separation from their loved ones, and uncertainty about the future;

Whereas the voices of these children are seldom heard and their own particular sacrifices seldom acknowledged;

Whereas the children of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States have an important creative outlet through the Annual Essay and Art Contest of the Armed Services YMCA;

Whereas the compelling essays and artwork by military children will be published in My Hero: Military Kids Write about their Moms and Dads; and

Whereas the strength of character, humor and honesty offered by these children are a hallmark for all of us to follow as we face the challenges of everyday life: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the significance of the sacrifices made every day by the thousands of families across the country and the world in support of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States;

(2) expresses gratitude for their fortitude, their strength, their compassion, and their expertise;

(3) supports the efforts of the Armed Services YMCA and the many other organizations that work to assist the military families of the United States;

(4) designates May 15, 2008, as "Military Kids Day" in the United States and at military installations throughout the world.

NATIONAL APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 566, submitted earlier today by Senator JOHNSON.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 566) designating June 2008 as "National Aphasia Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of aphasia.

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

Mr. HARKIN. I ask unanimous consent the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 566) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 566

Whereas aphasia is a communication impairment caused by brain damage, typically resulting from a stroke;

Whereas, while aphasia is most often the result of stroke or brain injury, it can also occur with other neurological disorders, such as in the case of a brain tumor;

Whereas many people with aphasia also have weakness or paralysis in their right leg and right arm, usually due to damage to the left hemisphere of the brain, which controls language and movement on the right side of the body;

Whereas the effects of aphasia may include a loss or reduction in ability to speak, comprehend, read, and write, while intelligence remains intact;

Whereas stroke is the 3rd leading cause of death in the United States, ranking behind heart disease and cancer;

Whereas stroke is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States;

Whereas there are about 5,000,000 stroke survivors in the United States;

Whereas it is estimated that there are about 750,000 strokes per year in the United States, with approximately 1/3 of these resulting in aphasia;

Whereas aphasia affects at least 1,000,000 people in the United States;

Whereas more than 200,000 Americans acquire the disorder each year;

Whereas the National Aphasia Association is unique and provides communication strategies, support, and education for people with aphasia and their caregivers throughout the United States; and

Whereas as an advocacy organization for people with aphasia and their caregivers, the National Aphasia Association envisions a world that recognizes this "silent" disability and provides opportunity and fulfillment for those affected by aphasia: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of, and encourages all Americans to observe, National Aphasia Awareness Month in June 2008;

(2) recognizes that strokes, a primary cause of aphasia, are the third largest cause of death and disability in the United States;

(3) acknowledges that aphasia deserves more attention and study in order to find new solutions for serving individuals experiencing aphasia and their caregivers; and

(4) must make the voices of those with aphasia heard because they are often unable to communicate their condition to others.