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families who have made lasting contributions to our communities and contributed to the economic vitality of our nation. This bill does not propose substantial change, but only a continuation of the prior relief. Last year's temporary extension to April 30, 2001 was designed to benefit immigrants who were in the country by December 21, 2000. This bill will extend the deadline to provide this group of immigrants with more time to file their petitions.

I know that some of my colleagues support the extension, but had concerns with our bill. We worked with them to develop an acceptable compromise. Our bill, with an amendment offered by Senator KYL reflects our promise. Our bill, with an amendment to extend the deadline to provide this group of immigrants with more time to file their petitions.

Some critics are concerned about fraudulent marriages. But the INS, and not Congress, is in the best position to determine whether a case is fraudulent. The INS closely scrutinizes applications based on recent marriages. Under the current law, the INS conducts extensive interviews before deciding these cases, often separately questioning the couples. Anyone who has been married less than 2 years when their application is approved is required to attend a second INS interview 2 years later, in which INS again reviews the case to determine whether there is a bona fide marriage. Only after the second interview will a recently married immigrant receive a permanent green card.

In INS determines that an individual has committed marriage fraud, that person is permanently barred from receiving a green card and can be criminally prosecuted. Many of us feel that this new restriction is unnecessary, and will lead to needless confusion, delay and hardship. But in the spirit of compromise, we accepted this amendment.

I am pleased that we are moving this bill forward, as this legislation will keep immigrant families together. We cannot continue to delay, otherwise the purpose of this legislation—to prevent the separation of immigrant families—will be defeated. This measure is of critical importance to Mexican President Vicente Fox, who is in Washington this week. It is also of critical importance to Mexican citizens. We have agreed to provisions that will help the INS achieve our common goals, and to maintain fair immigration policies.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 126) was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

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Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that on Monday, September 10, at 12 noon, the Senate proceed to the consideration of calendar No. 96, H.R. 2500, the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State appropriations bill; that once the bill is reported, the majority manager or his designee be recognized to offer the text of the Senate committee reported bill as a substitute amendment, and that the amendment be considered agreed to as original text for the purpose of further amendments, provided that no points of order be waived by this agreement.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 112, S. Res. 126.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. Res. 126) expressing the sense of the Senate regarding observance of the Olympic Truce.

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

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 126) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

WHEREAS the Olympic Games are a unique opportunity for international cooperation of people from countries that otherwise could not find a forum to come together:

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Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar No. 113, S. Con. Res. 58.

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

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 58) expressing support for the tenth annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum and for the ideals and concerns of this body:

(1) expresses support for the tenth annual meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum and the representatives of the 27 member countries; and

(2) calls upon all parties to support the endeavors of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum and to work toward achieving the goals of the meeting:

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

Mr. WELLSSTONE. Mr. President, today I congratulate Al-Anon Family Groups on their 50th anniversary. I want to acknowledge their contributions to many individuals, families and communities who come together to support those in recovery from alcohol addiction. The Al-Anon Family Groups have been a source of help and hope for families and friends of alcoholics for 50 years in communities throughout the United States and worldwide. Although Al-Anon, and its group for younger members, Alateen, have their roots in the United States, there are now over 200 Al-Anon and Alateen groups around the world in 115 countries.

The theme for the September 2001 National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month is "We Recover Together: Family, Friends and Community," with its clear message that we need to work together to promote treatment for alcohol and drug addiction throughout our country. The Al-Anon Family Groups is an outstanding example of how a community can support its families, friends and communities of those who are in recovery from addiction.

Scientific research has shown us the devastation that alcohol addiction can have on the brain and the biological systems of the body. But addiction can also damage souls, relationships, families and communities. Effective treatments can help those with addiction illnesses, but it is through the support of groups like Al-Anon that communities and families can join together to make recovery work well for everyone who is affected.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Al-Anon Family Groups for the work they have done to help the countless numbers of those whose lives have been affected. With treatment and support, people can recover from alcohol addiction, and make positive contributions to their families, workplaces, communities, state and nation. Through the support of Al-Anon and Alateen families and friends of those with addiction illnesses can find the support they need in their lives as well.