

have been instrumental in increasing homeownership rates to historic levels; and

Whereas the Federal Government and State and local governments are also actively involved in efforts to provide decent housing for all people in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) fully supports National Homeownership Week;

(2) recognizes the importance of homeownership in building strong communities and families in the United States; and

(3) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States and interested organizations to promote homeownership and to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 48—RECOGNIZING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL FOR ITS WORK IN HELPING FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES TO REALIZE THE DREAM OF HOMEOWNERSHIP

Mr. ALLARD (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. REED, and Mr. BROWNBACK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. CON. RES. 48

Whereas Habitat for Humanity International helps to provide the means for people to achieve the dream of homeownership;

Whereas in 2001, Habitat for Humanity International celebrates its 25th anniversary;

Whereas in 2000, Habitat for Humanity International provided 86,000 people the opportunity to own a home, making it the most productive year in the organization's history;

Whereas Habitat for Humanity International should be commended for building more than 100,000 homes in 76 countries and for giving more than half a million people the opportunity to fulfill the dream of homeownership;

Whereas more than 2,000 affiliates and hundreds of thousands of volunteers worldwide participate in "builds" sponsored by Habitat for Humanity International; and

Whereas many Members of the House of Representatives and the Senate, their spouses, and their staffs have shown a strong commitment to Habitat for Humanity International by personally participating in the building of almost 500 homes as part of the Habitat for Humanity International programs known as "The Houses That Congress Built" and "The Houses the Senate Built": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress—

(1) honors and congratulates Habitat for Humanity International for 25 years of service to the people of the United States;

(2) expresses its appreciation for the work done by Habitat for Humanity International to help so many people in the United States realize the dream of homeownership; and

(3) expresses the hope that Habitat for Humanity International will enjoy many more productive and successful years.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the oversight

hearing that was originally scheduled by the Committee on Indian Affairs on the Goals and Priorities of the Great Plains Tribes for June 12, 2001, at 10 a.m. in room 485, Russell Senate Building has been postponed. The oversight hearing has been rescheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2001, at 10 a.m. in room 485, Russell Senate Building.

Those wishing additional information may contact committee staff at 202/224-2251.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 503 AND H.R. 1885

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I understand that the following bills are at the desk, having been read for the first time: H.R. 503 and H.R. 1885.

So I ask unanimous consent that it be in order, en bloc, for these two bills to receive a second reading, and then I would object to any further consideration of this legislation.

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

The bills will be placed on the calendar.

Mr. REID. Thank you, Mr. President.

EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD FOR ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 11 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 1914 just 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. 1914) to extend for 4 additional months the period for which chapter 12 of title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the bill.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, the Senate is once again passing legislation to retroactively renew Chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code, which protects family farmers and helps them prevent foreclosures and forced auctions of their farms.

While I strongly support providing our family farmers with bankruptcy protection so they can continue farming the land, it is time for Congress to make Chapter 12 a permanent part of the Bankruptcy Code. Too many family farmers have been left in legal limbo in bankruptcy courts across the country when temporary extensions of the chapter expire. I look forward to working with my colleagues to enact Chapter 12 on a permanent basis.

Less than two months ago, Congress passed H.R. 254 to retroactively renew Chapter 12 since it expired on July 1, 2000. H.R. 254, however, renewed the family farmer bankruptcy protections until only June 1, 2001. Now Congress

must once again pass narrow legislation to retroactively renew Chapter 12. This time H.R. 1914 renews Chapter 12 for four additional months—until October 1, 2001.

As I did on final passage of H.R. 254, I again commend Representative NICK SMITH and Representative TAMMY BALDWIN for their leadership in working together to secure House passage of legislation to retroactively renew Chapter 12. Thanks to their bipartisan efforts the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1914 on June 6 by a vote of 411-1.

Senator CARNAHAN and Senator BOND introduced similar legislation to help our family farmers forced into the bankruptcy process. On behalf of family farmers in Missouri and across the country, I commend them for their bipartisan efforts as well.

During the debate earlier this year on comprehensive changes to the bankruptcy system, some proponents of the controversial reform bill claimed that it must be passed to restore Chapter 12 to the Bankruptcy Code. I hope today's action to pass a stand alone Chapter 12 bill will make it clear to all that the Senate does not have to pass a mammoth bankruptcy reform bill to provide family farmers with bankruptcy protection. I also hope today's action will put an end to any efforts to use Chapter 12 as leverage to enact controversial bankruptcy reform legislation. Our family farmers deserve better.

Mr. President, I strongly support H.R. 1914 to retroactively give our family farmers bankruptcy protection if they fall on hard times. It is now time for Congress to permanently establish Chapter 12 as part of the Bankruptcy Code to provide a secure safety net for our nation's family farmers.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read three times and passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 1914) was read the third time and passed.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 11. I further ask consent that following the prayer and the pledge to our flag, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 2:30 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator THOMAS or his designee from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.