

Cultural Center serving our community and our Nation.

Founded in 1976 to celebrate the history and accomplishments of our State's 19 Indian Pueblos, the IPCC includes a museum that honors the continuing contributions of Pueblo people to our State in their own words. The IPCC continues to serve as a gathering space for Pueblo leaders to meet and discuss issues of importance to the 19 Indian Pueblos.

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The IPCC property sits on land that was put into trust for New Mexico's pueblos in 1978, when the Albuquerque Indian School was closed by the Bureau of Indian Education. However, in recent years, disagreement has arisen about the land's tax status. This legislation will remove a clause in the current law that states that this land is not "Indian Country," thereby ensuring that commercial activity on this site remains exempt from State taxation, just like all other trust land.

The bill also includes a clause that explicitly prohibits gaming at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center site, which has earned the support of the All-Indian Pueblo Council, the State of New Mexico, and the city of Albuquerque. Although it was not the intention of the All-Indian Pueblo Council to engage in gaming at this location, that provision puts to rest any concerns of residents who live nearby.

I thank each of the parties who have come to the table in this effort to bolster a place loved by so many across New Mexico's First Congressional District and across our Nation. I'd also like to thank my colleagues from New Mexico, Representative TEAGUE and Representative LUJÁN, for their support as well.

Mr. Speaker, the House Natural Resources Committee reported this bill by unanimous consent on June 16 of this year, and I would ask my colleagues to support the passage of H.R. 4445.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from New Mexico has adequately explained the purpose of H.R. 4445. As long as the Pueblos and the State of New Mexico are comfortable with this legislation, I have no objection to passing it today.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, as a proud member of the Native American Caucus, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 4445, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Clarification Act.

First, I would like to acknowledge Speaker PELOSI and Majority Leader HOYER for their leadership in bringing this important bill to the floor. My colleague Congresswoman HEINRICH, the author of this legislation, has worked hard to ensure that the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is considered a part of tribal lands.

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is a vital part of Pueblo history in New Mexico. Its mission is to preserve and perpetuate Pueblo culture and to advance understanding by presenting the accomplishments and evolving history of the Pueblo people of New Mexico. While the Pueblo people are located primarily in New Mexico, at one time the Pueblo's homeland reached into the states of Colorado and Arizona. Pueblo people rooted in this region of the southwest are descendants of an indigenous Native American culture that has established itself over many centuries.

H.R. 4445, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center Clarification Act, would strike a provision in current law which prohibits the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in New Mexico from being considered "Indian Country." When this provision is removed, it will give the Cultural Center the same tax-exempt status as other tribal trust lands and would prohibit the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department from levying taxes on Pueblo members who engage in business at the center. In addition, the legislation will prohibit any gaming from being conducted on the transferred property.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I support H.R. 4445 because it makes an important correction to current law so that the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center can now be considered tax-exempt. This vital piece of New Mexican and Pueblo Indian Culture deserves our full support.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 4445.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I would simply urge my colleagues to support H.R. 4445, as amended, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4445, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

SALMON LAKE LAND SELECTION RESOLUTION ACT

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2340) to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of

the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 2340

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Salmon Lake Land Selection Resolution Act".

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to ratify the Salmon Lake Area Land Ownership Consolidation Agreement entered into by the United States, the State of Alaska, and the Bering Straits Native Corporation.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **AGREEMENT.**—The term "Agreement" means the document—

(A) titled "Salmon Lake Area Land Ownership Consolidation Agreement";

(B) between the United States, the State, and the Bering Straits Native Corporation on July 18, 2007, which was extended until January 1, 2011, by agreement of the parties to the Agreement effective January 1, 2009; and

(C) on file with—

(i) the Department of the Interior;

(ii) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate; and

(iii) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

(2) **BERING STRAITS NATIVE CORPORATION.**—

The term "Bering Straits Native Corporation" means an Alaska Native Regional Corporation formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) for the Bering Straits region of the State.

(3) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) **STATE.**—The term "State" means the State of Alaska.

SEC. 4. RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the provisions of this Act, Congress ratifies the Agreement.

(b) **EASEMENTS.**—The conveyance of land to the Bering Straits Native Corporation, as specified in the Agreement, shall include the reservation of the easements that—

(1) are identified in Appendix E to the Agreement; and

(2) were developed by the parties to the Agreement in accordance with section 17(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1616(b)).

(c) **CORRECTIONS.**—Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, with the consent of the other parties to the Agreement, may only make typographical or clerical corrections to the Agreement and any exhibits to the Agreement.

(d) **GENERAL AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY.**—The Secretary may carry out all actions allowed or required under the Agreement.

SEC. 5. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Mexico.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Mexico?

There was no objection.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 2340 would ratify an agreement between the United States, the Bering Straits Native Corporation, and the State of Alaska. The underlying agreement provides for the conveyance of certain Federal lands to the Bering Straits Native Corporation and to the State of Alaska. The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act was enacted in 1971. It was intended to resolve long-standing issues surrounding native land claims in Alaska. Under this act, Alaska Native regional corporations are entitled to a certain amount of public lands. The Bering Straits Native Corporation is one of those regional corporations entitled to certain lands.

In addition, the Alaska Statehood Act grants the State of Alaska the opportunity to select a certain amount of public lands for the State's benefit. Normally, legislation is not required to implement these selections. In this case, however, both the State and the Native corporations selected some of the same lands. After years of negotiations, the parties, along with the United States, arrived at an agreement to resolve this conflict.

I want to commend our colleague, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, for his hard work and dedication to this legislation, and I ask my colleagues to support its passage.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I support this bill as sponsored by our colleague from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG). It resolves overlapping selections to the same parcels of land that were filed by the State of Alaska and the Bering Straits Native Corporation pursuant to the Alaska Statehood Act and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. As we learned during the committee hearing on this bill, there is no opposition to its enactment. So I am pleased to support this bill.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 2340, as amended, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 2340, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

SUPPORTING NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1460) recognizing the important role pollinators play in supporting the ecosystem and supporting the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1460

Whereas bees, birds, butterflies, and other pollinators are vital to sustaining a healthy ecosystem;

Whereas pollinators are responsible for an estimated 1 out of every 3 bites of food that we eat;

Whereas diversity of pollinators is necessary for diversity of plant life and the security of our food supply;

Whereas a decline in pollinators would adversely impact animal species that eat pollinating plants;

Whereas colony collapse disorder has caused an alarming decline in the population of honey bees, one of the most important pollinators;

Whereas the United States Senate designated the last week of June as National Pollinator Week in 2006; and

Whereas the majority of States have recognized June 21–27, 2010, as National Pollinator Week: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the importance of pollinators in agriculture and in maintaining our diverse ecosystem; and

(2) supports the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. CARDOZA) and the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. LUCAS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1460, recognizing the important role that pollinators play in supporting the ecosystem and supporting the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

Approximately three-quarters of the world's 250,000 flowering plants require pollinators to facilitate reproduction. In addition, nearly 130 different crops that provide more than \$15 billion per year in farm gate value would cease to exist without our pollinators. In California alone, some 1.3 million beehives pollinate over 600,000 acres of almond trees. There is no doubt that without the healthy population of pollinators that we currently have, our Nation's farmers will not be able to continue to grow many of the high quality and nutritious foods that we enjoy today.

The House Agriculture Committee has paid special attention to the issue facing pollinators, holding several hearings in recent years to review the status of pollinator health issues and including funds in the 2008 farm bill to conduct much-needed research on pollinator health. I'm proud to support this resolution brought by my colleague today, which recognizes the importance of pollinators supporting diverse ecosystems and the crops that produce so many of the foods grown across this great Nation. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I might consume.

I rise in support of House Resolution 1460, recognizing the important role pollinators play in supporting the ecosystem and supporting the goals and ideals of National Pollinator Week.

More than 32 State Governors designated the last week of June as Pollinator Week to bring awareness to the important role pollinators play in our food supply and ecosystem. In my home State of Oklahoma, Pollinator Week was celebrated with a variety of activities and exhibits across the State, including those at the Oxley Nature Center in Tulsa. On a national level, the Pollinator Partnership has launched a Web-based program to highlight specific actions that school groups, farmers, gardeners, and others can take to support pollinators.

It is important that we bring awareness to the importance of pollinators, given the fact that most pollinating species are in a decline. Colony Collapse Disorder, commonly referred to as CCD, continues to plague honeybees and will be a major concern to beekeepers and agricultural communities.

Over the past several years, the honeybee population has experienced a dramatic decline due to a variety of