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DONNA -- do you, by chance,
have a folder on the "Native
American Awareness Week"
(in case you do -- am
enclosing more material on
this one.)

Thanks.

cb



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 18, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *Rourke*

Jack, I discussed the "Native American Awareness Week" proclamation matter with Jerry Elliott.

Elliott now accepts the fact that, in the absence of favorable Congressional action, it is highly unlikely that the President would issue such a proclamation. FYI, Elliott discussed this situation with Ted Marrs during the past week. Elliott did indicate that "Pat Schroeder had extended the deadline for action in the House until the end of next week".

Elliott specifically asked that you contact Senator Hruska, urging him to move the Resolution out of Committee. We had a very "frank exchange of views" on the practice of White House officials pressuring U. S. Senators to take action they are not otherwise disposed to take. Elliott indicated that one of Senator Lloyd Bentsen's staff members stated that "Hruska needed a push from the White House on the Resolution".

Bottom line...I assured Elliott that I would brief you on the entire substance of our conversation, and that, in the event of favorable Congressional action, the President would move swiftly on the matter.

cc: CLeppert
BPatterson

*Get Joe or
Lazarus to Joe 9/23/76
call*



To Mr. Marsh

Date 9/10 Time 3:20

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Jerry Elliott

of Houston, Tex

Phone (713) 483-5226

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TELEPHONED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLEASE CALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Message re
see attached!

5:00

Operator R

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 16, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *Rourke*

Jack, re the attached, Brad Patterson has just advised me that his recollection was inaccurate on Hispanic Week. That proclamation was preceded by favorable Congressional action.

FYI, Brad is of the view that the Native American Awareness Week is not a critical item in terms of the Indian vote. He believes that our system of requiring a prior favorable Congressional action is a sound one. "If you really want to help American Indians and gain some political advantage", Brad says, "the President should sign S. 522, the Indian Health bill". S. 522 is now an enrolled bill and should be acted upon by the President in the very near future.

*R - SIM
today*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 15, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE 

Jack, as you may recall, when Ted Marrs left, it was decided to shift the responsibility for Indian Affairs at the White House from someone in the Baroody operation (Milt Mitler) to Brad Patterson.

After checking with Patterson, he had not really been pulled into the "Native American Awareness Week" proclamation dispute. It has been White House practice, as you know, to reject proclamation requests, unless the Congress has acted favorably first. It is Patterson's recollection, however, that we broke this practice in connection with the Hispanic proclamation. (He is checking this, and will advise.)

FYI, proclamation expert in OMB is Ron Kienlen.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 13, 1976

*R - your
help
ASAP*

MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH
THRU: MAX FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ*
SUBJECT: Proclamation: "Native
American Awareness Week"

Mr. Jerry Elliott, Chairman of the Native American Week Group and an employee of NASA, called to ask the White House to issue a proclamation declaring the week of October 10 - 16, 1976, as "Native American Awareness Week".

Elliott stated that Democrats in Congress were refusing to pass the resolution proclaiming "Native American Awareness Week" introduced by Representatives Rhodes and Risenhoover. The reason stated was that the Democrats feel the proclamation would be too close to the election and therefore the President would benefit from the issuance of the proclamation and to the disadvantage of Carter.

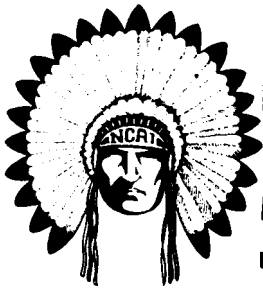
Elliott states that the American Indian community should not suffer the brunt of Democrat politics on this matter. The Indian community has worked on this for over a year and since it has not happened in 200 years, it would be most appropriate for our Bicentennial year. Elliott says Ted Marrs indicated favorable White House consideration and suggests that the President go ahead and issue the proclamation without Congressional action and take the full credit for doing so with the American Indian community.

Elliott also says that a number of states have already issued such proclamations and the Indian community is planning nationwide TV coverage for the events and celebrations planned by the Indian community the week of October 11 - 16.

Elliott strongly recommends the President issue a proclamation as an expression of good faith with the American Indian community.

Can we issue such a proclamation? I need to get back to Elliott with a yes or no answer. Attached is some documentation supplied by the National Congress of American Indians at Elliott's request.





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Mr. Charles Leppert:

I trust everything is in order. If I can be
of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gwendolyn Packard
National Congress of
American Indians

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March 3, 1976

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National Congress of American Indians
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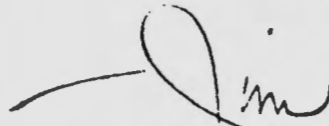
Dear Chuck:

I am enclosing copies of a request and related matters I recently received from Jerry Elliott proposing the establishment of a National Native American Awareness Week.

I would appreciate learning of your views regarding this proposal.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,



James Abourezk

United States Senate



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April 2, 1976

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RECORDING SECRETARY Dear Senator Abourezk:
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Charles Trimble
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The National Congress of American Indians endorses the establishment of a National Native American Awareness Week during the week of October 10 through 16, 1976, and will support the call upon the people of the United States to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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We would appreciate your support of this legislation.

Thank you very much for your continued interest and assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Charles E. Trimble

Executive Director





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April 12, 1976

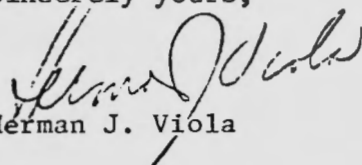
Senator James Abourezk
1105 Dirksen Building
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Abourezk:

I am writing in support of the resolution authorizing the President to proclaim the week of October 10th through 16th, 1976, as "Native American Awareness Week." As you are well aware, many Native Americans feel the Bicentennial hoopla is something in which they can neither share nor welcome. What better way to let them know they are truly a part of the mainstream of American life than to encourage this resolution? True, we already have many days dedicated to national leaders and American activities, yet there is nothing for the Native Americans. Although other minority groups are represented in the American pantheon, no day is dedicated to the memory of an American Indian leader.

It is not too late to do something for the Native Americans as a goodwill gesture in this bicentennial year. I strongly urge you to support this resolution.

Sincerely yours,


Herman J. Viola

cc: J.C. Elliot

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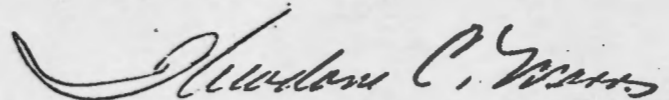
April 19, 1976

Dear Mr. Elliott:

I can assure you that if the Congress handles the Native American Awareness Week proposal on a timely basis that we will go along with it here.

This type of symbolism contributes significantly to the development of understanding and ultimate substantive action.

Sincerely,



Theodore C. Marrs
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. Jerry Elliott
Osage Tribe
1515 Seagate Lane
Houston, Texas 77062



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601 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING ANNEX
Washington, D.C. 20515

April 19, 1976

Jerry Elliott
1515 Seagate
Houston, TX 77062

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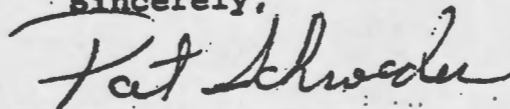
Thank you for your letter regarding the designation of Native American Awareness Week.

As Mr. Terry informed you, I do not take a position on these issues. As he also informed you, if there is a majority endorsement of the Members of the House, the proposal will be reported out of the Subcommittee to the full Committee.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Committee policy for consideration of "commemorative" legislation.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

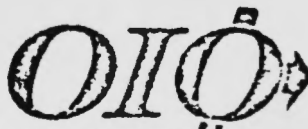


PATRICIA SCHROEDER
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Enclosure

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OKLAHOMANS *for* INDIAN OPPORTUNITY 353 CONSTITUTION, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, TELEPHONE 329-3737

MAY 21 1976

May 18, 1976

Rep. John Rhodes
2310 Rayburn Bldg.
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Attn: Jim Feltham

Dear Congressman Rhodes:

Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OIO) would like to support the efforts to establish the Native American Awareness Week, October 10-16.

We support the Native American Awareness Week because the heritage and achievements of our Native American Citizens are woven throughout our history and Indian Citizens have made and are making important contributions to a wide variety of fields in our country.

We hope that with the establishment of Native American Awareness Week all of our citizens can familiarize themselves with the accomplishments and contributions of our Indian Citizens to the progress and prestige of our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Iola Hayden'.

Iola Hayden
Executive Director

IH:dj



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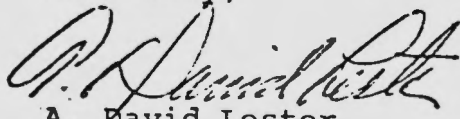
Attention: Jim Feltham

Dear Congressman Rhodes:

The United Indian Development Association strongly endorses the establishment of an American Indian Awareness Week of October 10 thru 16, 1976. Appropriate ceremonies and activities will bring to light the many contributions of American Indians to our nation. In addition such an observance will serve to focus on the unfinished national business of bringing to Indian people a higher standard of living without destroying the Indians' high standard of life.

You can help by supporting this effort.

Sincerely,


A. David Lester
President

ADL/bt



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August 26, 1976

Dear Representative:

This letter is in reference to your "Dear Colleague" letter sent by Congressman Risenhoover's office June 3, 1976, in reference to co-sponsorship of the House Joint Resolution #958, introduced by the House Minority Leader John Rhodes (R) and Congressman Ted Risenhoover (D). The thrust of the resolution would designate October 10-16, 1976 as Native American Awareness Week. This resolution small in this years vast Bicentennial celebrations would be, as Congressman Risenhoover stated in his letter, "a fitting tribute and suitable recognition of the rich history and challenging future of American Indians."

This resolution (H.J. Res. 958), commemorative in justure, costs the taxpayer nothing and would mean a great deal to Indians throughout the country. The central theme of the Native American Awareness Week is to make known the impressive collection of Native American talent and contributions to our society.

We are sorry to say that only 38 U.S. House of Representatives have seen merit to respond to co-sponsor this resolution, when 218 votes are needed. We need your immediate support before this session ends. Please express your support of this resolution (H.J. Res. 958) to Congressman Risenhoover's office (X52701) contact: Julia Platt. America's first citizens thanks you.

Ms. Gwendolyn Packard
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Dear Senator:

On July 30, 1976, Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D), introduced S.J. Res. 209 a joint resolution authorizing the President to proclaim the week of October 10-16, 1976 as "Native American Awareness Week." The National Congress of American Indians urges you to support this resolution.

This resolution (S.J. Res. 209), small in this years vast Bicentennial celebrations would be, as Senator Bentsen stated in his address, "We need to become more aware of what Native Americans have been in the past, what they are now, and how they will continue to contribute to America's greatness in the future. I feel that Native American Awareness Week is one small step in this direction and hope that my colleagues will join me in supporting this resolution."

This resolution (S.J. Res. 209), commemorative in justure, costs the taxpayer nothing and would mean a great deal to Indians throughout the country. The central theme of Native American Awareness Week is to make known to the American public the impressive collection of Native American talent and contributions to our society. What could be a better tribute to our country's first citizens, than the establishment of a Native American Awareness Week in this Bicentennial year?

We need your immediate support before this session ends. Please express your support of this resolution (S.J. Res. 209) to Senator Bentsens office (X45922), contact: Larry Myers. America's first citizens thanks you.

Ms. Gwendolyn Packard
National Congress of
American Indians



TED RISENHOOVER
2d DISTRICT, OKLAHOMA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 3, 1976

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Dear Colleague:

Congressman Rhodes and I have introduced H.J. Res. 958, which would designate October 10-16 as Native American Week. We believe this would be a fitting tribute and suitable recognition of the rich history and the challenging future of American Indians.

In a short while, I plan to reintroduce the legislation which requires 218 co-sponsors. If you are interested in joining in the resolution, please call Kevin Jordan at X52701.

Sincerely,



Ted Risenhoover, M.C.

TR:Csb

NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WEEK

1.	Risenhoover, Theodore M.	Okla.	(D)
2.	Bell, Alphonza	Calif.	(R)
3.	Hughes, William J.	N.J.	(D)
4.	Jordan, Barbara	Texas	(D)
5.	Udall, Morris K.	Ariz.	(D)
6.	Meeds, Lloyd	Wash.	(D)
7.	Stark, Fortney H.	Calif.	(D)
8.	Rodino, Peter	N.J.	(D)
9.	Downey, Thomas	N.Y.	(D)
10.	Flood, Daniel	Penns.	(D)
11.	Rose, Charles	N.C.	(D)
12.	Scheuer, James	N.Y.	(D)
13.	Bonker, Don	Wash.	(D)
14.	di Lugo, Ron	V.I.	(D)
15.	Wilson, Charles	Texas	(D)
16.	Murphy, John	N.Y.	(D)
17.	Burgener, Clair	Calif.	(R)
18.	Conlan, John	Ariz.	(R)
19.	Steiger, Sam	Ariz.	(D)
20.	Keys, Martha	Kans.	(D)
21.	Cornell, Robert	Wisc.	(D)
22.	Carney, Charles	Ohio	(D)
23.	Matsunaga, Spark	Hawaii	(D)
24.	Duncan, Robert	Oreg.	(D)
25.	Bedell, Berkley	Iowa	(D)

NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WEEK

1.	Patterson, Jerry	Calif.	(D)
2.	Spellman, Gladys Noon	Md.	(D)
3.	Beard, Edward P.	R.I.	(D)
4.	Burke, Yvonne Brathwaite	Calif.	(D)
5.	Grassley, Charles E.	Iowa	(R)
6.	Conte, Silvio O.	Mass.	(R)
7.	Baldus, Alvin	Wisc.	(D)
8.	Collins, Cardiss	Ill.	(D)
9.	Cochran, Thad	Miss.	(R)
10.	Chisholm, Shirley	N.Y.	(D)
11.	Abnor, James	S.D.	(R)
12.	Abzug, Bella	N.Y.	(D)
13.	Yatron, Gus	Pa.	(D)
14.	Yates, Sidney R.	Ill.	(D)
15.	Santini, Jim	Nev.	(D)
16.	Bowen, David	Miss.	(D)
17.	Ketchum, William	Calif.	(R)
18.	La Falce, John	N.Y.	(D)
19.	Lago Marsino, Robert	Calif.	(R)
20.	Young, Don	Alaska	(R)
21.	Gude, Gilbert	Md.	(R)
22.	Winn, Larry	Kans.	(R)
23.	Brown, Clarence	Ohio	(R)
24.	Runnels, Harold	N.M.	(D)
25.	Burton, John	Calif.	(D)

NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WEEK

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| 1. Nolan, Richard | Minn. | (D) |
| 2. Ford, William D. | Mich. | (D) |
| 3. Roybal, Edward | Calif. | (D) |
| 4. Meyner, Helen | N.J. | (D) |
| 5. English, Glenn | Okla. | (D) |
| 6. Paul, Ron | Texas | (R) |
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NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WEEK

- BACKGROUND -

The central theme of the Native American Awareness Week is to spotlight the impressive collection of Native American talent and contributions to society that present the greatest growth and self-determination that has ever been assembled in the two hundred years of our country's bicentennial heritage.

Among this collection of talent are current figures who have made notable contributions in education, law, medicine, art, military, science, literature, etc. which further emphasize how native Americans are helping others as well as developing their own potential.

This officially proclaimed week would also give the opportunity to focus national attention on the many positive contributions made to society by native Americans and to more realistically portray the true image of the native American in this great segment of modern America.

Among the anticipated activities that could be planned and organized during this awareness week are:

- o General assemblies, work shops and seminars in the areas of employment, health, education, alcoholism and drug abuse, and Indian recognition.
- o Tribal participation in ceremonial dances, parades, pageants and promotion of other heritage customs, highlighted and documented by television and press coverage.
- o Exhibits in galleries and museums across the nation of native American art, sculpture, artifacts and handicrafts.
- o Fund raising for educational scholarships and financial assistance.
- o A Miss NAAW contest and judging for any young woman who is one quarter or more degree of Indian blood, unmarried, and between the ages of 18 and 25 years. Selection of Miss NAAW will be made on the basis of appearance, poise, Indian characteristics, talents, and dedication to the advancement of Indian people.

Native American Awareness Week

** Background and Rationale **

Beginning with Columbus, people, with rare exceptions, have observed and judged American Indians from their own points of view, failing to grasp the truths and realities of their background and cultures.

When men came to the lands of the New World, they viewed Indian cultures solely in terms that were familiar to themselves, and ignored or condemned what they did not understand. We are a country that is celebrating its 200th year of being, yet many of the misconceptions about the American Indian still prevail today.

Through the years, popular conception of the Indian has often crystallized into unrealistic or unjust images which have still been retained. To many people, Indians still remain out-of-step with the modern world. To many they are silent and remote. And they continue to be stereotyped by the media and the educational system.

More important today in the United States, Indians own a large percentage of reserves of fossil fuels. They also own a big share of the uranium reserves. There is a need to work with the Indian communities to develop these resources. But it must happen through an improved understanding of the American Indian.

The people of America have had too many years of a diet of distorted images of Indians through the communications media. There is evidence and a great desire among non-Indians to learn more about the Indian of today.

Thus, the story of the American Indian in America is something more than the record of the past aggression, broken agreements and prolonged failure. It is a story of endurance, of survival, of adaptation and creativity in the face of overwhelming obstacles. Today, it is a story of enormous contributions to this country--to its art and culture, to its strength and spirit, to its sense of history and its sense of purpose.

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NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WEEK

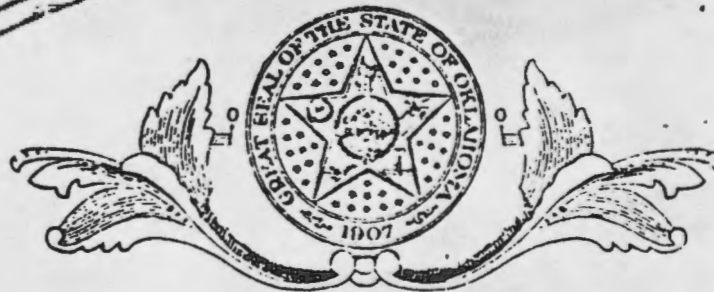
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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS few non-Indian people today recognize the vast contributions made by native Americans to many and varied professions and occupations; and

WHEREAS there is a strong and renewed interest in the self-preservation of all aspects of Indian culture and heritage; and

WHEREAS there is urgency to promote a unified effort of all for the common good, and to bring about a more wholesome relationship among native Americans; and

WHEREAS the native American population is working for a better future, for a revival of participation in the tribal affairs, and for a revival of moral support for the tribal councils; and

WHEREAS the native American communities are voicing greater self-expression and exposure of their values to surrounding communities, and are taking a more active role in the use and development of their skills and resources; and

WHEREAS the native American people made significant historical contributions to the welfare and survival of early pioneers and explorers who ultimately founded the Republic of the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID L. BOREN, GOVERNOR of the State of Oklahoma do hereby proclaim the week of October 10 through 16, 1976, as

"NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WEEK"

in Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.





PROCLAMATION

"NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WEEK"

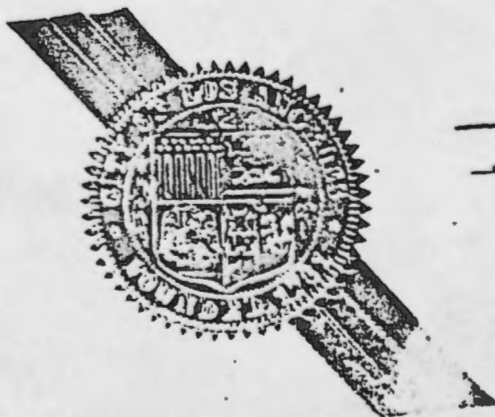
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM BRADLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10 THROUGH 16, 1976 AS "NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WEEK" AND CALL UPON THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES TO OBSERVE SUCH WEEK WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES.

JULY 8, 1976



Tom Bradley
MAYOR



and Vice Adm. Robert C. Gooding, U.S. Navy, for appointment to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; and Lt. Gen. Richard M. Hoban, U.S. Air Force, to be placed on the retired list in the grade of lieutenant general. Also, in the Army Reserve, there are 28 for appointment to the grade of major general and brigadier general; and Adm. Noel A. M. Gayler, U.S. Navy, for appointment to the grade of admiral on the retired list; and 42 in the Navy for permanent promotion to the grade of rear admiral (list beginning with Samuel H. Packer).

In addition, there are 25 in the Army for promotion to the grade of second lieutenant (list beginning with Paul D. Bennett); and 113 in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve for promotion to the grade of colonel and below (list beginning with Dennis W. Confer); and 856 in the Naval Reserve for temporary promotion to the grade of commander (list beginning with Paul F. Abrahams). Also, there are 3,373 for permanent promotion to the grade of lieutenant commander (list beginning with Charles Ervin Aaker); and 1,641 in the Air Force for promotion to the grade of lieutenant colonel (list beginning with George B. Aaron); and 128 in the Navy and Naval Reserve for promotion to the grade of captain and below (list beginning with Robert W. Bush). Also, there are 2,132 in the Army for promotion to the grade of colonel and below (list beginning with Donald C. Blutworth); and 2,112 in the Army for promotion to the grade of major (list beginning with Claude W. Abate). Also, there are 23 in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve for promotion to colonel and below (list beginning with Lee D. Budgett); and 36 in the Air Force Reserve for promotion to the grade of colonel (list beginning with Robert S. Adams). Since these names have already appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and to save the expense of printing again, I ask unanimous consent that they be ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk for the information of any Senator.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. (The nominations ordered to lie on the Secretary's desk were printed in the RECORD of June 21, July 2, and 19, 1976, at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

CONFIRMATION

Mr. STENNIS. Mr. President, I move the approval of the nominations unanimously reported from the Committee on Armed Services. These are nominations for promotion in all of the four services, including the Reserves. This has clearance on both sides of the aisle.

I ask unanimous consent that they be considered en bloc.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the nominations will be considered and confirmed en bloc.

Mr. STENNIS. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the President be notified at once of the confirmation of these nominations.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered. (The nominations confirmed today are

printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mr. Berry, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment to the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5546) to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the programs of assistance under title VII for training in the health and allied health professions, to revise the National Health Service Corps program and the National Health Service Corps scholarship training program, and for other purposes; requests a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and that Mr. STAGGERS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SATTERFIELD, Mr. PREYER, Mr. SYMINGTON, Mr. SCHEUER, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. FLORIO, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. MAGUIRE, Mr. DEVINE, Mr. CARTER, Mr. BROYHILL, Mr. HEINZ, and Mr. MADIGAN were appointed managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendments to the bill (S. 2184) to authorize appropriations for the winter Olympic games, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the Senate; agrees to the conference requested by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and that Mr. STAGGERS, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. ADAMS, Mr. METCALFE, Mr. SANTINI, Mr. SKUBITZ, and Mr. MADIGAN were appointed managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mr. Berry announced that the House has passed the bill (H.R. 13876) to provide for Federal regulation of participation by foreign banks in domestic financial markets, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 14514. An act to permit a State which no longer qualifies for hold harmless treatment under the supplemental security income program to elect to remain a food stamp cash-out State upon condition that it pass through a part of the 1976 cost-of-living increase in SSI benefits and all of any subsequent increases in such benefits.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. GLENN).

HOUSE BILL REFERRED

The following bill was read twice by its title and referred as indicated:

H.R. 13876. An act to provide for Federal regulation of participation by foreign banks in domestic financial markets; to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first time

and, by unanimous consent, the second time, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. CANNON:

S. 3709. A bill to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, to permit air carriers to hold both scheduled and supplemental certificates of public convenience and necessity. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. MAGNUSON:

S. 3710. A bill for the relief of Imelda Jayag Potter. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PHILIP A. HART:

S. 3711. A bill for the relief of Samson Kossivi Kpadenou. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENTSEN:

S. 2712. A bill authorizing the extension of the American Canal at El Paso, Tex., and for other purposes. Referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

By Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. ABOURERK, and Mr. HUMPHREY):
S. 3713. A bill to extend the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

By Mr. BENTSEN:

S.J. Res. 409. A joint resolution authorizing the President to proclaim the week of October 10 through 16, 1976, as "Native American Awareness Week." Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. CANNON:

S. 3709. A bill to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, to permit air carriers to hold both scheduled and supplemental certificates of public convenience and necessity. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. CANNON. Mr. President, I introduce a bill to amend section 401 of the Federal Aviation Act to make clear that supplemental airlines—or charter airlines as they are sometimes called—are not prohibited, by law, from seeking certificates to engage in scheduled air transportation.

In the past several months, my Subcommittee on Aviation has conducted extensive hearings on regulatory reform in air transportation. The administration, the Civil Aeronautics Board, and many in Congress are convinced that present airline regulation is badly outdated and in need of major change.

Particularly in the area of encouraging new and additional competition in the airline industry we find widespread support for ending the closed-door airline system that has existed for many years. I strongly believe that new entrants should be encouraged to enter the business to provide innovative services and existing airlines should consider new service alternatives.

In that regard, the Civil Aeronautics Board recently ruled, in an application filed by World Airways for a low-cost transcontinental air service, that the Federal Aviation Act prohibits a supplemental airline from applying for a scheduled route certificate. This bill will eliminate that legal prohibition.

The sole purpose of the proposed amendment to section 401(d)(3) is to permit the Civil Aeronautics Board to hear such cases and to grant "dual" certificates if it finds that the other statu-



tory requirements are met. It would not require the Board to grant the application of World or any other application, any more than the present law requires that applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity be granted. The burden, as always, would be on the applicant to prove that its proposed air transportation is in "the public convenience and necessity" and that it is "fit, willing and able" to perform such transportation.

In the near future I plan to introduce broad legislation aimed at a major overhaul of air transportation regulation. The bill will deal with the issues of new competition, freedom of pricing, and introduction of new services.

However, the issue of dual certification needs attention immediately, the matter has been extensively covered in our hearings, and a strong record exists indicating there is no merit in a statutory provision automatically eliminating any applicant from entering the scheduled airlines business.

By Mr. BENTSEN:

S. 2712. A bill authorizing the extension of the American Canal at El Paso, Tex., and for other purposes. Referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

AMERICAN CANAL IN EL PASO

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. President, the people in southwest Texas has waited many years for the completion of the American Canal. The structure was proposed to carry water through El Paso, along the Rio Grande River, to the American farmers below the city. The canal was also intended to facilitate our satisfying the 1906 treaty with Mexico to deliver 60,000 acre-feet of water across the border a year.

At this time, the water is directed from the American Canal back into the Rio Grande where a net loss to seepage of 11,600 acre-feet is recorded every year. On its journey, the water is also sent into the Franklin Canal which runs through the heart of a densely populated neighborhood in El Paso. During the last 23 years, 35 people have drowned in this canal.

The engineering works authorized to be constructed by this bill consist primarily of a 1,200 feet per second concrete-lined canal extending from the end of the existing American Canal adjacent to the International Dam in the city of El Paso, to the Riverside Heading, a distance of approximately 15 miles downstream on the Rio Grande. The new canal to be constructed will be comprised of two reaches:

First. A distance of about 1.1 miles from the existing American Canal terminus to connect with a 1.7 mile segment of Franklin Canal reconstruction as a part of the Chamizal Settlement of 1964.

Second. A reach of approximately 13 miles extending from the terminus of the reconstructed Franklin Canal to Riverside Heading.

The plan also involves construction of a major lateral from the American Canal Extension to serve the lower portion of the Franklin Canal service area,

thereby enabling the first 5.2 miles of the Franklin to be abandoned. A small re-lift pumping plant will be installed at the point that the lateral connects with the existing Franklin Canal service through a pressure system, to a limited portion of the Franklin Canal Service area that cannot be served by gravity from the American Canal Extension.

The entire length of the American Canal Extension right-of-way will be fenced to limit unauthorized access to the canal for public safety.

Mr. President, this is an important problem, but one that has taken many years to be reckoned with. It is time to act to improve the situation before another precious life is lost or more valuable water is wasted. I ask for the Congress' consideration of this bill and I have every hope that it will be passed with all deliberate speed.

By Mr. McGOVERN (for himself, Mr. ABOUREZK, and Mr. HUMPHREY):

S. 3713. A bill to extend the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. President, the bill I send to the desk for appropriate reference together with the cosponsorship of my junior colleague from South Dakota (Mr. ABOUREZK) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. HUMPHREY) is simple and straightforward. It merely extends the authorization of the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974 scheduled to expire on December 31, 1976, to September 30, 1978.

For the benefit of my colleagues not familiar with all aspects of this legislation, let me explain that in 1974 we experienced a disastrous drop in the cattle market. Livestock producers and feeders faced the possibility of closing their operations entirely or shifting to different forms of agriculture. The Congress responded with a guaranteed loan program with an 80-percent guarantee to banks willing to finance livestock farmers at commercial rates. In 1975 we amended the earlier legislation to provide for a 90-percent guarantee, a \$350,000 limit, and reduced the authorization for outstanding loans from \$2 billion to \$1½ billion.

Generally, the program has met with reasonable successes. Two bankers from South Dakota who make substantial numbers of agricultural loans have called me recently to advise me of the wide acceptance of the program.

Mr. President, all Members of this body are aware of the crisis conditions that exist in the Upper Great Plains as a result of the most severe drought conditions in 40 years. Foundation dairy and beef herds are going to market in unprecedented numbers due to lack of feed. Many of the counties at least in my State have had multiple designations as disaster areas in the last 5 years. Agricultural losses in South Dakota have been estimated to be as high as \$1 billion and these estimates do not include ripple effects that will be felt in small towns and cities in the coming years.

For these reasons, Mr. President, the

bill I offer today would extend the Emergency Livestock Act until September 30, 1978. I choose this date as one that coincides with the termination of the fiscal year starting October 1, 1977. During this relatively short period of time farmers and ranchers in affected areas should have the opportunity to get back on their feet and hopefully there will be sufficient rainfall to provide a brighter outlook for their future.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of this bill be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the bill was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

S. 3713

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 of the Emergency Livestock Credit Act of 1974 (88 Stat. 291, as amended; 7 U.S.C. Prec. 1961) is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 8. The provisions of this Act shall become effective upon enactment, and the authority to make new guarantees shall expire on September 30, 1978."

By Mr. BENTSEN:

S.J. Res. 209. A joint resolution authorizing the President to proclaim the week of October 10 through 16, 1976, as "Native American Awareness Week." Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce a resolution to authorize the proclamation of Native American Awareness Week. The central theme of Native American Awareness Week is to spotlight the impressive collection of contributions to our society made by American Indians, Eskimos, and Alutics. Among this collection of talents are current and historical figures who have made notable contributions in education, law, medicine, art, the military, science, and literature. We do not pause often enough to recognize how various groups of Americans have helped our country and society become what it is today. I think it fitting that we do so for the oldest citizens of this land.

I think it is also important for us to realize the struggle that native Americans have faced in developing their talents and maintaining their identity. It has been difficult for these Americans to survive as distinct ethnic groups. Indeed, many tribes and groups have disappeared from this land, and the loss of them has somehow made us less than we could have been. During Native American Awareness Week, we should reflect on this great loss.

Not so many years ago, several tribes and groups faced this same extinction. But thanks to a resurgence of interest and concern among native Americans, it is safe to say that America will be able to maintain and develop this part of her cultural heritage. We should recognize and be grateful for the many groups and individuals who are actively working to preserve that which might have been lost.

Another area to focus on is the reality of the struggle faced by many native Americans in taking part in the American dream. Too many of these Ameri-



cans across our country lead a barely subsistence existence on some reservations and in rural and urban slums. Sadly, this happens all too often because we have neglected our responsibilities as leaders and because too many Americans have not been aware of and concerned about these problems. I think that during Native American Awareness Week, we should think of how we can do more to work with native Americans so that all may take their rightful place in society.

Finally, I feel that we should look toward the future of native Americans. Their cultures are not static; what they are now doing is not just simple preservation of that which has passed. New literature, new art, and new thought is now emerging from native Americans, all of which maintains its ties with a rich and colorful past, but which also looks to the present and the future. These developments are probably among the most exciting of this century, and we should learn to appreciate and encourage them.

I think that there are three groups of American Indians who deserve particular attention at this time, since I know that they are representative of the struggles and successes of all native Americans.

The Alabama-Coushatta Indian tribe settled in the Big Thicket area of east Texas in the 1780's, where they became hunters, fishers, and farmers. Because of their friendship with Texas, they were granted reservation lands in 1854. However, the next century proved harsh for the Alabama-Coushatta. By 1910 there were only 202 members of the tribe left alive. The others had fallen victims to undernourishment, disease, and deprivation.

In the latter half of this century, the Alabama-Coushatta have demonstrated their ability to survive adversity and have recovered from these bad times. In fact, the tribe is thriving and is making a valuable contribution to Texas and the Nation. Once dependent on government grants and appropriations, it is now projected that Alabama-Coushatta tribal enterprise revenues which are based on tourism and lumber, will total \$1,500,000 by 1978, without outside assistance. Museums, tours, and campgrounds built and run by the Alabama-Coushatta offer education and recreation to hundreds of thousands of visitors every year.

The Tigua Indians of El Paso are also a people who have seen struggle and success. They are the oldest identifiable ethnic group in Texas. The Tiguas, a Pueblo tribe, came to Texas in 1680 and settled at Ysleta del Sur, just east of El Paso. There they built a mission to their patron Saint Anthony, and the mission stands today as the oldest in Texas. But over the centuries the Tiguas began to lose their lands and their culture.

A few years ago, members of the tribe began to organize to preserve their culture and their rights. Their efforts have been successful. Today, there are over 650 Tiguas in the El Paso area, working in the community and making real contributions to industry and agriculture. The recently constructed Tigua Commu-

nity Building now serves as a focal point for the tribe and also provides visitors with an insight into ancient and modern native American ways of life.

But the part that Indians play in Texas is not limited to these two great tribes. Indeed, there are over 25,000 other native Americans now living in Texas. They reside in all our cities and in nearly all parts of our countryside. They are to be found teaching and learning in our colleges and universities, working on Texas farms and oilfields, and in our space-age industries. All have made valuable contributions to our economy and to our society.

I would like to conclude these remarks by saying that we have much to learn from the Alabama-Coushatta and Tigua tribes and from all native Americans everywhere. We need to become more aware of what native Americans have been in the past, what they are now, and how they will continue to contribute to America's greatness in the future. I feel that Native American Awareness Week is one small step in this direction and hope that my colleagues will join me in supporting this resolution.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 3393

At the request of Mr. FANNIN, the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3393, the Voting Rights Act Repealer Amendments Act of 1976.

S. 3494

At the request of Mr. STEVENSON the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. HUGH SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3494, to establish a Federal Bank Examination Council.

S. 3554

At the request of Mr. PROXMIRE, the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. HUMPHREY), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. MORGAN), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. PELL), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. HUGH SCOTT), and the Senator from Texas (Mr. TOWER) were added as cosponsor of S. 3554, the National Neighborhood Policy Act.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 118

At the request of Mr. JACKSON, the Senator from Ohio (Mr. TAFT) was added as a cosponsor of Senate Concurrent Resolution 118, relating to religious freedom in the Soviet Union.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED FOR PRINTING

EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1976—S. 2567

AMENDMENT NO. 2123

(Ordered to be printed and to lie on the table.)

Mr. ROTH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 2567) to extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, to extend and revise the Vocational Education Act of 1963, and for other purposes.

FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS, 1977—H.R. 14260

AMENDMENT NO. 2123

(Ordered to be printed and to lie on the table.)

LEBANON RELIEF AND REHABILITATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I send to the desk for printing an amendment I propose to offer to the pending foreign assistance appropriations bill, H.R. 14260.

The purpose of this amendment is simply to fund the \$20 million Lebanon relief and rehabilitation program authorized by Congress in Public Law 94-329, the International Security Assistance and Arms Export Control Act of 1976.

On the basis of hearings conducted by the Subcommittee on Refugees, which I serve as chairman, I believe there is no question today that relief and rehabilitation funds are urgently needed for Lebanon, and there is no question that they can be used by existing humanitarian relief programs now underway in Lebanon. One such program is the indispensable work of the American University Hospital in Beirut, which is in desperate need of funds.

I am hopeful that when the foreign assistance appropriations bill comes before Congress after the recess, that this amendment will be favorably considered by the Appropriations Committee, and adopted on the floor.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of my amendment be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the amendment was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2123

On page 5, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following new paragraph:

Lebanon Relief of Rehabilitation assistance: For necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of section 495C, \$20,000,000.

TAX REFORM ACT OF 1976—H.R. 10612

AMENDMENT NO. 2124

(Ordered to be printed and to lie on the table.)

Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H.R. 10612) to reform the tax laws of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 2126

(Ordered to be printed and to lie on the table.)

Mr. GRIFFIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H.R. 10612), supra.

POSTAL REORGANIZATION AND REFORM ACT OF 1976—H.R. 3063

AMENDMENT NO. 2125

(Ordered to be printed and to lie on the table.)

Mr. BUCKLEY. Mr. President, because of the inquiries I have received from colleagues, I would like to make a brief clarifying statement regarding the amendment I intend to offer to H.R. 3063, the postal organization bill. Mr.



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H. J. RES. 946

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 1976

Mr. RISENHOOVER introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President to proclaim the week of October 10 through 16, 1976, as "Native American Awareness Week".

Whereas too few non-Indian people today recognize the vast contributions made by native Americans to many and varied professions and occupations;

Whereas native American people, both on and off the reservations, are receiving too little recognition for their contributions to society;

Whereas to the extent there has been oppression of all Indian tribes and people, many non-Indians have lost or have never fully understood the true image of the native American;

Whereas there is a strong and renewed interest in the self-preservation of all aspects of Indian culture and heritage;



Whereas there is urgency to promote a unified effort of all for the common good, and to bring about a more wholesome relationship among native Americans;

Whereas the native American population is working for a better future, for a revival of participation in the tribal affairs, and for a revival of moral support for the tribal councils;

Whereas the opportunity exists for an improved understanding regarding how the peoples' needs and desires are reflected in the programs and policies of the tribal governments and Federal agencies;

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RISENHOOVER (for himself and Mr. RHODES) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

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