

SEN. INHOFE'S FLOOR STATEMENT

CELEBRATING NATIONAL RADIATION PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS WEEK

NOVEMBER 4-10, 2007

Mr. President, I rise to honor the members of the radiation protection profession and to recognize that the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors and the Health Physics Society have resolved that November 4-10, 2007, should be named National Radiation Protection Professionals Week. I ask that both of their resolutions be included in the record at this time. Since Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen's discovery of x-rays on November 8, 1895, the use of radiation has become vital in the nation's health care, defense, security, energy, and industrial programs. However, if misused, this vital technology can harm and injure those using it or benefiting from it. Members of the radiation protection profession make it their life's work to allow government, medicine, academia, and industry to safely use radiation. By providing the necessary leadership, these professionals protect people from radiation hazards thus enabling society to reap benefits of this remarkable technology. I encourage all citizens to recognize the valuable resource represented by their professional scientific organizations, such as the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, the Health Physics, the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologies, and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. I deeply appreciate the commitment of these professionals and professional organizations, and their contribution to our Nation and the World. I invite my colleagues to join me in celebrating National Radiation Protection Professionals Week.