

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2014

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a Legislative Session to consider H.R. 4302 (Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #573, John Owens to be US Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the nomination. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and vote on final passage of H.R. 4302 (Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014), which will be subject to a 60-year vote threshold. The Senate will then proceed to vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3979 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986/Legislative vehicle for unemployment insurance extension).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 4302 (Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014).

Wyden request to proceed to S. 2157 (Amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments), the bill be read a third time and passed was objected to by Sessions.

Sessions request that the Senate proceed to S. 2122 (Responsible Medicare SGR Repeal and Beneficiary Access Improvement Act of 2014), the bill be read a third time and passed was objected to by Wyden.

H.R. 4302 (Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014).

Sessions Point of Order that the bill violates Section 201-A of S. Con. Res. 21 (Concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008). Wyden Motion to Waive the all applicable sections of that act and applicable budget resolutions. Yeas and nays ordered.

Wyden request to proceed to S. 2157 (Amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments), the bill be read a third time and passed was objected to by Hatch.

Hatch request that the Senate proceed to S. 2122 (Responsible Medicare SGR Repeal and Beneficiary Access Improvement Act of 2014), the bill be read a third time and passed was objected to by Wyden.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #573 (John Owens to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 56-43.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 4302 (Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014).

Sessions Point of Order that the bill violates Section 201-A of S. Con. Res. 21 (Concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2008). Wyden Motion to Waive the all applicable sections of that act and applicable budget resolutions. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive was agreed to by a vote of 64-35.

H.R. 4302 (Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014). The bill was read for a third time. **Final Passage.** Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, the bill will be subject to a 60-yea vote threshold. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill passed by a vote of 64-35.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3979 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986/Legislative vehicle for unemployment insurance extension). The Motion to Proceed is agreed to by **Voice Vote.**

H.R. 3979 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986/Legislative vehicle for unemployment insurance extension).

Reid amend #2874 (Substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2875 (Enactment clause) to Reid amend #2874 (Substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #2876 (Making technical corrections) to Reid amend #2875 (Enactment clause).

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on Reid amend #2874 (Substitute amendment).

Reid amend #2877 (Enactment clause) to Reid amend #2874 (Substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #2878 (Making technical corrections) to Reid amend #2877 (Enactment clause).

Reid Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with Instructions to report back with amend #2879 (Enactment Clause). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2880 (Making technical corrections) with Instructions to the Motion to Commit. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #2881 (Making technical corrections) to Reid amend #2880 (Making technical corrections).

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.R. 3979 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986/Legislative vehicle for unemployment insurance extension).

Reid Motion to Proceed to S. 1737 (Provides for an increase in the Federal Minimum Wage).

Menendez asked that S. Res. 404 (Honoring Cesar Chavez) be agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Objected to by Senator Sessions.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #714 (Maj. Gen. Anthony Rock to be Lt. General, US Air Force).
Cal. #715 (Maj. Gen. Thomas Trask to be Lt. General in the US Air Force).
Cal. #716 (Col. Andrew Toth to be Brig. General in the US Air Force).
Cal. #717 (Lt. Gen. Darren McDew to be General in the US Air Force).
Cal. #718 (Lt. Gen. Bradley Heithold to be Lt. Gen. in the US Air Force).
Cal. #719 (Col. Robert Miller to be Brig. General in the US Air Force).
Cal. #720 (Lt. Gen. William Garrett, III to be Lt. General in the US Army).
Cal. #721 (Maj. Gen. Herbert McMaster, Jr. to be Lt. General in the US Army).
Cal. #722 (Col. Robert Tenhet to be Brig. General in the US Army Medical Service Corps).
Cal. #723 (Col. Bertram Providence to be Brig. General in the US Army Medical Corps).
Cal. #724 (Maj. Gen. Bennet Sacolick to be Lt. General in the US Army).
Cal. #725 (Vice Adm. Michael Rogers to be Admiral in the US Navy).
Cal. #726 (Vice Adm. John Miller to be Vice Adm. in the US Navy).
Cal. #727 (Capt. David Lane to be Rear Admiral in the US Navy).
Cal. #728 (7 Brig. Gens. to be Major Gens. in the US Marine Corps).
All nominations at the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.
The nominations were confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

PN 1058 (Kelly Welsh to be General Council, Department of Commerce). Confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 405 (National Assistant Principals Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 406 (National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 407 (Honoring Former Senator and Rear Admiral Jeremiah Denton Jr.). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of H.R. 3979 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986/Legislative vehicle for unemployment insurance extension). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 8:02 PM under the provisions of S. Res. 407 (Honoring Former Senator and Rear Admiral Jeremiah Denton Jr.).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Menendez amend #2867 (Complete Substitute) to H. R. 4152 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). At 12:00 PM, the Senate is expected to proceed with votes on the Menendez amend #2867, passage of H. R. 4152 and the nomination of Cal. #689, Maria Contreras-Sweet to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3979 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986/Legislative vehicle for unemployment insurance extension). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 4152 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine).

Menendez amend #2867 (Complete Substitute). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 98-2.

H. R. 4152 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine), as amended. The bill was read a third time and agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive session.

Cal. #689, Maria Contreras-Sweet to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #573, John Owens to be US Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 54-44.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3979 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986/Legislative vehicle for unemployment insurance extension). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion on the Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of 65-34.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Cal. #700, Matthew Tueller to be a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to the Republic of Yemen. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 400 (50th Anniversary of the Great Alaska earthquake). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

PN 1059 (). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 2183 (United States International Programming to Ukraine and Neighboring Regions). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 395 (Military and Veterans Caregiver Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 31, 2014 and will be in a Legislative Session to consider H.R. 4302 (Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #573, John Owens to be US Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the nomination. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and vote on final passage of H.R. 4302 (Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014), which will be subject to a 60-yea vote threshold. The Senate will then proceed to vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3979 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986/Legislative vehicle for unemployment insurance extension).

The Senate adjourned at 6:19 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 and will be in a period of Morning Business. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the following nominations:

Cal. #581 (Christopher Cooper to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia).

Cal. #582 (M. Douglas Harpool to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Missouri).

Cal. #583 (Gerald McHugh Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania).

Cal. #584 (Edward Smith to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania).

At 2:30 PM, all post-cloture time will be considered expired, and the Senate will vote on confirmation of the above nominations in which cloture was invoked. The Senate will then proceed to a confirmation vote on Cal. #694 (Joseph Westphal to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia). The Senate will then resume a Legislative Session.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3979 (Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act of 2014).

S. 2157 (Amends Titles 18 and 19 of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainability growth rate and improve Medicare and Medicaid payments). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #581 (Christopher Cooper to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. Cloture was invoked by a vote of 56-43.

Cal. #582 (M. Douglas Harpool to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Missouri). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. Cloture was invoked by a vote of 56-42.

Cal. #583 (Gerald McHugh Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. Cloture was invoked by a vote of 56-43.

Cal. #584 (Edward Smith to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. Cloture was invoked by a vote of 75-23.

Vitter motion to proceed to H R 3521 (Department of Veterans Affairs Major Medical Facility Lease Authorization Act of 2013) and pass the bill was objected to by Sanders.

Sanders motion to proceed to S. 1950 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014), include a sanders amendment (text of S. 1982) and pass the bill was objected to by Vitter.

Cal. #581 (Christopher Cooper to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 100-0.

Cal. #582 (M. Douglas Harpool to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Missouri). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 93-5.

Cal. #583 (Gerald McHugh Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 59-21.

Cal. #584 (Edward Smith to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 59-31.

Cal. #694 (Joseph Westphal to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #573, John B. Owens to be US Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination.

H. R. 3979 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986/Legislative vehicle for unemployment insurance extension). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill.

S. 1827 (Award a Congressional Gold Medal to American Fighter Aces, collectively, in recognition of their heroic military service in defense of our country's freedom throughout the history of aviation warfare). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 387 (Celebrating the 2014 Arctic Winter Games in Fairbanks, Alaska). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 27, 2014 and will proceed with one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Menendez amend #2867 (Complete Substitute) to H. R. 4152 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). At 12:00 PM, the Senate is expected to proceed with votes on the Manendez amend #2867, passage of H. R. 4152 and the nomination of Cal. #689, Maria Contreras-Sweet to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

The Senate adjourned at 7:17 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume post-cloture debate on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 2149 (Provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to and it was placed on the Senate Calendar.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). Laid aside.

The Senate received **H. R. 3771 (Accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the typhoon in the Philippines)**. Since the text of the House bill is identical to S. 1821, the Senate proceeded to its consideration under a previous order. Sen. Durbin's request that the bill be read a third time and passed was agreed to by unanimous consent.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine).

The Senate recessed for Party Caucuses.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM and resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate received **H. R. 4275 (Amend the Employee Retirement Income Act of 1974 and the IRS code of 1986, to provide for cooperative and small employer charity pension plans)**. Since the text of the House bill is identical to S. 1302, the Senate proceeded to its consideration under a previous order. The request that the bill be read a third time and passed was agreed to by unanimous consent.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). The Motion to Proceed is withdrawn.

S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine).

Menendez amend #2867 (Substitute amendment).

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3979 (Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act of 2014).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 396 ().

S. Res. 397 ().

S. Res. 398 ().

The resolutions were agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2157 (Amends Titles 18 and 19 of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainability growth rate and improve Medicare and Medicaid payments). The bill was read for the first time. Further readings were objected to and the bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 and will be in a period of Morning Business. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the following nominations:

Cal. #581 (Christopher Cooper to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia).

Cal. #582 (M. Douglas Harpool to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Missouri).

Cal. #583 (Gerald McHugh Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania).

Cal. #584 (Edward Smith to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania).

At 2:30 PM, all post-cloture time will be considered expired, and the Senate will vote on confirmation of the above nominations in which cloture was invoked. The Senate will then proceed to a confirmation vote on Cal. #694 (Joseph Westphal to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia). The Senate will then resume a Legislative Session.

The Senate adjourned at 7:16 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader Remarks.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 2148 (A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits).

H.R. 3474 (Hire More Heroes Act of 2014).

H.R. 3979 (Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act of 2014).

The bills were read for a second time, en bloc. Further readings were objected to and the bills were placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill was agreed to by a vote of 78-17.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). Post-cloture debate.

S. 2149 (Provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 25, 2014. There will be one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume post-cloture debate on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine).

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM for a Pro Forma Session only.

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 24, 2014 and proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Pro Forma Session only.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 24, 2014 and proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124.

The Senate adjourned at 9:01 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM for a Pro Forma Session only.

The Senate will next convene for a Pro Forma Session only on Friday, March 21, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 24, 2014 and proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124.

The Senate adjourned at 10:31 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2014

The Senate convened at 10:30 AM for a Pro Forma Session only.

The Senate will next convene for Pro Forma Sessions only on the following days:

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 10:30 AM.

Friday, March 21, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 24, 2014 and proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124.

The Senate adjourned at 10:31 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization). Roll call votes are expected throughout the day. The Senate expects to finish the bill today.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization).

Coburn amend #2830 (To establish a \$1,000,000 asset limit for eligibility for child care assistance), as modified. Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Portman amend #2827 (To provide for evidence-based training that promotes early language and literacy development).

Tester amend #2834 (To permit the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive the prohibition on the use of amounts by Indian tribes and tribal organizations for construction or renovation of facilities for child care programs if the use will result in an increase of the level of child care services).

Thune amend #2838 (To specify that the child care certificates may be included in State strategies to increase the supply of child care).

Warren amend #2842 (To allow funds reserved under Section 658G(a) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to be used to connect child care staff members with Federal and State financial aid, or other resources, in order to assist the staff member in pursuing relevant training).

Bennet amend #2839 (To expand the requirement that space allotted to child care providers in Federal buildings will be used to provide child care services to children of whom at least 50 percent have 1 parent or guardian employed by the Federal government), as modified.

Laid aside by Unanimous Consent.

Coburn amend #2830 (To establish a \$1,000,000 asset limit for eligibility for child care assistance), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 100-0.

Portman amend #2827 (To provide for evidence-based training that promotes early language and literacy development). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Tester amend #2834 (To permit the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive the prohibition on the use of amounts by Indian tribes and tribal organizations for construction or renovation of facilities for child care programs if the use will result in an increase of the level of child care services). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Thune amend #2838 (To specify that the child care certificates may be included in State strategies to increase the supply of child care). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Warren amend #2842 (To allow funds reserved under Section 658G(a) of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 to be used to connect child care staff members with Federal and State financial aid, or other resources, in order to assist the staff member in pursuing relevant training). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Bennet amend #2839 (To expand the requirement that space allotted to child care providers in Federal buildings will be used to provide child care services to children of whom at least 50 percent have 1 parent or guardian employed by the Federal government), as modified. The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #634 (Puneet Talwar to be an Assistant Secretary of State--Political-Military Affairs). The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #625 (Joseph Pietrzyk to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation). The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #550 (Dwight Bush Sr. to be Ambassador of the United States to the Kingdom of Morocco). The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #686, Caroline Krass to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 95-4.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization).

Vitter amend #2845 (Require priority for child care assistance to low income families with children with disabilities and for other purposes), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Portman amend #2847 (A child care member who has been convicted of a violent misdemeanor against a child or a misdemeanor involving child pornography is ineligible for employment by certain child care providers). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sanders 2846 (Sense of the Senate on significantly reducing child poverty by calendar year 2019). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Committee Substitute Amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization). The bill was read for a third time, as amended. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 97-1.

Motion to Proceed to **S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine).** Laid aside.

H. R. 3370 (Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2013). Yeas and nays ordered with a 60 yeas-vote threshold. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 72-22.

S. 2137 (Flood insurance for second homes). The bill was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal #647, Arun Kumar to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #551, Timothy Broas to be Ambassador to the Netherlands. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Reid request that at a time to be determined, the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine) be agreed to, that there be an hour of debate on the bill and the Senate agree to the bill was objected to by Barrasso.

Barrasso motion to proceed to H. R. 4152 (Provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine) and pass the bill was objected to by Reid

Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill.

Cal. #581. Christopher Cooper to be US District Judge for the District of Columbia. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #582, M. Douglas Harpool to be US District Judge for the Western District of Missouri. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #583, Gerald McHugh, Jr. to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Cal #584, Edward Smith to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

S. 1456 (Award the Congressional Gold medal to Shimon Peres). The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended by the Bennett amendment.

S. 2147 (Amend Public Law 112-59). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 4076 (Address shortages and interruptions in the availability of propane gas). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 2650 (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Non-Intercourse Act of 2013). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 375 (Concerning the crisis in Central African Republic). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended.

S. Res. 376 (Supporting the goals of “International Woman’s Day”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 377 (Recognizing the 193rd Anniversary of the Independence of Greece). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 388 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 389 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 390 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 391 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 392 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Con. Res. 93 (Directing the Clerk of the House to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H. R. 3370). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2122 (Amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and it was placed on the Senate Calendar.

S. 2148 (Provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H. R. 3474 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers to exempt employees with health coverage under Tricare). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H. R. 3979 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure the emergency services volunteers are not taken into account as employees under the shared responsibility requirements contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene for Pro Forma Sessions only on the following days:

Friday, march 14, 2014 at 10:30 AM.

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 10:30 AM.

Friday, March 21, 2014 at 9:00 AM.

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 24, 2014 and proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124 (Promote sovereignty and democracy in Ukraine). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2124.

The Senate adjourned at 8:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal #563, Carolyn B. McHugh to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Cal #577, Matthew Frederick Leitman to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

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The Senate will conduct up to six roll call votes on the above nominations beginning at 10:30 AM. Following the disposition of the Raskin nomination, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization). Laid aside.

S. 2110 (Amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

H. R. 4152 (provide for the costs of loan guarantees for Ukraine). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal #563, Carolyn B. McHugh to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed to by a vote of **98-0**.

Cal #577, Matthew Frederick Leitman to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **98-0**.

Cal #578, Judith Ellen Levy to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **97-0**.

Cal #579, Laurie J. Michelson to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 98-0.

Cal #580, Linda Vivienne Parker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 60-47.

Cal #512, Sarah Bloom Raskin to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization).

Harkin amend #2811 (To include rural and remote areas as underserved areas identified in the State plan). Laid aside.

Enzi amend #2812 (To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with the Secretary of Education, to conduct a review of Federal early learning and care programs and make recommendations for streamlining the various programs). Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #2108 (Sense of the Senate on death gratuities to survivors of deceased members of the armed forces). Laid aside.

Franken amend #2822 (To reserve less than 2 percent of the amount appropriated under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 for payments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations). Laid aside.

Enzi amend #2812 (To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with the Secretary of Education, to conduct a review of Federal early learning and care programs and make recommendations for streamlining the various programs). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 98-0.

Franken amend #2822 (To reserve less than 2 percent of the amount appropriated under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 for payments to Indian tribes and tribal organizations). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 93-6.

Landrieu amend #2813 (To allow children in foster care to receive services under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 while their families are taking necessary action to comply with immunization and other health safety requirements). Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #2814 (To require the State plan to describe how the State will coordinate the services supported to carry out the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990). Laid aside.

Bennet amend #2824 (To require States that elect to combine funding for early childhood education and care to describe the manner in which they combined funding). Laid aside.

Boxer amend #2809 (To amend the Crime Control Act of 1990 to improve the quality of background checks for Federal agencies hiring, or contracting to hire, individuals to provide child care services). Laid aside.

At 5:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to votes on the following amendments:

Landrieu amend #2818 (To require a statewide child care disaster plan).

Landrieu amend #2813 (To allow children in foster care to receive services under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 while their families are taking necessary action to comply with immunization and other health safety requirements).

Landrieu amend #2814 (To require the State plan to describe how the State will coordinate the services supported to carry out the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990).

Bennet amend #2824 (To require States that elect to combine funding for early childhood education and care to describe the manner in which they combined funding).

It is expected that only the Landrieu amend #2818 will be subject to a roll call vote.

Upon disposition of Bennet amend #2824, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on confirmation of the following nominations in the order listed:

Cal. #682 (Heather L. MacDougall, of Florida, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission).

Cal. #617 (France Cordova, of New Mexico, Director of the National Science Foundation).

Cal. #614 (James Shelton to be Deputy Secretary of Education).

Cal. #545 (Bruce Heyman to be U.S. Ambassador to Canada).

Lee amend #2821 (To prohibit States from providing the Secretary with reports containing personally identifiable information) as modified. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Landrieu amend #2818 (To require a statewide child care disaster plan). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **98-0**.

Landrieu amend #2813 (To allow children in foster care to receive services under the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 while their families are taking necessary action to comply with immunization and other health safety requirements). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Landrieu amend #2814 (To require the State plan to describe how the State will coordinate the services supported to carry out the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Bennet amend #2824 (To require States that elect to combine funding for early childhood education and care to describe the manner in which they combined funding). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session:

Cal. #682 (Heather L. MacDougall, of Florida, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission). Confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #617 (France Cordova, of New Mexico, Director of the National Science Foundation). Confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #614 (James Shelton to be Deputy Secretary of Education). Confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #545 (Bruce Heyman to be U.S. Ambassador to Canada). Confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization).

Scott amend #2837 (To clarify parental rights to use child care certificates). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Boxer amend #2809 (To amend the Crime Control Act of 1990 to improve the quality of background checks for Federal agencies hiring, or contracting to hire, individuals to provide child care services). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. 611 (Sandia Pueblo Settlement Technical Amendment Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 365 (Deploring violent repression of protestors in Venezuela). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2122 (To repeal the Medicare sustainability growth rate and to improve Medicare and Medicaid payments). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 13, 2014 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization). Roll call votes are expected throughout the day and the Senate expects to finish the bill tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned at 7:43 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will conduct the following votes: Cloture on Cal #577, Matthew Frederick Leitman to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Cloture on Cal #578, Judith Ellen Levy to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Cloture on Cal #579, Laurie J. Michelson to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Cloture on Cal #580, Linda Vivienne Parker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Following the Cloture vote on the Parker nomination, the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

McConnell asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to H.R. 2019 (An act to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a ten-year pediatric research initiative). The bill was read a third time and passed.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal #577, Matthew Frederick Leitman to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 55-43.

Cal #578, Judith Ellen Levy to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 56-42.

Cal #579, Laurie J. Michelson to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 56-43.

Cal #580, Linda Vivienne Parker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 56-42.

The Senate recessed from 1:00 PM until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #670 (Brig. Gen. Travis Balch to be Major General in the Air Force Reserves).

Cal. #673 (Brig. Gen. Michael Williamson to be Lt. General in the US Army).

Cal. #674 (Col. Thomas Tempel, Jr. to be Major General in the US Army).

Cal. #675 (Maj. General Kevin Mangum to be Lt. General in the US Army).

Cal. #676 (Brig. Gen. William Collins and Brig. Gen. James Hartsell to be Maj. Generals in the US Marine Corps Reserves).

Cal. #677 (Lt. Gen. Robert Schmidle, Jr. to be Lt. General in the US Marine Corps).

Cal. #678 (Rear Adm. Jan Tighe to be Vice Admiral in the US Navy).

All nominations on the Secretary's Desk relating to the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy.

Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. J. Res. 32 (Reappointment of John McCarter of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institute). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 378 (Condemning illegal Russian aggression in Ukraine). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 379

S. Res. 380

S. Res. 381

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 2110 (Amends Titles 18 & 19 of the Social Security Act).

H.R. 4152 (Provides for the cost of loan guarantees to Ukraine).

The bills were read for the first time en bloc. Further readings were objected to and the bills will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal #563, Carolyn B. McHugh to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Cal #577, Matthew Frederick Leitman to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Cal #578, Judith Ellen Levy to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Cal #579, Laurie J. Michelson to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Cal #580, Linda Vivienne Parker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Cal #512 Sarah Bloom Raskin to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

The Senate will be a series of up to 6 roll call votes on the above nominations beginning at 10:30 AM. Following the disposition of the Raskin nomination, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization).

The Senate adjourned at 6:13 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014

The Senate will convene at 4:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #563 (Carolyn McHugh to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 10th Circuit). The Senate will vote on cloture on the nomination at 5:30 PM. The Senate will then resume a Legislative Session and will vote on final passage of S. 1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 2097 (A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and it was placed on the Senate Calendar.

H.R. 4118 (An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to delay the implementation of the penalty for failure to comply with the individual health insurance mandate). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and it was placed on the Senate Calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #563 (Carolyn McHugh to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 10th Circuit). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination was agreed to by a vote of 62-34.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014). The bill was agreed to by a vote of 97-0.

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent to conduct the following votes beginning at 11:30 AM on **Tuesday, March 11, 2014:**

Cloture on Cal #577, Matthew Frederick Leitman to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Cloture on Cal #578, Judith Ellen Levy to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Cloture on Cal #579, Laurie J. Michelson to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Cloture on Cal #580, Linda Vivienne Parker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent to conduct the following votes beginning at 10:30 AM on **Wednesday, March 12, 2014:**

Confirmation of Cal #563, Carolyn B. McHugh to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

Confirmation of Cal #577, Matthew Frederick Leitman to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Confirmation of Cal #578, Judith Ellen Levy to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Confirmation of Cal #579, Laurie J. Michelson to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Confirmation of Cal #580, Linda Vivienne Parker, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Confirmation of Cal #512 Sarah Bloom Raskin to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury.

Sen. Reid further announced that upon disposition of the Raskin nomination, the Senate will begin consideration of S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization).

The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 8:45 AM on Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

The Monday, March 10th, 2014 session of the Senate adjourned at 8:55 AM on Tuesday, March 11th, 2014.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session. At 11:20 AM, the Senate will proceed to vote on Cal. #636, Rose Gottemoeller to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. The Senate will then proceed to roll call votes on the following nominations:

Cal. #510 (Suzanne Spaulding to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security).

Cal. #511 (John Roth to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security).

Following the disposition of the above nominations, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and consider S. 1752 (Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013) and S. 1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014). There will be up to four additional roll call votes beginning around 2:00 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014). The Motion was laid aside and the Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate recessed at 9:44 AM subject to the Call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Reid announced that following action on S. 1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014), the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on confirmation of the following nominations:

Cal. #504 (Kathryn Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere).

Cal. #513 (Rhonda K. Schmidlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission).

Cal. #640 (R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security).

Cal. #547 (Michael Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Chile).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #636, Rose Gottemoeller to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 58-42.

Cal. #510 (Suzanne Spaulding to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security). The nominations was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #511 (John Roth to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security). The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1752 (Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the bill. The Motion to invoke cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **55-45**. The bill was returned to the calendar.

S. 1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the bill. The Motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of **100-0**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #504 (Kathryn Sullivan, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #513 (Rhonda K. Schmidlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #640 (R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #547 (Michael Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Chile). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #563 (Carolyn McHugh to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 10th Circuit). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #577 (Matthew Frederick Leitman to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #578 (Judith Ellen Levy to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #579 (Laurie Michelson to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #580 (Linda Vivienne Parker to be U.S. District Judge of the Eastern District of Michigan). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

At a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of **Cal. #512 (Sarah Bloom Raskin, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury)**. There will be 20 minutes of debate followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 1821 (Philippines Charitable Giving Assistance Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3370 (Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2013). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

S. 2097 (A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

H.R. 4118 (An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to delay the implementation of the penalty for failure to comply with the individual health insurance mandate). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 4:00 PM on Monday, March 10, 2014 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #563 (Carolyn McHugh to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 10th Circuit). The Senate will vote on cloture on the nomination at 5:30 PM. The Senate will then resume a Legislative Session and will vote on final passage of S. 1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014).

The Senate adjourned at 6:14 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2014

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #659, Debo Adebile to be an Assistant Attorney General. At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Cloture Motion. If cloture is invoked, there will be four minutes of debate, followed by a vote on confirmation of the Adebile nomination. Following disposition of the Adebile nomination, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #568, Pedro Delgado Hernandez to be a United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. Following the cloture vote on the Hernandez nomination, the Senate is expected to recess until 2:15 PM, for the weekly party caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader Remarks.

Motion to proceed to S. 1086 (Reauthorize the child care and development block grant of 1990). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Reid asked unanimous consent that if the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Pedro Delgado Hernandez to be a United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico is agreed to the Senate recess for the weekly party lunches. At 2:15 PM the Senate will proceed to Legislative Session and a period of Morning Business until 3:30 PM. The Senate will then resume Executive Session and the consideration of the Hernandez nomination post-cloture. At 4:00 PM, all post-cloture time shall be yielded back and the Senate will proceed to the following votes:

- Confirmation of the Hernandez nomination.
- The motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Pamela Reeves to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
- Confirmation of the Reeves nomination.
- The motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Timothy Brooks to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.
- Confirmation of the Brooks nomination.
- The motion to invoke cloture on the nomination Vince Chhabria to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.
- Confirmation of the Chhabria nomination.
- The motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Rose Eilene Gottemoeller to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

If cloture is invoked on any of the above nominations, all post-cloture time will be yielded back, except on the Gottemoeller nomination, which is subject to up to 8 hours of post-cloture debate, equally divided. There will be two minutes for debate, equally divided, prior to each vote. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

Cal. #659, Debo Adegbile to be an Assistant Attorney General. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 47-52.

Cal. #568, Pedro Delgado Hernandez to be a United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 57-41-1.

The Senate recessed at 12:55 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #568, Pedro Delgado Hernandez to be a United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 98-0.

Cal. #569, Pamela Reeves to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 62-37.

Cal. #569, Pamela Reeves to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 99-0.

Cal. #565, Timothy Brooks to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 59-41.

Cal. #565, Timothy Brooks to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 100-0.

Cal. #571, Vince Chhabria to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 57-43.

Cal. #571, Vince Chhabria to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 58-41.

Cal. #636, Rose Gottemoeller to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 55-45.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014). The Cloture Motion to the Motion to Proceed is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 373 (Recognizing the importance of biosecurity and agro defense in the United States). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 374 (World Wildlife Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2077 (A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

H.R. 3370 (Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2013). The bill was read for a first time. Further readings were objected to and the second reading will occur on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 6, 2014 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session. At 11:20 AM, the Senate will proceed to vote on Cal. #636, Rose Gottemoeller to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. The Senate will the proceed to roll call votes on the following nominations:

Cal. #510 (Suzanne Spaulding to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security).

Cal. #511 (John Roth to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security).

Following the disposition of the above nominations, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and consider S. 1752 (Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013) and S. 1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014). There will be up to four additional roll call votes beginning around 2:00 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:36 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during today's session of the Senate. The weekly party caucus lunches will be held Wednesday, March 5, 2014 from 12:30 to 2:15 PM.

On Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will have up to three roll call votes. The first vote will be on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #659, Debo Adebile to be an Assistant Attorney General. If cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time will be yielded back except for four minutes of debate, followed by a vote on confirmation of the Adebile nomination. Following disposition of the Adebile nomination, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination of Pedro Delgado Hernandez to be a United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. Following the cloture vote on the Hernandez nomination, the Senate is expected to recess until 2:15 PM, for the weekly party caucus lunches. Roll call votes are expected on Wednesday afternoon.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1086 (Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 2014). The Motion was laid aside and the Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. 2077 (Provide for Unemployment Insurance Extension). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 and will proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #659, Debo Adebile to be an Assistant Attorney General. At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Cloture Motion. If cloture is invoked, there will be four minutes of debate, followed by a vote on confirmation of the Adebile nomination. Following disposition of the Adebile nomination, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #568, Pedro Delgado Hernandez to be a United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. Following the cloture vote on the Hernandez nomination, the Senate is expected to recess until 2:15 PM, for the weekly party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 6:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with Morning Business. The vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #659, Debo Adebile to be an Assistant Attorney General was postponed until 11:45 AM on Wednesday, March 5, 2014.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

S. 2062 (Authorize Members of Congress to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to a written statement by the President or any other official in the Executive Branch directing officials of the Executive Branch to not enforce a provision of law). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

S. 2066 (Amend Title 18, US Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the IRS). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

S. 2067 (Prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

H. R. 3865 (Prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of Section 501-C-4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 and will proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will then proceed with Morning Business for debate only on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #659, Debo Adebile to be an Assistant Attorney General. There will be no votes during Tuesday's session. The Senate will then adjourn until the morning of Wednesday, March 5, 2014. When the Senate convenes on Wednesday, it will proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of Cal. #659, Debo Adebile to be an Assistant Attorney General and vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination at 11:45 AM. If cloture is invoked, there will be four minutes of debate, followed by a vote on the nomination. Upon conclusion of the consideration of the Abegbile nomination, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the the Motion to invoke cloture on Cal #568, Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico. Upon conclusion of this vote, the Senate will recess for Party Caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 2:05 PM.