

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will then recess Subject to the Call of the Chair for a Joint Congressional Session. At 1:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H. J. Res. 124 (Continuing Appropriations Resolution) with four and one half hours of debate. At approximately 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to votes on and in relation to the resolution (Motion to offer a Sessions amendment, Motion to Invoke Cloture and final passage). Upon conclusion of the consideration of H. J. Res.124 votes, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on the following nominations (Voice Votes are expected):

Cal. #893, Mark William Lippert to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

Cal. #524, Adam M. Scheinman to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador.

Cal. #959, Kevin F. O'Malley to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Ireland.

Cal. #702, Bathsheba Nell Crocker to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs).

Cal. #1002, Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Cal. #997, Robert W. Holleyman II to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative with the rank of Ambassador.

Cal. #708, Eric Rosenbach to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Cal. #996, D. Nathan Sheets to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

PN #1917, Charles H. Fulghum to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

The Senate convened at 9:30 AM.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2432 (Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act).

The Senate recessed Subject to the Call of the Chair in order to allow His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine, to address a Joint Meeting of Congress from the Hall of the House of Representatives.

At 11:10 AM, the Senate reconvened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Cruz motion to proceed to S. 2779 (Expatriate Terrorists Act) and pass the bill was objected to by Hirono.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. J. Res. 124 (Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015).

Reid amend #3851. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3852 to Reid amend #3851.

Reid Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with Instructions to report back with an amendment #3853. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3854 to the Instructions on the Motion to Recommit. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3855 to Reid amend #3854.

Reid filed cloture on H. J. Res. 124 (Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015). Yeas and nays ordered.

H.R. 4323 (Debbie Smith Reauthorization Act of 2014). The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent.

Cruz Motion to Table Reid amend #3852 (of a perfecting nature). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was not agreed to by a vote of **50-50**.

H. J. Res. 124 (Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **73-27**.

Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, all post-cloture time is deemed expired, and all pending amendments are withdrawn.

H. J. Res. 124 (Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2015). Yeas and nays ordered on final passage. The Joint Resolution passed by a vote of **78-22**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #893, Mark William Lippert to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #524, Adam M. Scheinman to be Special Representative of the President for Nuclear Nonproliferation, with the rank of Ambassador. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #959, Kevin F. O'Malley to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Ireland. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #702, Bathsheba Nell Crocker to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Organization Affairs). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #1002, Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #997, Robert W. Holleyman II to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative with the rank of Ambassador. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #708, Eric Rosenbach to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #996, D. Nathan Sheets to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury. Agreed to by voice vote.

PN #1917, Charles H. Fulghum to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security. Agreed to by voice vote.

Alfonso E. Lenhardt to be Deputy Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. Agreed to by voice vote.

Department of State, Thomas Friedman of New York to be representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization. Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

Reid Motion to Proceed to Executive Session was agreed to by voice vote. Reid filed cloture on Cal. #853, Randolph Moss to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote. Reid Motion to Proceed to Executive Session was agreed to by voice vote. Reid filed cloture on Cal. #855 Leigh Martin May, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. The cloture votes on the Moss and May nominations will occur Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 5:30 PM. If cloture is invoked on the nominations, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations at 2:15 PM on Thursday, November 13, 2014.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

House Message to accompany S. 1086 (An act to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990).

Reid Motion to Concur in the House amendment to S. 1086.

Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to S. 1086. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid Move to Concur on the house amendments to S. 1086 with an amendment numbered 3923. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3924 to amend #3923.

Reid Motion to Refer the House Message with respect to S. 1086 with Instructions to report back with amendment numbered 3925. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3926 to the Instructions of the Motion to Refer with Reid amend #3925. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3927 to Reid amend #3926.

H.R. 83 (To require the Secretary of the Interior to assemble a team of technical, policy, and financial experts to address the energy needs of the insular areas of the United States and the Freely Associated States through the development of energy action plans aimed at promoting access to affordable, reliable energy, including increasing use of indigenous clean-energy resources, and for other purposes.) as amended. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 594 (Federal Research on Muscular Dystrophy). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 2600 (To amend the Interstate Land Sales Full Disclosure Act to clarify how the Act applies to condominiums). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3043 (Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3716 (Water Settlement Agreement). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4994 (Provide for Post-Care Assessment Data). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5062 (Amend Consumer Financial Protection Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5404 (Extend Provisions of Law by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1611 (Develop Data Center consolidation plans for certain agencies) as amended. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1691 (Improve Security of the United States Border and Improve Pay for Border Patrol Agents) as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2040 (Exchange Trust and Fee Land for Land Disputes) as amended. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2061 (Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2013) as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2583 (To reauthorize the matching grant program for school security in the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2673 (Enhance Strategic Partnership between U.S. and Israel) as amended. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2778 (Awards for Information on the ISIS assassins). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2793 (Medal of Honor to Henry Johnson). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4980 (Prevent Sex Trafficking and to Improve Support Recovery for Victims). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1360 (Military Retiree Survivor Comfort Act) as amended. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 420 (Week of October 6th as Naturopathic Health Care Week). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 479 (Recognizing Veterans Day as a Welcome Home Celebration for Soldiers who have served since September 11, 2001). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 529 (100th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 530 (SoS on the current situation in Iraq) as amended. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 541 (Recognizing the severe threat of the Ebola outbreak) as amended. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 2912 (Don't Tax our Fallen Public Heroes). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following resolutions were agreed to en bloc by unanimous consent:

S.Res.571: US-India Partnership Day

S.Res.572: Ballistic Missile Sub Deterrent Patrols

S.Res.573: 50th Anniversary of Wilderness Act

S.Res.574: National Estuaries Week

S.Res.575: Prostate Cancer Awareness

S. Con. Res. 44 (Adjournment Resolution). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene for pro forma sessions with no business conducted on the following dates and times and that following each pro forma session, the Senate will adjourn until the next pro forma session, unless the Senate receives a message from the House that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 44, the adjournment resolution: Monday, September 22, at 4:00 PM; Thursday, September 25, at 12:00 noon; Monday, September 29, at 12:00 noon; Thursday, October 2, at 12:00 noon; Monday, October 6, at 12 noon; Thursday, October 9 at 12:00 noon; Monday, October 13, at 12 noon; October 16, at 12 noon; Monday, October 20, at 10:15 AM; Thursday, October 23 at 12 noon; Monday, October 27 at 12 noon; Thursday October 30 at 12 noon;

Monday, November 3 at 12 noon, Thursday November 6 at 12 noon, and Monday November 10 at 12 noon.

The Senate will then convene on Wednesday November 12, 2014 at 2:00 PM. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on cloture on Cal. #853, Randolph Moss to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia and cloture on Cal. #855 Leigh Martin May, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. If cloture is invoked on the nominations, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations at 2:15 PM on Thursday, November 13, 2014.

Senate adjourned at 10:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:00 Noon. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session and vote on the following nominations:

Cal. #956, John Bass to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

Cal. #536, Eric Schultz to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #548, Thomas Daughton to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #964, David Pressman to be Alternate Representative of the US for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #965, David Pressman to be an Alternate Representative of the US to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the US for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #871, Debra Wada to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #925, Alfonso Lenhardt to be Deputy Administrator of the US Agency for International Development. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #912, Bradford Huther, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Voice Vote expected)

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

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #956, John Bass to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 98-0.

Cal. #536, Eric Schultz to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #548, Thomas Daughton to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #964, David Pressman to be Alternate Representative of the US for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #965, David Pressman to be an Alternate Representative of the US to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the US for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #871, Debra Wada to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #925, Alfonso Lenhardt to be Deputy Administrator of the US Agency for International Development. The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #912, Bradford Huther, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development. The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

Boozman unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 503 (National Desert Storm and Desert Shield War Memorial Act), and that the bill be read three times and passed. Booker objected.

Booker unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 1033(American Battlefield Protection Program Amendments Act of 2013), and that the bill be read three times and passed. Coburn objected.

Harkin unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #12, the Disabilities Treaty document 112-7, that the treaty be advanced through the parliamentary stages, up to and include the resolution of ratification, that any committee declarations be agreed to, as applicable, that there be no amendments in order to the treaty or the resolution of ratification, that there be two hours for debate equally divided in the usual form, that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote on the resolution. Lee objected.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and considered the following nominations en bloc:

Cal. #1009, Maj. Gen. Gustave F. Perna to be Lieutenant General in the Army.

Cal. #1010, Capt. Kathleen M. Creighton to be Rear Admiral in the Navy.

Cal. #1011, Capt. Todd J. Squire to be Rear Admiral in the Navy.

Cal. #1012, Rear Adm. (lh) Brian B. Brown, Rear Adm. (lh) Sean R. Filipowski, Rear Adm. (lh) Brett C. Heimbigner all to be Rear Admiral in the Navy.

Cal. #1013, Maj. Gen. Steven L. Kwast to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force.

Cal. #1014, Maj. Gen. Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force.

Cal. #1015, Col. Scott G. Perry to be Brigadier General in the Army.

Cal. #1016, Col. Joseph J. Heck to be Brigadier General in the Army.

Cal. #1017, Brig. Gen. Mark S. Inch to be major General in the Army.

Cal. #1018, Vice Adm. Philip S. Davidson to be Admiral in the Navy.

Cal. #1019, Rear Adm. Dixon R. Smith to be Vice Admiral in the Navy.

Cal. #1020, Lt. Gen. Tod D. Wolters to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force.

Cal. #1021, Brig. Gen. Veralinn Jamieson to be Major General in the Air Force.

Cal. #1022, Maj. Gen. John W. Nicholson, Jr. to be Lieutenant General in the Army.

Cal. #1023, Brig. Gen. Paul M. Benenati to be Major General in the Army.

Cal. #1024, Brig. Gen. Michael A. Calhoun to be Major General in the Army.

Cal. #1025, Brig. Gen. Bret D. Daugherty to be Major General in the Army.

Cal. #1026, Colonel Raul E. Escribano, Colonel Timothy J. McAteer and Colonel Jeffrey L. Milhorn to be Brigadier General in the Army.

All nominations in the Air Force, Army and Navy.
All nominations were confirmed by unanimous consent.

S. 2651 (Repeal certain mandates of the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2141 (Amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended.

H. R. 4751 (Technical corrections to Public Law 110-229). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 4809 (Reauthorize the Defense Production Act to improve the act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 545 (Recognizing "Hispanic Heritage Month"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 543 (Designating November 1, 2014 as "National Bison Day"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res 552

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All resolutions were agreed to by unanimous consent.

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Cal. #708, Eric Rosenbach to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Cal. #996, D. Nathan Sheets to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

PN #1917, Charles H. Fulghum to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security

The Senate adjourned at 6:55 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on confirmation of the following nominations:

Cal. #1003, Jeffery Baran to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Cal. #1004, Stephen Burns to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Cal. #594, Linda A. Schwartz to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning) (expected voice vote).

Cal. #546, Matthew T. Harrington to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Lesotho (expected voice vote).

Cal. #958, Todd D. Robinson to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guatemala (expected voice vote).

Cal. #960, Jane D. Hartley to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the French Republic (expected voice vote).

Cal. #963, Jane D. Hartley to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Monaco (expected voice vote).

Cal. #784, Nina Hachigian to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary (expected voice vote).

Cal. #870. Gordon O. Tanner to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force (expected voice vote).

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 2432 (Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act).

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #1003, Jeffery Baran to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 56-44.

Cal. #1004, Stephen Burns to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 60-40.

Cal. #594, Linda A. Schwartz to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #546, Matthew T. Harrington to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Lesotho. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #958, Todd D. Robinson to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guatemala. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #960, Jane D. Hartley to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the French Republic. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #963, Jane D. Hartley to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Monaco. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #784, Nina Hachigian to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #870. Gordon O. Tanner to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2432 (Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act).

Sen. Warren asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to S. 2432 (Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act) and immediately proceed to passage of the bill. Objected to by Sen. Cornyn.

Sen. Cornyn asked Unanimous Consent that amendments may be offered to S. 2432 (Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act). Objected to by Sen. Warren.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 2539 (Amends the Public Health Service Act). Committee Substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1214 (All-American Flag Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4194 (Provides for the elimination or modification of Federal reporting requirements). Committee reported substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Carper amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2117 (Amends Title 5, United States Code). Warren substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2511 (Amends the Employee Retirement Income Act of 1974). Committee reported substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2440 (BLM Permit Processing Improvement Act of 2014). Udall (NM) amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 506 (A resolution recognizing the patriotism and contributions of auxiliaries of veterans service organizations). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 547 (Designating the week beginning September 14, 2014, as National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week).

S. Res. 548 (Designating November 29, 2014, as "Small Business Saturday" and supporting efforts to increase awareness of the value of locally owned small businesses).

S. Res. 549 (Designating October 26, 2014, as Day of the Deployed).

S. Res. 550 (Commemorating the 200th anniversary of "The Star-Spangled Banner").

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

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:00 Noon. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session and vote on the following nominations:

Cal. #956, John Bass to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey.

Cal. #536, Eric Schultz to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zambia. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #548, Thomas Daughton to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #964, David Pressman to be Alternate Representative of the US for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #965, David Pressman to be an Alternate Representative of the US to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the US for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #871, Debra Wada to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #925, Alfonso Lenhardt to be Deputy Administrator of the US Agency for International Development. (Voice Vote expected)

Cal. #912, Bradford Huther, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Voice Vote expected)

The Senate recessed at 6:04 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 2119 (Paycheck Fairness Act). The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to vote on cloture on Cal. #1003, Jeffrey Baran to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Cal. #1004, Stephen Burns to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. If cloture is invoked on the above nominations, all post-cloture time will expire on Tuesday, September 16th at 2:15 PM, and the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 2432 (Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act).

S. 2119 (Paycheck Fairness Act). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **52-40**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1003, Jeffery Baran to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **52-39**.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1004, Stephen Burns to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **54-37**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 5134 (An act to extend the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity and Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for one year). The bill was read three times and passed by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 544 (International Year of Family Farming). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 and will be in a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on confirmation of the following nominations:

Cal. #1003, Jeffery Baran to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Cal. #1004, Stephen Burns to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Cal. #594, Linda A. Schwartz to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Policy and Planning) (expected voice vote).

Cal. #546, Matthew T. Harrington to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Lesotho (expected voice vote).

Cal. #958, Todd D. Robinson to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Guatemala (expected voice vote).

Cal. #960, Jane D. Hartley to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the French Republic (expected voice vote).

Cal. #963, Jane D. Hartley to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Principality of Monaco (expected voice vote).

Cal. #784, Nina Hachigian to be Representative of the United States of America to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary (expected voice vote).

Cal. #870. Gordon O. Tanner to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force (expected voice vote).

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. There will be a moment of silence to pay tribute to the thousands of Americans whose lives were taken on September 11, 2001. The Senate will then resume consideration of Motion to Proceed to S. 2199 (Paycheck Fairness Act). At a time to be determined, tomorrow afternoon, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2199, followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections). Following those votes, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of and votes on the following nominations: Cal. #544, John Hoover to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Cal. #977, Anne Rung to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Cal. #685, David Radzanowski to be Chief Financial Officer, NASA, Cal. #867, Miranda Ballentine to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Cal. #976, Joseph Nimmich to be Deputy Administrator, FEMA, Cal. #917, Elizabeth Sembler to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Cal. #914, Judith Davenport to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Cal. #758, David Arroyo to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Sen. Reid added that the votes on the nominations are expected to be voice votes.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a moment of silence to pay tribute to the thousands of Americans whose lives were taken on September 11, 2001.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 5078 (Preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the US). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2199 (Paycheck Fairness Act). The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Reid amend #3800. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3801 to Reid amend #3800.

Reid Motion to Commit to HELP with instruction being amend #3805. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3803 to the Instructions accompanying the Motion to Commit.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3804 to Reid amend #3803.

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 2199 (Paycheck Fairness Act).

Motion to Proceed to S. 2432 (Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965).

Vitter asked unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes consideration of S.J. Res. 19 that it be in order for his amendment number 3786 (to amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to apply the provisions of the Act to certain Congressional staff and members of the Executive Branch) to be called up. Murphy objected.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 54-42.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #544, John Hoover to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Sierra Leone. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #977, Anne E. Rung to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #685, David Radzanowski to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #867, Miranda A. A. Ballentine to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #976, Joseph L. Nimmich to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #914, Judith M. Davenport to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #917, Elizabeth Sembler to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #758, David J. Arroyo to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session and proceed to Cal. #1003, Jeffrey Baran to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #1003, Jeffrey Baran to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session and proceed to Cal. #1004, Stephen Burns to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #1004, Stephen Burns to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 4197 (Amends Title 5 United States Code). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2258 (Provides for an increase effective December 1, 2014, and the rates of Compensation for Veterans with service-connected disabilities). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 542 (National Save for Retirement Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 15, 2014, and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 2119 (Paycheck Fairness Act). The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to vote on cloture on Cal. #1003, Jeffrey Baran to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Cal. #1004, Stephen Burns to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. If cloture is invoked on the above nominations, all post-cloture time will expire on Tuesday, September 16th at 2:15 PM, and the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation.

The Senate adjourned at 4:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and following Leader Time, will resume the post-cloture consideration of Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections). All post-cloture time will be considered expired at 2:00 pm, and the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections) (voice vote expected). A roll call vote is expected on Wednesday relative to the Paycheck Fairness Act.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader Time.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections). The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by Voice Vote.

S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections).

Reid amend #3791 to the committee-reported substitute. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3792 to Reid amend #3791.

Reid amend #3793 to S.J. Res. 19. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3794 to Reid amend #3793.

Reid Motion to Recommit S.J. Res. 19 with Instructions. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3796 to the Instructions on the Motion to Recommit. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3797 to Reid amend #3796.

Reid filed cloture on S.J. Res. 19. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid Motion to Proceed to the Motion to Reconsider the vote by which Cloture was not invoked on the Motion to Proceed to the Paycheck Fairness Act. The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Reid Motion to Reconsider the vote by which Cloture was not invoked on the Motion to Proceed to the Paycheck Fairness Act. The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2199 (Paycheck Fairness Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 73-25.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2199 (Paycheck Fairness Act).

Cruz asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to H.R. 5272 (To prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States) and that the bill be read three times and passed. Menendez objected.

S. 2154 (Amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended.

S. 2323 (Amend US Code to provide that fathers of certain permanently disabled or deceased veterans shall be included with mothers of such veterans as preference eligibles for treatment in the civil service). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 1233 (Amend US Code properly known as the Presidential Records Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended.

S. Res. 466 (Designating the week of October 22 as “National Drug Take-Back Week”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. J. Res. 120 (Approving the location of a memorial to commemorate the more than 5,000 slaves and free black persons who fought for independence in the American Revolution). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 5078 (Preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the US). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 11, 2014. There will be a moment of silence to pay tribute to the thousands of Americans whose lives were taken on September 11, 2001. The Senate will then resume consideration of Motion to Proceed to S. 2199 (Paycheck Fairness Act). At a time to be determined, tomorrow afternoon, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2199, followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections). Following those votes, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of and votes on the following nominations: Cal. #544, John Hoover to be Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Cal. #977, Anne Rung to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy, Cal. #685, David Radzanowski to be Chief Financial Officer, NASA, Cal. #867, Miranda Ballentine to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Cal. #976, Joseph Nimmich to be Deputy Administrator, FEMA, Cal. #917, Elizabeth

Sembler to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Cal. #914, Judith Davenport to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Cal. #758, David Arroyo to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Sen. Reid added that the votes on the nominations are expected to be voice votes.

The Senate adjourned at 6:39 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume post-cloture debate on Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 2779 (Amend section 349 of the Immigration Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of US nationality). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections).

The Senate recessed at 12:56 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate reconvened and resumed a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The following bills were considered, en bloc:

S. 1934 (Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse Conveyance Act).

S. 898 (Albuquerque, New Mexico, Federal Land Conveyance Act of 2013).

The bills, if amended, be amended and the bills agreed to en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 538 (Expressing the condolences of the Senate to the families of James Foley and Steven Sotloff and condemning the terrorist acts of the Islamic State of Iraq). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 539 (Relative to the death of James M. Jeffords, Former United States Senator for the State of Vermont). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 and following Leader Time, will resume the post-cloture consideration of Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections). All post-cloture time will be considered expired at 2:00 pm, and the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections) (voice vote expected). A roll call vote is expected on Wednesday relative to the Paycheck Fairness Act.

The Senate adjourned at 6:53PM under the provisions of S. Res. 539 (Relative to the death of James M. Jeffords, Former United States Senator for the State of Vermont) as a further mark to the memory of the Honorable James M. Jeffords.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

The Senate then will convene at 2:00 PM Monday, September 8, 2014. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on nominations:

Cal #848, Jill Pryor to be US Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Cal. #910, Henry Aaron to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board.

Cal. #911, Henry Aaron to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board (reappointment).

Cal. #908, Alan Cohen to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board. (Expected voice vote).

Cal. #909, Lanhee Chen to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board. (Expected voice vote).

The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections).

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

Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections).

The following bills were read for a second time, en bloc:

H.R. 5230 (Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014).

H.R. 5272 (To prohibit certain actions with respect to deferred action for aliens not lawfully present in the United States).

The bills were objected to, en bloc, and the bills will be placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal #848, Jill Pryor to be US Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-0.

Cal. #910, Henry Aaron to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 54-43.

Cal. #911, Henry Aaron to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board (reappointment). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #908, Alan Cohen to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #909, Lanhee Chen to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 79-18.

S. 2779 (A bill to amend section 349 of the immigration nationality act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume post-cloture debate on Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 19 (Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to contributions and expenditures intended to affect elections). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:26 PM.