

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2007

The Senate convened for a Pro Forma Session at 10:00 AM and conducted no business. Under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 61, the Senate adjourned sine die. The Senate will convene the 2nd Session of the 110th Congress on Thursday, January 3, 2008 at 12:00 AM for a Pro Forma Session. The Senate will next conduct business on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2007

The Senate convened for a Pro Forma Session at 10:00 AM and conducted no business. The Senate will meet on Monday, December 31, 2007 at 10:00 AM for a Pro Forma Session. At the close of the pro-forma session on Monday, December 31, 2007, the Senate will stand in adjournment sine die, pursuant to a concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives (S. Con. Res. 61, as amended), until Thursday, January 3, 2008. The Senate will next conduct business on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2007

The Senate convened for a Pro Forma Session at 9:30 AM and conducted no business. The Senate will meet on Friday, December 28, 2007 at 10:00 AM for a Pro Forma Session. At the close of the pro-forma session on Monday, December 31, 2007, the Senate will stand in adjournment sine die, pursuant to a concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives (S. Con. Res. 61, as amended), until Thursday, January 3, 2008. The Senate will next conduct business on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2007

The Senate convened for a Pro Forma Session at 11:00 AM and conducted no business. The Senate will meet on Wednesday, December 26, 2007 at 9:30 AM for a Pro Forma Session. At the close of the pro-forma session on Monday, December 31, 2007, the Senate will stand in adjournment sine die, pursuant to a concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives (S. Con. Res. 61, as amended), until Thursday, January 3, 2008. The Senate will next conduct business on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2007

The Senate convened for a Pro Forma Session at 9:30 AM and conducted no business. The Senate will meet on Sunday, December 23, 2007 at 11:00 AM for a Pro Forma Session. At the close of the pro-forma session on Monday, December 31, 2007, the Senate will stand in adjournment sine die, pursuant to a concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives (S. Con. Res. 61, as amended), until Thursday, January 3, 2008. The Senate will next conduct business on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2007

The Senate will convene at 11:30 AM and will proceed with Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 -2:15 for party caucuses.

Reid unanimous consent that the Senate request the House to return the papers relative to H.R. 2764 (Foreign Operations/Omnibus Appropriations Bill). Without objection.

S. 924 (A bill to strengthen the United States Coast Guard Integrated Deep Water Program). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1784 (A bill to amend the Small Business Act to improve for Veterans and other purposes). Placed on the calendar.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

H.R.. 2640 (Criminal Background Check). Leahy substitute amendment agreed to. The bill as amended was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3890 (Burmese Freedom Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed subject to call of the chair.

The Senate reconvened at 6:20 PM.

Reid unanimous consent request that the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House on S. Con. Res. 61 (A concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate, and a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives) and the Senate condition occur in the House amendment. Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will be in Pro Forma Sessions during the Christmas Recess on the following days (including the Chairs): Friday, December 21st, 9:30 am – Senator Webb; Sunday, December 23rd, 11:00 am – Senator Webb; Wednesday, December 26th, 9:30 am – Senator Webb; Friday, December 28th, 10:00 am – Senator Dorgan; Monday, December 31st, 10:00 am – Senator Reed; Thursday, January 3rd, 12:00 pm – Senator Landrieu; Monday, January 7th, 9:00 am – Senator Kennedy; Wednesday, January 9th, 11:00 am – Senator Reed; Friday, January 11th, 9:30 am – Senator Webb; Tuesday, January 15th, 11:00 am – Senator Schumer; Friday, January 18th, 10:00 am – Senator Cardin.

H. J. Res. 72 (Making Further Continuing Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2008). Agreed to by voice vote.

Reid: I would ask the chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House with respect to H.R. 3997 (resolved that the House agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3997 entitled an act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and so forth and for other purposes with an amendment intervening) . Reid UC the Senate concur with an amendment at desk and the amendment be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and the previous order with respect to this bill remain in effect). Without objection.

S. 1974 (to make technical corrections related to Pension Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

Agreed to by voice vote en bloc:

S. 2478 (A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 59 Colby Corner in East Hampstead, New Hampshire, as the "Captain Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Post Office").

HR 3470 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 744 West Oglethorpe Highway in Hinesville, Georgia, as the "John Sidney 'Sid' Flowers Post Office Building").

H.R. 4009 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 567 West Nepessing Street in Lapeer, Michigan, as the "Turrill Post Office Building").

Agreed to en bloc by voice vote

H.R. 2011 (To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse").

H.R. 1045 To designate the Federal building located at 210 Walnut Street in Des Moines, Iowa, as the "Neal Smith Federal Building".

H.R. 3571 (to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995. Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 3432 (to establish the commission on the abolition of transatlantic slave trade). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 389 (Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the US Air Force Space Command). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 4839 (an act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make technical corrections and for other purposes). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 4040 (Consumer Product Safety Rating). 1st reading. 2nd reading objected to.

Reid: I ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, January 22, following a period of morning business the Senate proceed to S. 1200 (Indian Health Legislation). Without objection, so ordered.

Reid: I ask consent the Senate proceed to calendar number S. 2483 (energy bill) at a time to be determined by the majority leader following consultation with the Republican leader and when considered, it be considered under the following limitations: the only amendments be order be five related amendments to be offered by senator Coburn and disposition of all amendments the bill be read a third time and the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the bill). Without objection.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Reid: In Executive Session I ask all nominations remain in status quo but for the following: Armed services committee, Colonel Larry Arnett and Mr. Morris to be Brigadier generals and Col. Mark L. Warren to be General, and Tillman to be Brigadier General, and Mrs. Blair to be in the Navy, and Brad Bury to be Assistant Attorney General.

The following nominations were confirmed en bloc by voice vote:

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

* 117 307 Joseph Timothy Kelliher, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2012. (Reappointment) May 23, 2007 Reported by Mr. Bingaman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without printed report.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

* 372 93 Julie L. Myers, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, vice Michael J. Garcia.

Nov 01, 2007 Reported by Mr. Leahy, Committee on the Judiciary, without printed report.

Sep 26, 2007 Reported by Mr. Lieberman, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, without printed report.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

* 393 908 Todd J. Zinser, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce, vice Johnnie E. Frazier, resigned.

Nov 15, 2007 Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.

Oct 30, 2007 Reported by Mr. Inouye, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without printed report.

** Signifies nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate*

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

* 408 809 Benjamin Eric Sasse, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Michael O'Grady, resigned.

Dec 13, 2007 Reported by Mr. Baucus, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

* 409 960 Christina H. Pearson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, vice Suzanne C. DeFrancis, resigned.

Dec 13, 2007 Reported by Mr. Baucus, Committee on Finance, without printed report.

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

* 411 1136 Jon Wellinghoff, of Nevada, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2013.

(Reappointment)

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr. Bingaman, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, without printed report.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

* **412** 1004 James Shinn, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. (New Position)

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

* **413** 1041 Mary Beth Long, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Peter W. Rodman, resigned.

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

* **414** 1008 John H. Gibson, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, vice Michael

Montelongo, resigned.

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

* **415** 1043 Craig W. Duehring, of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, vice

Michael L. Dominguez.

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

AIR FORCE

416 1078 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be General

Lt. Gen. Roger A. Brady, 6581

417 1079 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of

importance and responsibility under title 10,
U.S.C., section 601:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.
Levin, Committee on Armed
Services, without printed
report.

to be Lieutenant General

Maj. Gen. Richard Y. Newton, III, 8008

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duly constituted committee of the Senate*

418 1080 The following named officer for appointment in
the United States Air Force to the grade
indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.
Levin, Committee on Armed
Services, without printed
report.

to be Brigadier General

Col. Walter D. Givhan, 4773

419 1042 The following named officer for appointment in
the United States Air Force to the grade
indicated while assigned to a position of
importance and responsibility under title 10,
U.S.C., section 601:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.
Levin, Committee on Armed
Services, without printed
report.

to be Lieutenant General

Maj. Gen. William L. Shelton, 0678

420 1089 The following Air National Guard of the United
States officer for appointment in the Reserve of
the Air Force to the grade indicated under title
10, U.S.C., section 12203:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.
Levin, Committee on Armed
Services, without printed
report.

to be Brigadier General

Col. Allyson R. Solomon, 1378

421 1143 The following named officers for appointment in
the United States Air Force to the grade

indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:
Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.
Levin, Committee on Armed
Services, without printed
report.

to be Brigadier General
Col. Christopher F. Burne, 2139
Col. Dwight D. Creasy, 0424

ARMY

422 664-1 The following named officers for appointment to
the grade indicated in the United States Army
under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.
Levin, Committee on Armed
Services, without printed
report.

to be Brigadier General
Colonel Robert B. Abrams, 0429
Colonel Ralph O. Baker, 1784
Colonel Allen W. Batschelet, 3064
Colonel Peter C. Bayer, Jr., 4267
Colonel Arnold N.G. Bray, 2301
Colonel Jeffrey S. Buchanan, 2774
Colonel Robert A. Carr, 8041
Colonel Gary H. Cheek, 5138
Colonel Kendall P. Cox, 8942
Colonel William T. Crosby, 8622
Colonel Anthony G. Crutchfield, 9770
Colonel Joseph P. Disalvo, 9884
Colonel Brian J. Donahue, 0140
Colonel Patrick J. Donahue, II, 6240
Colonel Peter N. Fuller, 3244
Colonel William K. Fuller, 4797
Colonel Walter M. Golden, Jr., 3792
Colonel Patrick M. Higgins, 6649
Colonel Frederick B. Hodges, 7686
Colonel Brian R. Layer, 6190
Colonel Richard C. Longo, 4173
Colonel Alan R. Lynn, 8649
Colonel David L. Mann, 8247
Colonel Lloyd Miles, 7819
Colonel Mark A. Milley, 6104
Colonel John W. Nicholson, Jr., 6582
Colonel Henry J. Nowak, 8712
Colonel Raymond P. Palumbo, 9347

Colonel Gary S. Patton, 6191
Colonel Mark W. Perrin, 7150
Colonel William E. Rapp, 4511
Colonel Thomas J. Richardson, 5539
Colonel Steven L. Salazar, 0710
Colonel Raymond A. Thomas, III, 0142
Colonel Paul L. Wentz, 3661
Colonel Larry D. Wyche, 9416

423 786 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr. Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be Lieutenant General

Lt. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, 7058

424 1090 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr. Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be Major General

Brig. Gen. John A. Macdonald, 0573

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425 1091 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 624 and 3064:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr. Levin, Committee on Armed Services, without printed report.

to be Brigadier General

Col. Dana K. Chipman, 5098

426 1092 The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated

under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed

Services, without printed

report.

to be Major General

Brig. Gen. Dennis L. Celletti, 9486

427 1111 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Levin, Committee on Armed

Services, without printed

report.

to be Lieutenant General

Lt. Gen. David P. Valcourt, 6455

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

* 433 1084 Francis Mulvey, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2012. (Reappointment)

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Inouye, Committee on

Commerce, Science, and

Transportation, without

printed report.

* 434 1011 Carl T. Johnson, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, vice Thomas J. Barrett.

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Inouye, Committee on

Commerce, Science, and

Transportation, without

printed report.

COAST GUARD

* 435 945 The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Inouye, Committee on

Commerce, Science, and
Transportation, without
printed report.

to be Rear Admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael R. Seward, 2642

*** 436 1012** The following named officers for appointment in
the United States Coast Guard to the grade
indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Inouye, Committee on
Commerce, Science, and
Transportation, without
printed report.

to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half)

Capt. Joseph R. Castillo, 3894

Capt. Daniel R. May, 4862

Capt. Peter V. Neffenger, 7652

Capt. Charles W. Ray, 8584

*** 437 1013** The following named officers for appointment in
the United States Coast Guard to the grade
indicated under title 14, U.S.C., section 271:

Dec 18, 2007 Reported by Mr.

Inouye, Committee on
Commerce, Science, and
Transportation, without
printed report.

to be Rear Admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) William D. Baumgartner, 0425

Rear Adm. (lh) Manson K. Brown, 6734

Rear Adm. (lh) Cynthia A. Cogan, 3505

PN877

PN955

PN1006

PN1007

PN1105

PN1134

Steven Murdock, director of census, and assistant director of health affairs

Scott Burns, deputy director of national drug policy

Cynthia Dire, director of violence against women

Nathan Hawkman assistant attorney,

joseph broussnalio

Allen Mendlewidz,

Radzley, secretary of labor

stewart ishimaro, member of the equal employment opportunity commission
gregory jacob, solicitor for the department of labor
keith hall, commissioner of labor statistics,
dougless webster, chief financial officer of the department of labor

The Senate will be in Pro Forma Sessions during the Christmas Recess on the following days (including the Chairs): Friday, December 21st, 9:30 am – Senator Webb; Sunday, December 23rd, 11:00 am – Senator Webb; Wednesday, December 26th, 9:30 am – Senator Webb; Friday, December 28th, 10:00 am – Senator Dorgan.

On Monday, December 31st, 10:00 am – Senator Reed, the Senate stand adjourned Sine Die pursuant to S. Con. Res. 61.

The Senate will convene for Pro Forma Sessions as follows: Thursday, January 3rd, 12:00 pm – Senator Landrieu; Monday, January 7th, 9:00 am – Senator Kennedy; Wednesday, January 9th, 11:00 am – Senator Reed; Friday, January 11th, 9:30 am – Senator Webb; Tuesday, January 15th, 11:00 am – Senator Schumer; Friday, January 18th, 10:00 am – Senator Cardin.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 22 and will be in morning business for 60 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to S. 1200 (Indian Health Legislation).

The Senate adjourned at 9:24 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007

The Senate will convene and will be in morning business for 90 minutes. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. Once the unanimous consent is granted, all post cloture debate on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2248 (FISA) will be yielded back and the Motion will be agreed to. It is Majority Leader Reid's intent to consider the House Message on H.R. 2764 (State Foreign Operations Appropriations Act) during Tuesday's session.

S. Res. 409 (Commending the service of Senator Trent Lott). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 1:11 PM.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2499 (Medicare/S-Chip extension). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid made the following motion:

- Proceed to the consideration of the House Message on H. R. 2764 (Foreign Operations /Omnibus Appropriations Bill) with House amendments.
- There will be one hour for debate on the cloture motion on the motion to concur in the House amendments, followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture.
- If cloture is not invoked, the Senate will then proceed to House amendment #2. Sen. McConnell will be recognized to offer a motion to concur in that amendment with an amendment.
- Sen. Feingold will be recognized to offer an amendment to the McConnell motion to concur with one hour of debate on Sen. Feingold's amendment, followed by a vote.
- If Sen. Feingold's amendment fails to attain 60 votes in the affirmative, his amendment will be withdrawn.
- Sen. Levin will be recognized to offer an amendment to the McConnell motion to concur with House amendment #2. There will be one hour of debate followed by a vote on the amendment.
- If Sen. Levin's amendment does not attain 60 votes in the affirmative, it will be withdrawn.
- The Senate will then immediately proceed to a vote on the McConnell motion to concur with House amendment #2.
- If Sen. McConnell's motion to concur fails to attain 60 votes in the affirmative, it will be withdrawn.
- The Senate will then proceed to House amendment #1 and Sen. Reid will be recognized to make a motion to concur in the amendment which contains the text

of the House passed bill, H. R. 4351 (AMT Bill) with one hour for debate on the motion to concur, followed by a vote.

- If the motion does not attain 60 votes in the affirmative, it will be withdrawn and Sen. Reid will then be recognized to offer a motion to concur in the House amendment #1 with two hours for debate, followed by a vote on the motion to concur.

The motion was agreed to by unanimous consent.

House Message on H. R. 2764 (Foreign Operations/Omnibus Appropriations Bill). Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur with the House amendments. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **44-51**.

Sen. McConnell motion to concur in House amendment #2 to H. R. 2764 with an amendment #3874 (Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to concur with an amendment was agreed to by a vote of **70-25**.

Feingold 2nd degree amendment #3875 (Provide for the safe redeployment of US troops from Iraq) to McConnell amend #3874 (Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **24-71**. Under a previous agreement, 60 votes were required for passage. The amendment was withdrawn.

Levin 2nd degree amendment #3876 (Sense of the Senate for a goal of the removal of U. S. forces from Iraq in a reasonable period of time) to McConnell amend #3874 (Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **50-45**. Under a previous agreement, 60 votes were required for passage. The amendment was withdrawn.

Reid motion to concur with House amendment #1 to H. R. 2764 with an amendment #3877 (Contains the text of the House passed bill, H. R. 4351, AMT Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **48-46**. Under a previous agreement, 60 votes were required for passage. The motion was withdrawn.

Reid motion to concur with the House amendment #1 to H. R. 2746 (Foreign Operations/Omnibus Appropriations Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to concur was agreed to by a vote of **76-17 – 1 present**.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #373 John D. Tindler to be U. S. Circuit Judge for the 7th Circuit Court. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **93-0**.

S. Con Res 61 (Adjournment Resolution). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 279 (Sense of the senate regarding the 125th anniversary of the 1882 Treaty of Peace and Commerce). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. Con. Res. 53 (Condemning the kidnapping and hostage taking of U. S. citizens). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 410 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 411 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 412 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 413 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 414 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 415 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 62 (Correct the enrollment of H. R. 660). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2260 (Extend the existing provisions regarding eligibility). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 366 (Designate the outpatient clinic in Tulsa, OK). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2436 (amend the IRS Code to clarify the term of "Commissioner of Internal Revenue"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2135 (Prohibit the recruitment of child soldiers). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Letter of Resignation of Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi. Letter was deemed read and spread upon the journal.

The Senate will convene at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, December 19, 2007. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 -2:15 for party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 12:10.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume the Motion to Proceed to S. 2248 (FISA). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2248 at 12 Noon. If cloture is invoked the Motion will then be adopted.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2248 (FISA). Yeas and nays ordered. Cloture was invoked by a vote of 76-10.

S. 274 (Federal Employee Protection of Disclosures Act). Substitute amendment was agreed to by voice. The bill as amended was agreed to by voice vote.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2248 (FISA).

H.R. 3703 (Amend Tax Code). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 781 (Extend Authority of the Federal Trade Commission). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2096 (Amend "Do Not Call" Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 660 (Amend US Code to protect judges and witnesses). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3690 (Provide transfer of Library of Congress Police to US Capitol Police). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 388 (National Teen Dating Violence Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 264 (Honoring University of Hawaii). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 407 (Death of Rep. Julia Carson). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 408 (Congratulating Division II football camps). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Tuesday, December 18 at 10:00 AM and will be in morning business for 90 minutes. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. Once the unanimous consent is granted, all post cloture debate on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2248 (FISA) will be yielded back and the Motion will be agreed to. It is Majority Leader Reid's intent to consider the House Message on H.R. 2764 (State Foreign Operations Appropriations Act) during Tuesday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 8:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 2419 (Farm Bill). The time for post cloture debate will continue to run despite the adjournment of the Senate. Upon dispensation of the bill, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 2338 (FHA Modernization Act of 2007).

S. 2338 (FHA Modernization Act of 2007).

Dodd amend #3853 (To require a 12-month moratorium on the implementation of risk-based premiums for FHA insured mortgages). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Coburn amend #3854 (To ensure the cap on Home Equity Conversion Mortgages is not permanently eliminated before a study regarding program costs and credits is submitted to Congress). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2338 (FHA Modernization Act of 2007), as amended. Third reading. Final passage. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 93-1.

Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 1589 (Defense Authorization Act). Agreed to by a vote of 90-3.

H. Con. Res. 269 (Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of the bill H.R. 1585). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

Manager's Package. Agreed to by voice vote.

Harkin amend #3500 (Substitute Amendment). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill). Agreed to by a vote of 79-14.

H.R. 3648 (Amend Internal Revenue Code for Mortgage Debt Relief). Agreed to by voice vote.

Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2248 (FISA).

S. 2488 (Openness in Government). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 396 (SoS that hanging nooses should be investigated). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2400 (Sec of Defense to pay for combat related injuries). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Monday, December 16 and will resume the Motion to Proceed to S. 2248 (FISA). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2248 at 12 Noon.

The Senate adjourned at 5:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2007

The Senate will convene 8:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill). At 9:15 AM, the Senate will vote on the Dorgan amend #3695 (To strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increase funding for certain programs), as modified. Upon disposition of the amendment, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the Cloture Motion on the Motion to Concur with respect to H.R. 6 (Energy Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

Harkin amend #3500 (Complete Substitute).

Dorgan amend #3695 (To strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increase funding for certain programs), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 56-43. Under a previous agreement, the amendment required 60 votes for adoption. The amendment was withdrawn.

Motion to concur with respect to H. R. 6 (Energy Bill). Motion to invoke cloture on the House amendment to the Senate amendment with respect to H.R. 6 (Energy Bill). The motion failed by a vote of 59-40.

H. R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

Schumer amend #3720. Withdrawn.

Tester amend #3666 (To modify the provisions relating to unlawful practices under the Packers and Stockyards Act). Laid aside.

Harkin unanimous consent request: Following the recess the Senate proceed to roll call votes on the following amendments: Klobuchar amend, Coburn amend #3530, Tester amend #3666, and Brown amend #3819, that each amendment require 60 votes to be agreed to or will be withdrawn, and that the Manager's package be considered and agreed to. Without objection.

Klobuchar amend #3810 (To improve the adjusted gross income limitation and use the savings to provide additional funding for certain programs and reduce the Federal deficit). Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes in order to be adopted. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 48-47. The amendment was withdrawn.

Tester amend #3666 (Modify the provision relating to unlawful practices under the Packers and Stockyards Act). Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes in order to be adopted. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **40-55**. The amendment was withdrawn.

Brown amend #3819 (Increase funding for critical Farm Bill programs and improve crop insurance). Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes in order to be adopted. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **32-63**. The amendment was withdrawn.

Craig amend #3640 (Prohibit the involuntary acquisition of farmland and grazing land by Federal, State, and local governments for parks, open space, or similar purposes). Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes in order to be adopted. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **37-58**. The amendment was withdrawn.

Message from the House on H. R. 6 (Energy Bill). The motion to concur with the House message, with an amendment was withdrawn. Sen. Reid made a new motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the text of H. R. 6, with an amendment #3850 (Complete substitute). There will be 40 minutes of debate, followed by a vote on the motion to concur. The motion to concur with an amendment was agreed to by a vote of **86-8**.

H. J. Res. 69 (Continuing Resolution through December 21, 207). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

Harkin amend #3500 (Complete substitute).

Grassley amend #3823 (Agricultural competition and increased consolidation in the agriculture industry). Laid aside.

Harkin amend #3851 (Promote legal certainty and reduce systemic risk in markets for futures and over-the-counter derivatives). Laid aside.

Harkin amend #3830 (Relative to public safety officers and firefighters). Withdrawn.

Feinstein amend # (). Agreed to by voice vote.

Motion to invoke cloture on Harkin amend #3500 (Complete Substitute) to H. R. 2419 (Farm Bill). Yeas and nays are mandatory and ordered. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of **78-12**.

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

Cal. #392, Amul R. Thaper to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #397, Ronald Jay Tenpas to be an Asst. Attorney General. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #398, Gregory A. Brower to be US Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of four years. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #399, Diane J. Humetewa to be US Attorney for the District of Arizona for the term of four years. Confirmed by voice vote.

All nominations in the Coast Guard at the Secretary's desk. Confirmed by voice vote.

Message from the House S. 597 (Breast Cancer Stamp Reauthorization). Senate concur with the House message. VV

H. R. 2671 (Designate the name of a court house). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1916 (Amend the Public Health Service Act). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. Res. 405 (Recognizing the life of Henry John Hyde). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2484 (Rename a building). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 391 (Calling on the President of the United States to engage in an open discussion with the leaders of the Republic of Georgia to express support for the planned presidential elections and the expectation that such elections will be held in a manner consistent with democratic principles). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 2408 (Designate the naming of a building). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1396 (Authorize a major medical facility project). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1585 (Designate the naming of a building). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2339 (Designate the naming of a building). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1858 (Amend the Public Health Service Act). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. 2461 (Authorize the transfer of certain earmarked funds to accounts for operations and activities in Iraq and Afghanistan). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and it was placed on the Calendar.

S. 2483 (Authorization). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. There was objection to further consideration of the bill.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, December 14, 2007. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 2419 (Farm Bill). The time for post clotue debate will continue to run despite the adjournment of the Senate. Upon dispensation of

the bill, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 2338 (FHA Modernization Act of 2007).

The Senate adjourned at 10:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will be in morning business for three hours. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will resume consideration of **H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill)** and will proceed to vote in relation to the following amendments: Gregg amendment #3671 and Gregg amendment 3672. Following these votes, the Senate will proceed to the following amendments: Alexander amendment numbers 3551 and 3553, for 30 minutes of debate, Cornyn amendment number 3678 and 3887, with 30 minutes, Dorgan amendment, two hours of debate, Klobuchar amendment number 3810, 60 minutes of debate, Gregg amendment number 3673, two hours of debate, Sessions amendment 3596, 40 minutes of debate, and Coburn amendments number 3807, 3530, 6332, for a total of 90 minutes of debate.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

Harkin amend #3500 (Substitute amendment).

Gregg amend #3671 (To strike the section requiring the establishment of a Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **37-58**.

Gregg amend #3672 (To strike a provision relating to market loss assistance for asparagus producers). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **39-56**.

Harkin amend #3639 (To improve nutrition standards for foods and beverages sold in schools). Laid aside.

Dorgan amend #3695 (To strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increase funding for certain programs). Laid aside.

Alexander amend #3551 (To increase funding for the Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems, with an offset). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote on **19-75**.

Alexander amend #3553 (To limit the tax credit for small wind energy property expenditures to property placed in service in connection with a farm or rural small business). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **14-79**.

Gregg amend #3673 (To improve women's access to health care services in rural areas and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services). Under unanimous

consent, the amendment must have 60 votes to pass. If it fails to achieve 60 votes, the amendment will be withdrawn. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 41-53.

McConnell amend #3803 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of horses). Agreed to by Unanimous consent.

Reid motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment.

Reid amend #3841 (Complete Substitute).

Reid 2nd degree amend #3842 (Sets effective clause) to amend #3841 (Complete Substitute).

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with amendment #3841 (Complete Substitute).

H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

Harkin amend #3500 (Substitute amendment).

Coburn amend #3632 (To modify a provision relating to the Environmental Quality Incentive Program). Withdrawn by Sen. Coburn.

Coburn amend #3807 (To ensure the priority of the farm bill remains farmers by eliminating wasteful Department of Agriculture spending on golf courses, junkets, cheese centers and aging barns), as modified. Laid aside.

Sessions amend #3596 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a pilot program under which agricultural producers may establish and contribute to tax-exempt farm savings accounts in lieu of obtaining federally subsidized crop insurance or noninsured crop assistance, to provide for contributions to such accounts by the Secretary of Agriculture, to specify the situations in which amounts may be paid to producers from such accounts, and to limit the total amount of such distributions to a producer during a taxable year, and for other purposes), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 35-58.

Harkin amend #3830 (Relative to public safety officers), as modified. Laid aside.

Harkin 2nd degree amend #3844 (Relative to public safety officers) to Harkin amend #3830 (Relative to public safety officers). Laid aside.

Durbin amend #3539 (To provide a termination date for the conduct of certain inspections and the issuance of certain regulations), as modified. Laid aside.

Kennedy 2nd degree amend #3845 (To make a perfecting amendment) to Durbin amend #3539 (To provide a termination date for the conduct of certain inspections and the issuance of certain regulations). Agreed to by UC.

Durbin amend #3539 (To provide a termination date for the conduct of certain inspections and the issuance of certain regulations), as modified. Agreed to by UC.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 403 (Congratulating Boys Town on its 90th Anniversary). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1245 (Reforms Mutual Aid Agreements to the National Capital Region). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4343 (Amends Title 49, U.S. Code to modify age standards for pilots engaged in commercial aviation operations). Read a third time and passed by UC.

S. 2271 (To authorize state and local governments to divest assets in companies that conduct government operations in Sudan, to prohibit united states government contracts with such companies). Read a third time and passed by UC.

H.R. 3997 (Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services), as amended. Read a third time and passed by UC.

S. 2461 (Authorizes the transfer of earmarked funds to accounts for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan). First reading. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 8:30 AM on Thursday, December 13, 2007 and will resume immediate consideration of H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill). At 9:15 AM, the Senate will vote on the Dorgan amend #3695 (To strengthen payment limitations and direct the savings to increase funding for certain programs), as modified. Upon disposition of the amendment, there will be 2 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the Cloture Motion on the Motion to Concur with respect to H.R. 6 (Energy Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 9:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2419 (Farm Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:20 – 2:15 for party caucuses. Votes will occur after the party caucuses today.

S. 2436 (Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the term of Commissioner of Internal Revenue). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

S. 2440 (Amends the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

S. 2441 (Amends the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, to modernize and streamline the provisions of that Act, and for other purposes). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

Cornyn asked unanimous consent that S. 2340 (A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008) be read a third time and passed. Objected to by Sen. Durbin.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

Harkin amend #3500 (Substitute amendment).

Lugar amend #3711 (Relative to traditional payments and loans). Laid aside.

Tester amend #3666 (To modify the provision relating to unlawful practices under the Packers and Stockyards Act). Laid aside.

Baucus amend #3660 (To modify the trade title). Withdrawn.

Schumer amend #3720 (Improve crop insurance). Laid aside.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

Harkin amend #3500 (Substitute amendment).

Lugar amend #3711 (Relative to traditional payments and loans). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 37-58.

Gregg amend #3673 (To improve women's access to health care services in rural areas and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services). Laid aside.

Gregg 2nd degree amend #3825 (technical correction) to Gregg amend #3673 (To improve women's access to health care services in rural areas and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #3826 (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act). Laid aside.

Harkin amend #3830 (technical correction). Laid aside.

Reid unanimous consent that any cloture filed on Wednesday, December 12, with respect to H.R. 6 (Energy Bill) be considered as having been filed Tuesday, December 11. Without objection.

Reid unanimous consent the vote in relation to the Dorgan amend #3695 occur at 9:15 AM on Thursday, December 13.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, December 12 and will be in morning business for three hours. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will resume consideration of **H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill)** and will proceed to vote in relation to the following amendments: Gregg amendment #3671 and Gregg amendment 3672. Following these votes, the Senate will proceed to the following amendments: Alexander amendment numbers 3551 and 3553, with 30 minutes of debate followed by votes, Cornyn amendment number 3678 and 3887, with 30 minutes followed by votes, Dorgan amendment, two hours of debate followed by a vote, Klobuchar amendment number 3810, 60 minutes of debate followed by a vote, Gregg amendment number 3673, two hours of debate followed by a vote, Sessions amendment 3596, 40 minutes of debate followed by a vote, and Coburn amendments number 3807, 3530, 6332, for a total of 90 minutes of debate followed by votes.

The Senate adjourned at 8:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2007

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will resume consideration of H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill). There will be no roll call votes today. Sen. Reid announced the next votes will most likely occur before party luncheons on Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

Harkin amend #3500 (Complete Substitute). This amendment is used for amending purposes.

Salazar amend #3616 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for the production of all cellulosic bio-fuels). Laid aside.

McConnell amend #3821 (To promote the nutritional health of school children). Laid aside.

Craig amend #3640 (Prohibit the involuntary acquisition of farmland and grazing land by Federal, State and local governments for parks, open space or similar purposes). Laid aside.

Roberts amend #3549 (Modify a provision relating to regulations). Laid aside.

Domenici amend #3614 (Reduce our nation's dependency on foreign oil by investing in clean energy resources). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #3674 (Exclude discharges of indebtedness on principal residences from gross income). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #3673 (Improve women's access to health care services in rural areas). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #3671 (Strike the section requiring the establishment of a Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #3672 (Strike a provision relating to market loss assistance for asparagus producers). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #3822 (Home heating assistance to low-income families and senior citizens). Laid aside.

Grassley amend #3823 (Review of agricultural mergers and acquisitions by the Department of Justice). Laid aside.

Sessions amend #3596 (Establish a pilot program). Laid aside.

Stevens amend #3569 (Make commercial fisherman eligible for certain operating loans). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Alexander amend #3551 (Increase funding for the initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems, with an offset). Laid aside.

Alexander amend #3553 (Limit the tax credit for small wind energy property expenditures to property placed in service in connection with a farm or rural small business). Laid aside.

Bond amend #3771 (Provisions relating to rulemaking). Laid aside.

Durbin amend #3539 (Provide a termination date for the conduct of certain inspections and the issuance of certain regulations.). Laid aside.

S. Res. 398 (Honoring the life and recognizing the accomplishments of Joe Nuxell, broadcaster for the Cincinnati Reds). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S.2436 (Amend the internal revenue code of 1986 and so forth and for other purposes). The bill was read for a first time. Further consideration was objected to.

S. 2440 (Amend the Surveillance Act). The bill was read for a first time. Further consideration was objected to.

S. 2441 (Amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978). The bill was read for a first time. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 11, 2007. There will be a period of Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 6:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007

The Senate will convene on Friday, December 7 at 9:00 AM and will proceed to the **House Message on H.R. 6 (Energy Bill)**. **There will be a vote to invoke cloture** on the motion to concur on the House Amendments to the Senate amendments to **H.R. 6 (Energy Bill)** at 9:35 AM. The cloture vote on the Farm Bill will be delayed until a time to be determined.

Reid filed cloture on the motion to concur on the House Amendments to the Senate amendments to **H.R. 6 (Energy Bill)**.

House Message on H.R. 6 (Energy Bill).

Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur on the House Amendments to the Senate amendments to **H.R. 6 (Energy Bill)**. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was not agreed to by a vote of **53-42**.

S. Res. 395 (Sense of the Senate regarding National Pearl Harbor Day). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

Harkin asked unanimous consent that all pending motions and amendments except for the Substitute amendment be withdrawn. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Harkin amend #3500 (Substitute Amendment).

Dorgan amend #3695 (To strengthen payment limitations and direct savings to increased funding for certain programs). Laid aside.

Brown amend #3819 (To increase funding for critical Farm Bill programs and improve crop insurance). Laid aside.

Klobuchar amend #3810 (To improve the adjusted gross income limitation and use the savings to provide additional funding for certain programs and reduce the Federal deficit). Laid aside.

Lugar amend #3711 (To improve the bill). Laid aside.

Cornyn amend #3687 (Agriculture Disaster Relief Fund). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Coburn amend #3807 (To ensure the priority of the farm bill remains farmers by eliminating wasteful Department of Agriculture spending on casinos, golf course, junkets, cheese centers and aging barns).

Coburn amend #3530 (To limit the distribution to deceased individuals, and estates of those individuals, of certain agricultural payments).

Coburn amend #3632 (To modify a provision relating to the Environmental Quality Incentive Program).

Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #6 (Patent Law Treaty and Regulations Under Patent Law Treaty).

Cal. #7 (Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Industrial Designs).

Cal. #8 (Singapore Treaty on the Law of Trademarks).

The resolutions of ratification were agreed to en bloc by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 397 (Math, Science and Technology Awards). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4252 (Temporary Extension of programs through the Small Business Act and Small Business Investment Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will 3:00 on Monday, December 10, 2007 and will resume consideration of H.R. 2419 (Farm Bill). There will be no roll call votes on Monday. Sen. Reid announced the next votes will most likely occur before party luncheons on Tuesday, December 11, 2007.

The Senate adjourned at 3:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H. R. 3996 (Alternative Minimum Tax Bill). There will be 60 minutes of debate on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, followed by a vote on the cloture motion.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Sen. Reid motion to proceed to the immediate consideration of calendar number 481, S. 2338 (FHA Modernization Act) and that the Dodd-Shelby Amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill as amended be agreed upon and passed and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table. Sen. Enzi objected on behalf of Sen. Coburn.

Sen. Gregg Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H. R. 3996 (Alternative Minimum Tax Bill) with a finite list of amendments was objected to by Sen. Baucus on behalf of the Majority Leader.

Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H. R. 3996 (Alternative Minimum Tax Bill). Motion to invoke cloture. The cloture motion was not agreed to by a vote of 46-48. Reid motion to reconsider.

Sen. Reid asked unanimous consent to proceed to H.R. 3996 (Alternative Minimum Tax Bill) and that all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of Baucus amend #3804 (One-year unpaid patch for A.M.T.) be substituted in lieu thereof, and the bill be read a third time and passed. Sen. Gregg objected.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S.2416 (Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alternative minimum tax on individuals and replace it with an alternative minimum tax individuals may choose). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

Message from the House with respect to S. 2371 (Higher Education Act technical changes). The Senate concurs in the House amendment and the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table by Unanimous Consent.

Message from the House with respect to amendments to H.R. 710 (Living Kidney Organ Donation Clarification Act). The Senate concurs in the House amendments and the motion to reconsider is laid upon the table by Unanimous Consent.

H. R. 3996 (Alternative Minimum Tax Bill).

Baucus amend #3804 (substitute amendment to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend alternative minimum tax relief) agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 3996 (Alternative Minimum Tax Bill) as amended. Bill read a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill as amended was agreed to by a vote of **88-5**.

S. Res. 392 (Everglades). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 393 (Omaha shooting). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 394 (American Assoc. for Cancer Research). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 54 (National Pulmonary Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 4118 (Virginia Tech Bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3315 (Emancipation Hall). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Friday, December 7 at 9:00 AM and will proceed to the **House Message on H.R. 6 (Energy Bill)**. The cloture vote on the Farm Bill will be delayed until a time to be determined.

The Senate adjourned at 8:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2007

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration to the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3996 (Alternative Minimum Tax Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

Sen. Murray asked Unanimous Consent to the Senate proceed to the consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3074 (Transportation, HUD Appropriations Bill) and after 20 minutes of debate the Senate vote on adoption of the Conference Report. Sen. Specter objected on behalf of the Republican leadership.

Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H. R. 3996 (Alternative Minimum Tax Bill). Motion to proceed was withdrawn.

H. R. 2419 (Farm Bill).

Harkin amend #3500 (Complete substitute). Motion to invoke cloture on the amendment. A vote on the cloture motion may occur on Friday, December 7, 2007. Laid aside.

Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H. R. 3996 (Alternative Minimum Tax Bill).

S. 2416, (A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM on Thursday, December 6, 2007. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H. R. 3996 (Alternative Minimum Tax Bill). There will be 60 minutes of debate on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, followed by a vote on the cloture motion.

The Senate adjourned at 6:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in morning business. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3688 (Peru Trade Promotion Agreement). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. The Senate will vote on final passage of H.R. 3688 (Peru Trade Promotion Agreement) at 2:15 PM.

H.R. 3688 (Peru Trade Promotion Agreement).

The Senate recessed at 12:25 PM for weekly party luncheons.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3688 (Peru Trade Promotion Agreement). Yeas and nays ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 77-18.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 3996 (AMT Bill). The cloture motion will ripen 1 hour after the Senate convenes on Thursday unless otherwise agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

McConnell asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to H.R. 3996 (AMT Bill) and that it be considered under various limitations. Objected to by Sen. Baucus.

S. Con. Res. 58 (Welcoming the Northern Ireland Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister to the U.S.). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 376 (Sense of the Senate that the Secretary of Commerce should declare commercial fishery failure for the ground fish fishery for Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island). Agreed to by UC.

S. 1327 (Create and extends certain temporary District Court Judgeships). Agreed to by UC.

S. 863 (Amends Title 18, U.S. Code with respect to fraud in connection with major disasters or emergency funds). Agreed to by UC.

The following bills were indefinitely postponed en bloc:

S. 2131 (Laurence C. and Grace M. Jones Post Office Building in Piney Woods, Mississippi).

S. 2107 (Dennis P. Collins Post Office Building in Bayonne, New Jersey).

S. 2150 (Wallace S. Hartsfield Post Office Building in Kansas City, Missouri).

Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration to the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3996 (AMT Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 6:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business.

H.R. 3703 (Amends the U.S. Code to allow an exception for the dollar coin dispensing requirement for certain vending machines). The bill was read for a second time. Further reading of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

H.R. 3997 (Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986). The bill was read for a second time. Further reading of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3688 (Peru Trade Promotion Agreement).

The Senate will vote on final passage at 2:15 PM on Tuesday, December 4, 2007.

H.R. 238 (to repeal a prohibition on the use of certain funds for tunneling in certain areas). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Tuesday, December 4 at 10:00 AM and will be in morning business. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3688 (Peru Trade Promotion Agreement). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. The Senate will vote on final passage of H.R. 3688 (Peru Trade Promotion Agreement) at 2:15 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:15 PM.