SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. At the close of morning business all post-cloture time will be considered yielded back, the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007) will be agreed to and the Senate will then proceed to the bill. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

S. 849 (The Openness to Promote Effective International Government Act 2007). Reid motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill under specific arrangements was objected to by Sen. Kyl.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007) was agreed to under a previous agreement.

H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

Baucus amend #2530 (Substitute amendment with the text of S. 1893 - SCHIP). This amendment is considered original text of the bill for the purposes of amendment.

At 12:30 PM, the Senate recessed for party caucuses.

At 2:15 PM, the Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

Baucus amend #2530 (Substitute amendment with the text of S. 1893 - SCHIP). This amendment is considered original text for the bill for the purposes of amendment.

Ensign amend #2538 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a disease prevention and treatment research trust fund). Laid aside.

Bunning amend #2547 (Eliminate the exception for certain States t cover children under SCHIP whose income exceeds 300 percent of the federal poverty level). Laid aside.

Allard amend #2526 (Standardize the determination of income for purposes of eligibility for SCHIP). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **37-59**.

Dorgan amend #2534 (Regarding Indian healthcare). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #2587 (Limit the matching rate for coverage other than for low-income children or pregnant women covered through a waiver and to prohibit any new waivers for coverage of adults other than pregnant women).

The Senate proceeded to a **message from the House on S. 1 (Ethics and Lobbying Reform Bill).** Sen. Reid moved to concur with the House amendment and filed a cloture motion to close debate on the motion to concur on the House amendment on S. 1 (Ethics and Lobbying Reform Bill). Laid aside.

Sen Reid moved to concur with the House amendment on S. 1 with the Reid amend #2589 () and the Reid 2nd degree amend #2590 () to Reid amend #2589 (). The yeas and nays were ordered. Laid aside.

H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

H. R. 3206 (Temporary extensions for programs under the Small Business Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. J. Res. 10 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. J. Res. 7 (Reappointment). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. J. Res. 8 (Reappointment). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 276 (Regarding the need for an urgent multinational peace keeping mission). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 285 (Designating September 9, 2007 as "National Fetal Alcohol Disorder Awareness Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 286 (Recognizing the efforts of fire fighters). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 287 (Honoring the a division of the Iwa National Guard). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 236 (Supporting the goals of the National Anthem Project). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 255 (Regarding long distance runs in the Peoples Republic of China and the USA). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 277 (Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the archdiocese of New York). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 278 (Sense of the Senate regarding an announcement of the Russian Federation). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con Res. 26 (Recognizing the anniversary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, August 1, 2007. The Senate will proceed with morning business for 30 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007). The first order of business will be the Ensign amend #2538 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a disease prevention and treatment research trust fund). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the amendment.

The Senate adjourned at 9:30 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2007

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of morning business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded with Legislative Session.

Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to **80-0.**

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

S. Res. 284 (to authorize testimony and legal representation in city and county of Denver versus Susan Gomez et al). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 175 (expressing the Sense of Congress that courts with judiciary responsibility for a child of a deceased member of the armed forces who receives a death gratuity payment). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 33 (calling on the People's Republic of China to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 31 and will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. At the close of morning business all post-cloture time will be considered yielded back, the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007). will be agreed to and the Senate will then proceed to the bill. The Senate recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H. R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Bill).

Graham/Pryor degree amend #2480 (Border security) Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **89-1**.

Vitter amend #2488 (US agencies should not prevent an individual not in he business of importing a prescription drug from importing a DFA-approved prescription drug from Canada). As modified. Laid aside.

Cochran 2nd degree amend #2496 (Regarding funding) to Vitter amend #2488 (US agencies should not prevent an individual not in he business of importing a prescription drug from importing a DFA-approved prescription drug from Canada). Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #2468 (State the policy of the United States Government on the foremost objective of the United States in the Global War on Terror). Laid aside.

Dorgan 2nd degree amend #2505 (Requires a quarterly classified report to be offered to Congress that would report on what is being done to bring to justice the leadership of Al Queda) to Landrieu amend #2468 (State the policy of the United States Government on the foremost objective of the United States in the Global War on Terror). DeMint point of order that the amendment constitutes legislation on an appropriation bill and violates Rule 16 of the CBA. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

DeMint motion to appeal the ruling of the chair and asks for the yeas and nays on the previous Dorgan 2nd degree amendment #2505 was withdrawn.

Landrieu amend #2468 (State the policy of the United States Government on the foremost objective of the United States in the Global War on Terror). Cochran point of order that the amendment constitutes legislation on an appropriation bill and violates Rule 16 of the CBA. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Alexander amend #2405 (To make $300,000,000 available for grants to States to carry out the REAL ID Act of 2005), as modified. Murray motion to table the amendment. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **48-46**.

Grassley amend #2444 (Secretary of Homeland Security certifies to Congress that all new hires by the Department of Homeland Security are verified through the basic pilot program authorized under section 401 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Schumer amend #2416 (Evaluate identification card technologies to determine the most appropriate technology for ensuring the optimal security, efficiency, privacy, and cost of passport cards). Agreed to by voice vote.

Schumer amend #2461 (Increase the amount provided for aviation security direction and enforcement). Agreed to by voice vote.

Schumer amend #2447 (Reserve $40,000,000 of the amounts appropriated for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office to support the implementation of the Securing the Cities initiative). Agreed to by voice vote.

Dole amend #2462 (Require that not less than $5,400,000 of the amount appropriated to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement be used to facilitate agreements described in section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act). Laid aside.

Martinez amend #2503 (Require the issuance and use of social security cards with biometric identifiers for the establishment of employment authorization and identity). Withdrawn.

Martinez amend #2413 (Require that all funds for State and local programs be allocated based on risk). Withdrawn.

Cochran amend #2496 (Prohibit the use of funds relative to United States Customs and Border Protection). Withderawn

Vitter amend #2488 (Prohibit U.S. Customs and Border Protection or any agency or office within the Department of Homeland Security from preventing an individual not in the business of importing a prescription drug importing an FDA-approved prescription drug from Canada). Agreed to by voice vote.

Dole amend #2462 (Require that not less than $5,400,000 of the amount appropriated to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement be used to facilitate agreements described in section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

Dole amend #2449 (Set aside $75,000,000 of the funds appropriated for training, exercise, technical assistance, and other programs under the heading State and local programs for training consistent with section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act). Withdrawn.

DeMint amend #2481 (Prohibit the use of funds to remove offenses from the list of criminal offenses disqualifying individuals from receiving TWIC cards). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Salazar amend #2516 (Regarding border security requirements for land and maritime borders of the US). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Sanders amend #2498 (Prohibit funds made available in this act from being used to implement a rule or regulation related to certain petitions for aliens to perform temporary labor in the US). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Lieberman amend #2407 (Provide funds for the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2442 (Prohibit funding for no-bid earmarks). Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #2525 (Require regional evacuation and sheltering plans.). Laid aside.

Lieberman amend #2407 (Provide funds for the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Sanders amend #2498 (Prohibit funds made available in this act from being used to implement a rule or regulation related to certain petitions for aliens to perform temporary labor in the US). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **51-43**.

DeMint amend #2481 (Prohibit the use of funds to remove offenses from the list of criminal offenses disqualifying individuals from receiving TWIC cards). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **93-1**.

Coburn amend #2442 (Prohibit funding for no-bid earmarks). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Salazar amend #2516 (Relative to border security requirements for land and maritime borders of the United States), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.
Kyl amend #2518 (Regarding employment verification improvements), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Landrieu amend #2527 (Require regional evacuation and sheltering plans). Agreed to by voice vote.

Landrieu amend #2525 (Require regional evacuation and sheltering plans). Withdrawn.

Cochran amend #2469 (Provide that certain hazard mitigation projects shall not be subject to any pre-certification requirements). Agreed to by voice vote.

Murray amend #2499 (Regarding cargo container inspection), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Stevens amend #2475 (Develop and implement a model ports of entry program), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Lieberman amend #2513 (Require a national strategy and report on closed circuit television systems). Agreed to by voice vote.

Pryor amend #2502 (Regulate the sale of ammonium nitrate to prevent and deter the acquisition of ammonium nitrate by terrorists). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cantwell amend #2514 (Prevent the procurement of the third National Security Cutter until completion of an Alternatives Analysis). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cantwell amend #2391 (Plan to implement the recommendations regarding the 2010 Vancouver Olympic and Paralympic Games). Agreed to by voice vote.

Hutchison amend #2466 (Provide local officials and the Sec. of HS greater involvement in decisions regarding the location of border fencing). Agreed to by voice vote.

Gregg amend #2484 (Provide for greater accountability in grant and contract administration). Agreed to by voice vote.

Collins amend #2486 (Require an appropriate amount of funding for the Office of Bombing Prevention). Agreed to by voice vote.

Byrd amend #2497 (Establish a wild horse and burro adoption program at the Dept. of HS). Agreed to by voice vote.

Martinez amend #2404 (Establish an international registered traveler program), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Akaka amend #2478 (Provide for a report on the Performance Accountability and Standards System of the Transportation Security Administration). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Bill). The Committee substitute amendment was agreed to by voice vote and the Senate proceeded to third reading of the bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of **89-4.** The Senate insisted on its amendments and requested a Conference with the House. Conferees were appointed and they were Senators Byrd, Inouye, Leahy, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Lautenberg, Nelson of Nebraska, Cochran, Gregg, Stevens, Specter, Dominici, Shelby, Craig and Alexander.

Conference Report to accompany H. R. 1 (9/11 Commission Report Recommendations).

DeMint motion to recommit the bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to recommit was not agreed to by a vote of **26-67**.

Conference Report to accompany H. R. 1 (9/11 Commission Report Recommendations). Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report was agreed to by a vote of **85-8**.

Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the motion to proceed to **H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007)**. The motion to proceed was withdrawn.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 30, 2007. There will be a period of morning business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

The Senate adjourned at 12:30 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act).

H.R. 1538 (Wounded Warrior Assistance Act), as modified. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Levin amend #2402 (Complete Substitute). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act).

Byrd amend #2383 (Committee Substitute).

Graham amend #2412 (To ensure control over the U.S. borders and strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws).

Gregg 2nd degree amend #2415 (Enactment date) to Graham amend #2412 (To ensure control over the U.S. borders and strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws).

Reid point of order that the Graham amend #2412 (To ensure control over the U.S. borders and strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws) is not germane. Chair sustained the point of order. Question of whether the Rule of the Chair with respect to the Germaneness of the Graham amend #2412 should be sustained. The Rule of the Chair was sustained by a vote of **52-44** and the amendment falls.

Landrieu amend #2468 (state the policy of the US Government on the foremost objective in the Global War on Terror). Laid aside.

Grassley amend #2444 (verification of Homeland Security employees). Laid aside.

Alexander amend #2405 (REAL ID Act of 2005). Laid aside.

Schumer amend #2416 (passport cards). Laid aside.

Schumer amend #2461 (aviation security). Laid aside.

Schumer amend #2447 (Domestic Nuclear Detection). Laid aside.

Schumer amend #2448 (increase nurses and physical therapists). Laid aside.

Dole 2462 (Immigration and Nationality Act). Laid aside.

Dole amend #2449 (training funds). Laid aside.

Grassley amend #2476 ().Laid aside.

Murray amend #2356.Agreed to by voice vote.

Murray amend # 2430. Agreed to by voice vote.

Murray amend # 2425. Agreed to by voice vote.

Murray amend # 2090. Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 26 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act).

The Senate adjourned at 8:11 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM will immediately resume consideration of S. 1642 (Higher Education Reauthorization). There will be 20 minutes of debate on the bill. The Senate will then vote on the Kennedy 2nd degree amendment #2381 (perfecting amendment). The Senate will then proceed to a second degree amendment by Sen. Coburn to the Kennedy amendment #2387 for a vote. Upon conclusion of the Coburn 2nd degree amendment, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Coburn amend #2369 (Certify that taxpayers' dollars and students' tuition support educational rather than lobbying activities). The Senate will then proceed to a vote on final passage of the bill.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1642 (Higher Education Reauthorization).

Kennedy 2nd degree amend #2381 (Perfecting amendment) to Coburn amend #2369 (Certify that taxpayers' dollars and students' tuition support educational rather than lobbying activities) as modified. Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2369 (Certify that taxpayers' dollars and students' tuition support educational rather than lobbying activities). Laid aside.

Kennedy 2nd degree amend #2381 (Perfecting amendment) to Coburn amend #2369 (Certify that taxpayers' dollars and students' tuition support educational rather than lobbying activities) as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **93-0.**

Coburn amend #2369 (Certify that taxpayers' dollars and students' tuition support educational rather than lobbying activities), as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

Kennedy amend #2387 (Committee Substitute), as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1642 (Higher Education Reauthorization). The bill was read for a third time. **Final passage.** The bill, as amended, was agreed to by a vote of **95-0.**

The Senate recessed at 1:00 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

H. R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act).

Byrd amend #2383 (Committee Substitute).

Vitter amend #2384 (To allow for expanded uses of funding allocated to Louisiana under the hazard mitigation program while preserving the goals of the program to reduce future damage from disasters through mitigation). Laid aside.

H. J. Res. 44 (Burma Resolution). Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution was agreed to by a vote of **93-1**.

H. R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act).

Byrd amend #2383 (Committee Substitute).

Vitter amend #2384 (To allow for expanded uses of funding allocated to Louisiana under the hazard mitigation program while preserving the goals of the program to reduce future damage from disasters through mitigation). Murray point of order under Rule 16 of the CBA that this amendment is authorizing language on an appropriations bill. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Bingaman amend #2388 (To provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1868 (Temporarily extends the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965). Agreed to by UC.

H. R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act).

Byrd amend #2383 (Committee Substitute).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

H.R. 2429 (Amends Title 18 of the Social Security Act). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate considered the following amendments en bloc:
S. Res. 248 (Honoring Dane Lois Brown Evans).
S. Res. 261 (Expressing appreciation of Donald Jeffrey "Mr. Wizard" Herbert).
Agreed to en bloc by UC.

S. Con. Res. 42 (Recognizing the need to pursue research for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 280 (Congratulating the Anaheim Ducks for winning the 2007 NHL Championships). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 25, 2007, and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act).

The Senate adjourned at 6:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately proceed to S. 1642 (Higher Education Reauthorization Bill). The first roll call vote is expected at 5:15 PM. Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, the Senate will proceed to H. R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act) on Tuesday, July 24, 2007 once all action is completed on S. 1642 (Higher Education Reauthorization).

S. 1642 (Higher Education Reauthorization).

Dorgan amend #2366 (To provide for the development of the student loan clearinghouse). Agreed to by voice vote.

DeMint amend #2367 (Instructs the GAO to complete a study regarding the employment of post-secondary education graduates). Agreed to by voice vote.

Boxer amend #2368 (Relating to the Upward Bound Program). Agreed to by voice vote.

Warner amend #2371 (Establish a digital and wireless network technology program). Agreed to by voice vote.

Akaka amend #2372 (Include Native Hawaiians as groups underrepresented in graduate education for purposes of the Ronald E. McNair post baccalaureate achievement program). Agreed to by voice vote.

Burr amend #2073 (Amend provisions relating to the study group regarding simplifying the process of applying for Federal financial aid). Agreed to by voice vote.

Reid amend #2328 (Provide for campus-based digital theft prevention), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Byrd amend #2373 (To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to teacher development). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sessions amend #2374 (Amend the provisions of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding graduate medical schools located outside the US). Agreed to by voice vote.

Burr amend #2375 (Amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 with respect to teacher development). Agreed to by voice vote.

Brown #2376 (Federal Supplemental loan program). Laid aside.

Durbin amend #2377 (Provide loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2369 (Certify that taxpayers' dollars and students' tuition support educational rather than lobbying activities). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Harkin 2nd degree amend #2388 (Provide funding for student loan repayment for civil legal assistance attorneys) to Durbin 2377 (Provide loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders). Laid aside.

Kennedy 2nd degree amend #2381 (Restriction on funds used by institutions of higher education) to Coburn amend #2369 (Certify that taxpayers' dollars and students' tuition support educational rather than lobbying activities). Laid aside.

Brown #2376 (Federal Supplemental loan program). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **38-53**.

Durbin amend #2377 (Provide loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders). Agreed to by voice vote as amended.

Harkin 2nd degree amend #2388 (Provide funding for student loan repayment for civil legal assistance attorneys) to Durbin 2377 (Provide loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 270 (Honoring the 75th anniversary of the International Peace Garden). Agreed to by voice vote.

S .1856 (Technical correction to the New Border Tunnels and Fences Bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 24, 2007. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 1642 (Higher Education Reauthorization). There will be 20 minutes of debate on the bill. The Senate will then vote on the Kennedy amendment #2387 (). The Senate will then proceed to a second degree amendment by Sen. Coburn to the Kennedy amendment #2387 for a vote. Upon conclusion of the Coburn 2nd degree amendment, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Coburn amend #2369 (Certify that taxpayers' dollars and students' tuition support educational rather than lobbying activities). The Senate will then proceed to a vote on final passage of the bill.

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a period of morning business. There will be no votes today. The next expected roll call vote is expected on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 5:15 PM (NOTE: Sen. Reid stated there could be as many as 12-15 votes Monday evening). Under a UC agreement, the Senate will proceed to H.R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act) on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, upon disposition of S. 1642 (Higher Education Reauthorization).

The Senate convened and proceeded with morning business.

H.R. 980 (Collective Bargaining). Placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 23 and will immediately proceed to S. 1642 (Higher Education Reauthorization).

The Senate adjourned at 12:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 2669 (Education Reconciliation Act). When the Senate convenes there will be 10 hours of debate time remaining on the bill. At 12:00, The Senate will proceed to a vote on Murkowski amend #2329 (To increase the amount appropriated for the college access partnership grant program) and Kennedy amend #2330 (To amend the amounts appropriated for Promise Grants for fiscal years 2014 through 2017).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2669 (Education Reconciliation Act).

Kennedy amend #2327 (In the nature of a substitute).

Murkowski amend #2329 (To increase the amount appropriated for the college access partnership grant program). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **73-24**.

Kennedy amend #2330 (To amend the amounts appropriated for Promise Grants for fiscal years 2014 through 2017). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **52-45**.

Nelson of Nebraska amend #2337 (To amend the special allowance payments). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **36-61**.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Sessions amend #2333 (To strike the provisions relating to loan forgiveness for public service employees).
Sessions amend #2342 (Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow personal exemptions under the individual alternative minimum tax). Withdrawn by Sen. Sessions.

The Senate will proceed to S. 1642 (Higher Education Reauthorization) at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 23, 2007. Under UC agreement, there will be eight hours of debate followed by a roll call vote on the bill.

Reid motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 22 (America Competes Act), that the Senate companion be inserted as text of the bill, it be passed, request a conference with the House and appoint Senate Conferees. Agreed to by voice vote. The following Senators were appointed: Sens. Bingaman, Inouye, Kennedy, Lieberman, Mikulski, Kerry, Nelson, Dominici, Stevens, Enzi, Alexander, Ensign and Coleman.

Sessions amend #2333 (To strike the provisions relating to loan forgiveness for public service employees). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **42-55**.

Coleman amend #2334 (To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine). Kennedy point of order that the amendment pursuant to Section 305-B-2, 310-E of the Congressional Budget Act (germaneness). Coleman motion to waive the relevant sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **49-48**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

McConnell amend #2351 (Expresses the sense of the Senate on the detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **94-3**.

DeMint amend #2352 (Secret Ballot Protection Act of 2007). Kennedy point of order that the amendment pursuant to Sections 305-B-2 and 302-E of the Congressional Budget Act (germaneness). DeMint motion to waive the relevant sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **42-54**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Collins amend #2340 (To provide limited immunity for reports of suspicious behavior and response). Leahy point of order that the amendment pursuant to Sections 305-E-2 and 310-E. Collins motion to waive the relevant sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **57-39**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Salazar amend #2356 (Sense of the Senate that the President should not pardon Scooter Libby). Kyl point of order that the amendment is not germane. Salazar motion to waive the issue of germaneness. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **47-49**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls. Under a UC agreement, the vote was vitiated and stricken from the record.

McConnell amend #2357 (Deploring the actions of former President William Jefferson Clinton). The amendment is withdrawn.

Ensign amend #2355 (Denies Social Security benefits for illegal fraud-based worked). Laid aside.

Stabenow 2nd degree amend #2358 (Prohibition on illegal aliens qualifying for social security benefits and preclusion of social security credits prior to enumeration or for any period without work authorization) to Ensign amend #2355 (Denies Social Security benefits for illegal fraud-based worked). Ensign point of order that the 2nd degree amendment is not germane. Stabenow motion to waive the issue of germaneness. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **52-44**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Ensign amend #2355 (Denies Social Security benefits for illegal fraud-based worked). Kennedy point of order that the amendment pursuant to Section 305-B-2 and 310-E of the Congressional Budget Act. Ensign motion to waive the relevant sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **57-40**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Graham amend #2360 (To discourage drug use among college students). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coleman amend #2359 (To protect innocent children). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sununu amend #2341 (To permanently extend certain education-related tax incentives). Laid aside.

Schumer 2nd degree amend #2361 (Sense of the Senate that Congress should provide tax relief to help families afford the costs of higher education) to Sununu amend #2341 (To permanently extend certain education-related tax incentives). Sununu point of order that the 2nd degree amendment is not germane. Schumer motion to waive the issue of germaneness. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **48-48**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Sununu amend #2341 (To permanently extend certain education-related tax incentives). Kennedy point of order that the amendment pursuant to Section 305-B-2 of the Congressional Budget Act. Sununu motion to waive the relevant sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **46-48**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Cornyn amend #2339 (To provide interim relief for shortages in employment-based visas for aliens with extraordinary ability and advanced degrees and for nurses). Durbin point of order that the amendment pursuant to Section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act. Cornyn motion to waive the relevant section of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **55-40**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

DeMint amend #2362 (Repeals the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs). Laid aside.

Landrieu 2nd degree amend #2363 (Sense of the Senate that Congress should permanently extend the adoption tax credit) to DeMint amend #2362 (Repeals the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs). DeMint point of order that the 2nd degree amendment is not germane. Landrieu motion to waive the issue of germaneness. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **48-48**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

DeMint amend #2362 (Repeals the sunset of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 with respect to the expansion of the adoption credit and adoption assistance programs). Kennedy point of order that the amendment pursuant to Sections 305-B and 210-E of the Congressional Budget Act. DeMint motion to waive the relevant sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **48-48**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Dole amend #2350 (To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require individuals voting in person to present photo identification). Feinstein point of order that the amendment pursuant to Sections 305-B-2 and 310-E of the Congressional Budget Act. Dole motion to waive the relevant sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **42-54**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Kyl amend #2353 (AMT Patch). Laid aside.

Kerry 2nd degree amend #2364 (Sense of the Senate that Congress should provide relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax to prevent the expansion of the AMT) to Kyl amend #2353 (AMT Patch). Kyl point of order that the 2nd degree amendment is not germane. Kerry motion to waive the issue of germaneness. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **48-48**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Kyl amend #2353 (AMT Patch). Conrad point of order that the amendment pursuant to Sections 305-E-2 and 310-E of the Congressional Budget Act. Kyl motion to waive the relevant sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays are ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **47-49**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Coleman amend #2338 (Technical correction in the definition of independent student). Agreed to by voice vote.

Kennedy amend #2327 (In a nature of a substitute). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 2669 (Education Reconciliation Act), as amended. Read a third time. **Final passage.** Yeas and nays are ordered. The bill was passed by a vote of **78-18**. The chair appoints the following nominees: Sens. Kennedy, Dodd, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, Murray, Reed, Clinton, Obama, Sanders, Brown, Enzi, Gregg, Alexander, Burr, Isakson, Murkowski, Hatch, Roberts, Allard and Coburn. Under UC agreement, the Senate will insist on its amendment and request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

H.R. 980 (Provides Collective Bargaining Rights for Public Safety Officers Employed by States or Political Subdivisions). First reading. Second reading objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 20, 2007 and will proceed to a period of morning business. There will be no votes on Friday. The next expected roll call vote is expected on Monday, July 23, 2007 at 5:15 PM (NOTE: Sen. Reid stated there could be as many as 12-15 votes Monday evening). Under a UC agreement, the Senate will proceed to H.R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act) on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, upon disposition of S. 1642 (Higher Education Reauthorization).

The Senate adjourned at 12:55 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2007

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 consideration of H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 for conference party luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded with morning business.

The Senate proceeded with H. R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill).

Levin amend #2087 (Reduction and transition of U. S. forces in Iraq). Laid aside.

Cornyn amend #2011 (Sense of the Senate that it is in the national security interest of the U. S. that Iraq not become a failed state and a safe haven for terrorists). There will be debate on the amendment from 2:15 PM until 2:45 PM. At that time, the Senate will vote on the amendment. Under a previous agreement, the vote calls for a simple majority for adoption.

McConnell amend #2241 (Sense of the Senate on the consequences of a failed state in Iraq). Cloture motion has been vitiated by unanimous consent. The amendment has been withdrawn by unanimous consent.

Dodd amend #2274 (To provide for a reduction and transition of U.S. Forces in Iraq).

Levin 2nd degree amend #2275 (To provide for a reduction and transition of U.S. Forces in Iraq) to Dodd amend #2274 (To provide for a reduction and transition of U.S. Forces in Iraq).

The Senate recessed at 1:15 PM until 2:15 PM for party luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

The Senate proceeded with a legislative session.

H. R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill).

Cornyn amend #2011 (Sense of the Senate that it is in the national security interest of the U. S. that Iraq not become a failed state and a safe haven for terrorists). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **94-3.**

Motion to Instruct the Senate Sergeant At Arms to request the presence of absent Senators. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **44-47.**

Motion to Instruct the Senate Sergeant At Arms to request the presence of absent Senators. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **41-37.**

A vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Levin amend #2087 (Reduction and transition of U. S. forces in Iraq) will occur at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 18.

Motion to Instruct the Senate Sergeant At Arms to request the presence of absent Senators. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **37-21.**

At 11:01 AM, the Senate paused for a prayer. However, it did not begin a new legislative day.

Levin amend #2087 (Reduction and transition of U. S. forces in Iraq). Motion to invoke cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **52-47.** Reid motion to reconsider.

H.R. 2638 (Homeland Security Appropriations Act). Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed. McConnell objected. Motion withdrawn by Sen. Reid.

Reid motion to proceed to Education Reconciliation. Specter objected.

H.R. 2669 (Education Reconciliation Act). Motion to proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **49-48.**

H.R. 2669 (Education Reconciliation Act).

Kennedy amend #2327 (In the nature of a substitute).

Murkowski amend #2329 (To increase the amount appropriated for the college access partnership grant program).

Kennedy amend #2330 (To amend the amounts appropriated for Promise Grants for fiscal years 2014 through 2017).

There will be roll call votes beginning at 12:00 PM on Thursday, July 19, 2007 on the following amendments:
Murkowski amend #2329 (To increase the amount appropriated for the college access partnership grant program).
Kennedy amend #2330 (To amend the amounts appropriated for Promise Grants for fiscal years 2014 through 2017).

The Senate proceeded to morning business.

S. Res. 274 (Authorizing representation by legal counsel in the case of Lewis vs Bayh). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 275 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 966 (Passport backlog reduction act of 2007). Message from the House. Motion to concur with the House message was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 19, 2007. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 2669 (Education Reconciliation Act). When the Senate convenes there will be 10 hours of time remaining on the bill. At 12:00, The Senate will proceed to a vote on Murkowski amend #2329 (To increase the amount appropriated for the college access partnership grant program) and Kennedy amend #2330 (To amend the amounts appropriated for Promise Grants for fiscal years 2014 through 2017).

The Senate adjourned at 5:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2007

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business for 1 hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill). There will be no roll call votes on Monday.

The Senate convened and proceeded with morning business.

Reid unanimous consent request that the 2nd degree amendment to the Levin/Reed amendment be withdrawn, that there be 6 hours of debate on the Levin/Reed amendment and at the end of debate, the Senate vote on the amendment, with no 2nd degree amendments in order. Kyl objected to the UC request.

The Senate proceeded with a legislative session.

H. R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill).

Levin amend #2087 (Reduction and Transition of U.S. Forces in Iraq). Laid aside.

McConnell 2nd degree amend #2241 to amend (Sense of the Senate on the Consequences of a failed state in Iraq) to amend #2087 (Reduction and Transition of U.S. Forces in Iraq).

Reed motion to invoke cloture to Levin amend #2087 (Reduction and Transition of U.S. Forces in Iraq).

McConnell motion to invoke cloture to McConnell amend #2241 (Sense of the Senate on the Consequences of a failed state in Iraq) to amend #2087 (Reduction and Transition of U.S. Forces in Iraq).

Durbin 2nd degree amend #2252 (Enacting clause) to McConnell amend #2241 (Sense of the Senate on the Consequences of a failed state in Iraq). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Con. Res. 27 (National Purple Heart Recognition Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 41 (Commending the 1st Brigade Combat Team 34th Infantry Division of the Minnesota National Guard). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 17, 2007, and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 for conference party luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:50 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill). They will immediately proceed to the Dorgan amend #2135 (Relating to bringing Osama bin Laden and other leaders of al Qaeda to justice). At 9:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the amendment.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a legislative session.

H. R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill).

Dorgan amend #2135 (Relating to bringing Osama bin Ladin and other leaders of al Queda to justice). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **87-1**.

S. Res. 268 (National Summer Learning Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 271 (Honoring Lady Bird Johnson). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 272 (Praising Muslin American Physicians condemning recent attacks in the United Kingdom). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 975 (Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact). Read a third time and passed by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #163 (Preston M.Geren of Texas to be Secretary of the Army). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 16, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business for 1 hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill). There will be no roll call votes on Monday.

The Senate adjourned at 12:12 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 30 minutes. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill), and will immediately proceed to the McCain amendment.

The Senate convened and proceeded with morning business.

The Senate proceeded with a legislative session.

H. R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill).

Sessions amend #2024 (To state the policy of the United States on the protection of the United States and its allies against Iranian ballistic missiles), as modified. Laid aside. **The Senate will vote on the Sessions amendment at 4:00 PM.**

Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors).

Durbin 2nd degree amend #2131 (Requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive plan for the provision to members of the Armed Forces with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Graham 2nd degree amend #2154 (Improving the distribution of benefits under traumatic service members group life insurance) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Craig 2nd degree amend #2115 (Requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Center of Excellence in the PDMTR of Traumatic Brain Injury collaborates with the Department of Veterans Affairs, institutions of higher education and other public and private entities) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Craig 2nd degree amend #2114 (Requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Center of Excellence in the PDMTR of Traumatic Brain Injury collaborates with the Department of Veterans Affairs, institutions of higher education and other public and private entities) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Lieberman 2nd degree amend #2089 (Requires the development of a program on the comprehensive pain management in the Center of Excellence in the Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Lieberman 2nd degree amend #2090 (Requires the development of a program on the comprehensive pain management in the Center of Excellence in the Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Snowe amend #2162 (To prohibit upon appeal a reduction in disability rating once such rating has been assigned by an informal physical evaluation board of the Department of Defense) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sessions amend #2024 (To state the policy of the United States on the protection of the United States and its allies against Iranian ballistic missiles), as modified. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **90-5.**

Akaka 2nd degree amend #2132 (brain injuries) as modified to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Nelson 2nd degree amend #2160 (TRICARE) as modified to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Nelson 2nd degree amend #2159 (service connected disabilities) as modified to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). The amendment was agreed to **94-0.**

Cornyn amend #2100 (SoS that it is in national security interest to that Iraq not become a safe haven for terrorists). Laid aside.

Dorgan amend #2135 (Relating to bringing Osama bin Laden and other leaders of al Qaeda to justice). Laid aside.

Sununu amend #2184 (technical amend). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Friday, July 13 at 9:00 AM, will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill), and will immediately proceed to the Dorgan amend #2135 (Relating to bringing Osama bin Laden and other leaders of al Qaeda to justice). At 9:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the amendment.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 30 minutes. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill), and will immediately proceed to the McCain amendment.

The Senate convened and proceeded with morning business.

The Senate proceeded with a legislative session.

H. R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill).

Sessions amend #2024 (To state the policy of the United States on the protection of the United States and its allies against Iranian ballistic missiles), as modified. Laid aside. **The Senate will vote on the Sessions amendment at 4:00 PM.**

Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors).

Durbin 2nd degree amend #2131 (Requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive plan for the provision to members of the Armed Forces with traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Graham 2nd degree amend #2154 (Improving the distribution of benefits under traumatic service members group life insurance) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Craig 2nd degree amend #2115 (Requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Center of Excellence in the PDMTR of Traumatic Brain Injury collaborates with the Department of Veterans Affairs, institutions of higher education and other public and private entities) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Craig 2nd degree amend #2114 (Requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Center of Excellence in the PDMTR of Traumatic Brain Injury collaborates with the Department of Veterans Affairs, institutions of higher education and other public and private entities) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Lieberman 2nd degree amend #2089 (Requires the development of a program on the comprehensive pain management in the Center of Excellence in the Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Lieberman 2nd degree amend #2090 (Center of Excellence in the Prevention, Diagnosis, Mitigation, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Brain Injury) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

Snowe amend #2162 (To prohibit upon appeal a reduction in disability rating once such rating has been assigned by an informal physical evaluation board of the Department of Defense) to Levin amend #2019 (To provide for the care and management of wounded warriors). Agreed to by voice vote.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with morning business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Webb amend #2012 (Minimum periods of deployment for members of the Armed Forces) at 10:30 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with morning business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill).

Webb amend #2012 (Minimum periods of deployment for members of the Armed Forces). Motion to invoke cloture. The motion was not invoked by a vote of **56-41**. Sen. Webb withdrew the amendment.

Levin amend #2087 (Reduction and Transition of U.S. forces in Iraq). Laid aside.

Reed 2nd degree amend #2088 (Technical Language) to Levin amend #2087 (Reduction and Transition of U.S. forces in Iraq). Laid aside.

Lieberman amend #2073 (Requires a report on support provided by the Government of Iran for attacks against coalition forces in Iraq), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **97-0**.

At 6:20 PM, the Senate will proceed to side-by-side votes on the following two amendments:

Hagel amend #2032 (Limit the length of deployment of members of the Armed Forced for Operation Iraq Freedom).
Graham amend #2078 (Expresses the sense of the Senate on dwell time between deployments for members of the Armed Forces).

Under a unanimous consent agreement, each amendment requires 60 votes to pass, and if 60 votes are not received, the amendment will be withdrawn.

Hagel amend #2032 (Limit the length of deployment of members of the Armed Forced for Operation Iraq Freedom). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **52-45**. Under the previous agreement, the amendment is withdrawn.

Graham amend #2078 (Expresses the sense of the Senate on dwell time between deployments for members of the Armed Forces). Yeas and nays ordered. The

amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **41-55**. Under the previous agreement, the amendment is withdrawn.

S. Res. 226 (National Homeless Youth Awareness Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 240 (National Save for Retirement Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 12, 2007, and will be in a period of morning business for 30 minutes. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill), and will immediately proceed to the McCain amendment.

The Senate adjourned at 9:12 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 10 and will be in morning business for 60 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the luncheon meetings.

H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization).

The Senate recessed at 1:08 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate convened and resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization).

Reid motion to invoke cloture on Webb amend #2012 (Minimum periods of deployment for members of the Armed Forces). Laid aside.

S. Res. 266 (Making Minority Party appoints for the 110th Congress). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 267 (Honoring Tom Lee on the 100th anniversary of his birth). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 11, 2007. The Senate will proceed with morning business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1585 (DoD Authorization Bill). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Webb amend #2012 (Minimum periods of deployment for members of the Armed Forces) at 10:30 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will begin a series of roll call votes on judicial nominations.

The Senate convened and proceeded with morning business.

The Senate proceeded with a legislative session.

S. Res. 263 (Authorizing legal defense in the case of the State of Iowa versus Chester Gwenn et al). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).

Reid unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 1 (Implementing the 9/11 Commission Recommendations Act of 2007), the text that was passed by the Senate on March 13, 2007 be inserted, and the Senate insist on its amendment and request a conference with the House and the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. Without objection.

H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).

Levin amend #2011 (Complete Substitute). Laid aside.

Webb amend #2012 (minimum periods of deployment of members of the Armed Forces). Laid aside.

Nelson 2nd degree amend #2013(insert text) to Webb amend #2012 (minimum periods of deployment of members of the Armed Forces). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #138 (Liam O'Grady to be a U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia). The nomination was confirmed **88-0.**

Cal. #140 (Janet T. Neff to be a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Michigan). The nomination was confirmed **83-4.**

Cal. #139 (Paul Lewis Maloney to be a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Michigan). Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #154 (Robert James Jonker to be a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Michigan). Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate returned to legislative session.

H.R. 710 (an act to amend the national organ transplant act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to pared donations of human kidneys and for other purposes). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 262 (Designating July 20 2007 as national watermelon month). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 265 (congratulating the St. Mary's college sailing team for wing the 2007 intercollegiate sailing association women's national championship). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 10 and will be in morning business for 60 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (DoD Authorization). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the luncheon meetings.

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.