

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of the S. Con. Res. 13 (Budget Resolution). Under Unanimous Consent, the Statutory time remaining when the Senate convenes will be 40 hours. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Con. Res. 13 (Budget Resolution).

Gregg amend #739 (To prohibit the consideration of any budget resolution, or amendment thereto, or conference report thereon, that shows an increase in the public debt, for the period of the current fiscal year through the next 10 years). Laid aside.

Boxer amend #749 (To require that certain legislation relating to clean energy technologies not increase electricity or gasoline prices or increase the overall burden on consumers). Laid aside.

At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of votes on the following amendments:

Boxer amend #749 (To require that certain legislation relating to clean energy technologies not increase electricity or gasoline prices or increase the overall burden on consumers).

Thune amend #731 (To amend the deficit-neutral reserve fund for climate change legislation to require that such legislation does not increase electricity or gasoline prices).

Gregg amend #739 (To prohibit the consideration of any budget resolution, or amendment thereto, or conference report thereon, that shows an increase in the public debt, for the period of the current fiscal year through the next 10 years).

The Senate convened from 12:50-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

S. Con. Res. 13 (Budget Resolution).

Boxer amend #749 (To require that certain legislation relating to clean energy technologies not increase electricity or gasoline prices or increase the overall burden on consumers). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **54-43**.

Thune amend #731 (To amend the deficit-neutral reserve fund for climate change legislation to require that such legislation does not increase electricity or gasoline prices). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **89-8**.

Gregg amend #739 (To prohibit the consideration of any budget resolution, or amendment thereto, or conference report thereon, that shows an increase in the public debt, for the period of the current fiscal year through the next 10 years). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43-54.

Lieberman amend #763 (Protect Americans from spillover violence from Mexico). Laid aside.

Alexander amend #747 (To create a point of order against runaway debt). Laid aside.

Sessions amend #772 (Regarding freezing and limiting the growing of nondefense discretionary spending). Laid aside.

There will be no more votes during today's session.

S. Res. 86 (Designating April 18 as "National Auctioneers Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 94 (Designating April 2009 as "Financial Literacy Month"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 95 (Congratulating the University of Iowa men's wrestling team for winning a championship). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 96 (Congratulating the Morningside Women's Basketball Team for winning a championship). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 and will immediately resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 13 (Budget Resolution). There will be 20 hours of time remaining on the bill. Votes are possible, but none are currently scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 8:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009

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The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Con. Res. 13 (Budget Resolution).

Gregg amend #739 (To prohibit the consideration of any budget resolution, or amendment thereto, or conference report thereon, that shows an increase in the public debt, for the period of the current fiscal year through the next 10 years). Laid aside.

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The Senate convened from 12:50-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

S. Con. Res. 13 (Budget Resolution).

Boxer amend #749 (To require that certain legislation relating to clean energy technologies not increase electricity or gasoline prices or increase the overall burden on consumers). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 54-43.

Thune amend #731 (To amend the deficit-neutral reserve fund for climate change legislation to require that such legislation does not increase electricity or gasoline prices). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 89-8.

Gregg amend #739 (To prohibit the consideration of any budget resolution, or amendment thereto, or conference report thereon, that shows an increase in the public debt, for the period of the current fiscal year through the next 10 years). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43-54.

Lieberman amend #763 (Protect Americans from spillover violence from Mexico).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2009

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will immediately proceed to the Budget Resolution which is expected to be filed by the Budget Committee on Friday, March 27, 2009 between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. There will be no votes during today's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Con. Res. 13 (Budget Resolution).

Thune amend #731 (To amend the deficit-neutral reserve fund for climate change legislation to require that such legislation does not increase electricity or gasoline prices). Laid aside.

Johanns amend #735 (To prohibit the use of reconciliation in the Senate for climate change legislation involving a cap and trade system). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 681 (Greensburg, KS tornado). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 89 (Expressing support for designation of a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 and will immediately resume consideration of the S. Con. Res. 13 (Budget Resolution). Under Unanimous Consent, the Statutory time remaining when the Senate convenes will be 40 hours.

The Senate recessed at 6:42 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws). The Senate will recess at 4:00 PM for a briefing with Richard Holbrooke, special representative to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws).

Mikulski amend #687 (Provide for a complete substitute).

Burr amend #722 (Strengthen criminal history checks for participants in national service programs working with vulnerable populations). Laid aside.

Baucus amend #721 (Express the sense of the Senate regarding the Federal income tax deduction for charitable giving). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #705 (Prohibit ACORN from receiving assistance under this Act). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #690 (Improve the provisions pertaining to erroneous or incorrect certifications). The amendment was agreed to, as modified.

At 2:30 PM, the Senate will begin a series of votes on the following amendments:

Baucus amend #721 (Express the sense of the Senate regarding the Federal income tax deduction for charitable giving).

Thune amend #716 (Express the sense of the Senate regarding the Federal Income tax deduction for charitable giving).

Vitter amend #705 (Prohibit ACORN from receiving assistance under this Act).

Baucus amend #721 (Express the sense of the Senate regarding the Federal income tax deduction for charitable giving). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **56-41**.

Thune amend #716 (Express the sense of the Senate regarding the Federal Income tax deduction for charitable giving). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 48-49.

Vitter amend #705 (Prohibit ACORN from receiving assistance under this Act). Motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of 53-43.

Burr amend #722 (Strengthen criminal history checks for participants in national service programs working with vulnerable populations). **Withdrawn.**

Burr amend #727 (Strengthen criminal history checks for participants in national service programs working with vulnerable populations - with specific additional exemptions). Agreed to by voice vote.

Warner amend #714 (conduct a study regarding the establishment of a Volunteer Management Corps program). Agreed to by voice vote.

Enzi amend #728 (technical correction). Agreed to by voice vote.

At 5:00 PM, Mikulski amend #687 (Provide for a complete substitute) will be agreed to by voice vote and the Senate will proceed to a vote on **H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws)** with a 60 vote threshold on final passage.

H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws)

Mikulski amend #687 (Provide for a complete substitute). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws). The bill was read for a third time as amended. The yeas and nays were ordered with a requirement of 60 yeas for final passage. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 78-20. The bill was renamed "The Edward M. Kennedy Service America Act, An Act to Reform the National Service Laws."

S. R. 85 (Congratulating the Rocky Mountain College Badland Bears on winning the National Association of Inter-collegial Men's National Basketball Championship). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 88 (Honoring the life of Dr. John Hook Franklin). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Monday, March 30, 2009. The Senate will immediately proceed to the Budget Resolution which is expected to be filed by the Budget Committee on Friday, March 27, 2009 between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. There will be no votes during Monday's Session.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws). At 12:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of David S Kris to be Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice. The Senate will then proceed to a vote on the nomination. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:00 for a democratic caucus meeting.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws).

Mikulski amend #687 (Provide for a complete substitute).

Dorgan amend #691 (modify certain provisions relating to Native Americans). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #27, David S. Kris to be an Assistant Attorney General in the Department of Justice. Yeas and Nays were ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-0.

The Senate proceeded to a legislative Session.

H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws).

Mikulski amend #687 (Provide for a complete substitute).

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for a democratic caucus meeting.

The Senate reconvened at 2:00 PM.

H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws).

Mikulski amend #687 (Provide for a complete substitute).

Crapo amend #688 (To increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and for other purposes). Mikulski Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Crapo Motion to Waive the applicable provisions of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to the amendment. The Motion to Waive was not agreed to by a vote of **48-49**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Ensign 2nd degree amend #715 (Clarify that nonprofit organizations assisted under the Nonprofit Capacity Building Program include certain crisis pregnancy centers and organizations that serve battered women or victims of rape or incest) to Baucus amend #692 (To establish a Nonprofit Capacity Building Program). Laid aside.

Shaheen amend #712 (Provide that an education corps may carry out activities that provide music and arts education and engagement). Laid aside.

Thune amend #716 (Express the sense of the Senate regarding the Federal Income tax deduction for charitable giving). Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #717 (Add a foster care program to the national service corps program). Laid aside.

Ensign 2nd degree amend #715 (Clarify that nonprofit organizations assisted under the Nonprofit Capacity Building Program include certain crisis pregnancy centers and organizations that serve battered women or victims of rape or incest) to Baucus amend #692 (To establish a Nonprofit Capacity Building Program) as modified. Mikulski motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **56-41**.

Baucus amend #692 (Establish a non-profit capacity building program) as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Johanns amend #693 (Ensure that organizations promoting competitive and non-competitive sporting events involving individuals with disabilities may receive direct and indirect assistance to carry out national service programs). Agreed to by voice vote.

Landrieu amend #717 (Add a foster care program to the national service corps program). Agreed to by voice vote.

Reid filed cloture on Mikulski amend #687 (Provide for a complete substitute) to **H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws)**.

Reid filed cloture on **H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws)**.

The following amendments were modified and agreed to en bloc by voice vote:

Dorgan amend #691

Amend #712

Burr amend #695

Burr amend #696

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 26 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws). The Senate will recess at 4:00 PM for a briefing with Richard Holbrooke, special representative to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Senate adjourned at 6:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws).

At 12:25 PM, the Senate recessed for party caucuses.

At 2:15 PM, the Senate reconvened.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws). Sen. Mikulski motion to yield back all post cloture debate time was agreed to. Sen. Mikulski motion to agreed to the Motion to Proceed to the bill was agreed to.

H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws).

Mikulski amend #687 (To provide for a complete substitute).

Crapo amend #688 (Increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation). Laid aside.

Johanns amend #693 (ensure that organizations promoting competitive and non-competitive sporting events involving individuals with disabilities may receive direct and indirect assistance to carry out national service programs). Laid aside.

Baucus amend #692 (Establish a non-profit capacity building program). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Executive Cal. #33, Gary Locke to be Secretary of Commerce. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

S. Con. Res 12 (recognizing and honoring the signing by President Abraham Lincoln of the legislation authorizing the establishment of collegiate programs at Gallaudet University). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 83 (Designating March 25, 2009 as "National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 37 (Calling on officials of the Government of Brazil and the federal courts of Brazil to comply with the requirements of the Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and to assist in the safe return of Sean Goldman to his father, David Goldman). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

The Senate will convene 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. There will be one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws). At 12:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of David S Kris to be Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice. The Senate will then proceed to a vote on the nomination. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:00 for a democratic caucus meeting.

The Senate adjourned at 6:37 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009

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 resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill at 6:00 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the following bills en bloc:

H.R. 1586 (impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients). The motion to proceed to the second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

S. 651 (Compensation Fairness Act of 2009). The motion to proceed to the second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws). The motion was agreed to by a vote of 74-14.

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

S. Res. 61 (Columbus Crew Soccer Champs). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 24 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 19, 2009. There will be a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill). At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to votes on the following three amendments: Coburn amend #677, Coburn amend #682 and Coburn amend #683. The Senate will then proceed to 30 minutes of debate, followed by a vote on passage of the bill. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar #22, Elena Kagan to be Solicitor General of the US with 6 hours of debate. The Senate is expected to vote on the nomination during Thursday's session.

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

H. R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill).

Bingaman amend #684 (Substitute amendment).

Coburn amend #682 (Protect scientists and visitors to federal lands from unfair penalties for collecting insignificant rocks). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #677 (require Federal agencies to determine on an annual basis the quantity of land that is owned by each Federal agency and the cost to taxpayers of the ownership of the land). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #683 (Prohibit funding for Congressional earmarks for wasteful and parochial pork projects). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #677 (require Federal agencies to determine on an annual basis the quantity of land that is owned by each Federal agency and the cost to taxpayers of the ownership of the land). Bingaman motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **58-39**.

Coburn amend #682 (Protect scientists and visitors to federal lands from unfair penalties for collecting insignificant rocks). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #683 (Prohibit funding for Congressional earmarks for wasteful and parochial pork projects). Yeas and nays ordered. Bingaman motion to table the amendment. The motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **70-27**.

Bingaman amend #684 (Substitute amendment). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill). The bill was read a third time. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 77-20.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #22 (Elena Kagan to be Solicitor General of the US). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 61-31.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Reid motion to proceed to H.R. 1586 (An Act to impose additional taxes on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients), that the bill be read a third time and passed. Kyl objected.

Reid filed cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws).

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations by voice vote en bloc:

Cal. #25 (John Holdren to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy).

Cal. #26 (Jane Lubchenco to be Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1586 (An Act to impose additional taxes on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients). The bill was read for the first time. Further proceedings were objected to.

S. 651 (Impose a tax on Executive bonuses paid by and received from companies receiving Federal Emergency Economic Assistance). The bill was read for the first time. Further proceedings were objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 23 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1388 (Reauthorize National Service Laws). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill at 6:00 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009

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 proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Ronald Kirk to be U.S. Trade Representative. Following Executive Session, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume the consideration of H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill). Votes are expected around 2:00 PM on the Kirk nomination and the three pending Coburn amendments to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Ronald Kirk to be U.S. Trade Representative.

Reid unanimous consent request that following the vote on the Kirk nomination at 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session to consider H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill) and proceed to vote on amendments in the order listed:

Coburn amend #680 (To ensure that the general public has full access to our national parks and to promote the health and safety of all visitors and employees of the National Park Service).

Coburn amend #679 (To provide for the future energy needs of the United States and eliminate restrictions on the development of renewable energy).

Coburn amend #683 (Striking targeted provisions).

The unanimous consent was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill).

Bingaman amend #684 (Substitute amendment).

Coburn amend #682 (Protect scientists and visitors to federal lands from unfair penalties for collecting insignificant rocks). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #677 (require Federal agencies to determine on an annual basis the quantity of land that is owned by each Federal agency and the cost to taxpayers of the ownership of the land). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Ronald Kirk to be U.S. Trade Representative. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **92-5**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill).

Bingaman amend #684 (Substitute amendment).

Coburn amend #680 (To ensure that the general public has full access to our national parks and to promote the health and safety of all visitors and employees of the National Park Service). Bingaman motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **79-19**.

Coburn amend #679 (To provide for the future energy needs of the United States and eliminate restrictions on the development of renewable energy). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **65-33**.

Coburn amend #683 (Striking targeted provisions). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **63-35**.

Sen. Corker motion to proceed to the consideration of S 541 (Increase the borrowing authority of the FDIC) and pass the bill was objected to by Sen. Durbin.

Sen. Durbin motion to proceed S. 541 (Depositor Protection Act) and proceed to its consideration, that an amendment at the Desk which contains the provisions of the House passed bill, HR 1106, be agreed to and pass the bill as amended was objected to by Sen. Corker.

H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill).

Bingaman amend #684 (Substitute amendment).

Coburn amend #683 (Prohibit funding for Congressional earmarks for wasteful and parochial pork projects). Laid aside.

H. R. 1512 (Amend the IRS code of 1986 to extend the funding for the authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 78 (Designating March 22, 2009 as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 19, 2009. There will be a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill). At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to votes on the following three amendments: Coburn amend #677, Coburn amend #682 and Coburn amend #683. The Senate will then proceed to 30 minutes of debate, followed by a vote on passage of the bill. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar #22, Elena Kagan to be Solicitor General of the US with 6 hours of debate. The Senate is expected to vote on the nomination during Thursday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 7:09 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 17 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

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

Motion to proceed to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill).

The Senate recessed from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to proceed to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill).

Bingaman unanimous consent request that all post cloture time be yielded back, the motion to proceed to the bill be agreed to, and that the Bingaman Substitute Amendment be called up for consideration. That once the Substitute Amendment has been considered read, the following amendments be the only amendments in order:

Coburn amend #680 (Regarding new construction).

Coburn amend #679 (Alternative energy).

Coburn amend #683 (Striking targeted provisions).

Coburn amend #682 (Subtitle D revision).

Coburn amend #679

Coburn amend #675

Further, that debate be limited to 60 minutes on each amendment prior to a vote on each amendment, that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the Substitute Amendment be agreed to, the bill read a third time and the Senate vote on final passage of the bill, and that passage be subject to a 60 vote threshold. The unanimous consent was agreed to.

H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill).

Bingaman amend #684 (Substitute Amendment).

S. 620 (Repeals the automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill).

Coburn amend #680 (To ensure that the general public has full access to our national parks and to promote the health and safety of all visitors and employees of the National Park Service). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #679 (To provide for the future energy needs of the United States and eliminate restrictions on the development of renewable energy). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #675 (To prohibit the use of eminent domain and to ensure that no American has their property forcibly taken from them by authorities). Laid aside.

H.R. 1541 (Provides for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 303 (Reauthorizes and improves the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 39 (Authorizes Capitol Grounds for the DC Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. J. Res. 8 (Providing for the appointment of David Rubenstein as a Citizen Regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. J. Res. 9 (Providing for the appointment of France Cordova as a Citizen Regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Ronald Kirk to be U.S. Trade Representative. Following Executive Session, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume the consideration of H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill). Votes are expected around 2:00 PM on the Kirk nomination and the three pending Coburn amendments to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 7:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009

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 resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill) at 5:30 PM.

H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill).

Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of **73-21**.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 17 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will be in Morning Business until 12:00 Noon. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #21, David Ogden to be Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Justice. There will be a vote on the nomination at 2:00 PM. Following the vote the Senate will consider Cal. #23, Thomas John Perrelli to be Associate Attorney General. A vote on the nomination will occur this afternoon.

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

S. 570 (To stimulate the economy and create jobs at no cost to the taxpayers, and without borrowing money from foreign governments for which our children and grandchildren will be responsible). Second reading. Further reading objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. ##21, David Ogden to be Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Justice. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 65-28.

Cal. #23, Thomas John Perrelli to be Associate Attorney General. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 72-20.

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

S. 338 (Amends the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 39 (Appeals the Bennett Freeze). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 60 (10-year anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Hungary, and the Republic of Poland as members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 75 (150th Anniversary of the founding of the Philadelphia Zoo). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 37 (Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to proceed to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill). Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2009 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 146 (Omnibus Lands Bill) at 5:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will be in Morning Business until 11:30 AM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #21, David Ogden to be Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Justice. There will be debate on the nomination until 4:30 PM. A vote on the nomination is expected to occur on Thursday, March 12, 2009.

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

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #21 (David Ogden to be Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Justice).

H.R. 1127 (Extend Immigration Programs). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 30 (Anniversary of Lithuania). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 570 (A Bill to Stimulate the Economy without Expense to the Taxpayer). First reading.

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 12 and will be in Morning Business until 12:00 Noon. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #21, David Ogden to be Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Justice. There will be a vote on the nomination at 2:00 PM. Following the vote the Senate will consider Cal. #23, Thomas John Perrelli to be Associate Attorney General. A vote on the nomination will occur Thursday afternoon.

The Senate adjourned at 5:55 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to immediate consideration of H.R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). Under a previous order, the Senate has a list of seven possible amendments that are available for consideration. The Senate will complete debate, followed by a series of roll call votes on the amendments at some point today. Upon disposition of the amendments, the Senate will proceed to a period of 30 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

Cornyn amend #673 (prohibit use of funds to implement an Executive Order relating to employee notice of rights under Federal Labor Laws). Laid aside.

Cornyn amend #674 (To prevent collection of excessive contingency legal fees by lawyers to protect the public interest). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #621 (To repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #629 (Resettle Palestinians from Gaza into U.S.). Withdrawn.

The Senate recessed from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM.

H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

Thune amend #662 (Prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to repromulgate the "Fairness Doctrine"). Laid aside.

Bunning amend #665 (require the Secretary of State to issue a report on investments by foreign companies in the energy sector of Iran). Withdrawn.

Cornyn amend #673 (prevent collection of excessive contingency legal fees by lawyers hired to protect the public interest). The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 32-64.

Cornyn amend #674 (prohibit the use of funds to implement an Executive Order relating to employee notice of rights under Federal labor laws). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **38-59**.

Thune amend #662 (Prohibit the use of funds by the Federal Communications Commission to repromulgate the Fairness Doctrine). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **47-50**.

Sessions amend #604 (Extend the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation established in title IV of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 for 6 years). The motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **50-47**.

Ensign amend #615 (Strike the restrictions on the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **39-58**.

S. 542 (Regarding the automatic pay adjustment for Members of Congress). Reid Motion to proceed to the bill was objected to.

S. 542 (Regarding the automatic pay adjustment for Members of Congress). Reid Motion to proceed to the bill on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 was objected to.

H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

Vitter amend #621 (Repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **52-45**.

H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). Motion to invoke cloture on the bill. The motion to invoke cloture on the bill was agreed to by a vote of **62-35**.

H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). The bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

S. Res. 73 (Authorizing expenditures by the Senate). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. #15, Austin Goolsbee to be Member of the Council of Economic Advisers. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #16, Cecilia Rouse to be Member of the Council of Economic Advisers. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 11, 2009. There will be Morning Business until 11:30 AM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal.

#21, David Ogden to be Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Justice. There will be debate on the nomination until 4:30 PM. A vote on the nomination is expected to occur on Thursday, March 12, 2009.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). There will be a series of votes on amendments to the bill beginning at 5:30 PM on Monday.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 542 (Automatic Pay Adjustments for Members of Congress). The bill was read for a second time. Further proceedings were objected to.

S. Res. 69 (Designation March 2009 as National Reading Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

Enzi amend #668 (To prohibit the use of funds to modify certain HIV/AIDS funding formulas). Laid aside.

Bunning amend #665 (To require the Secretary of State to issue a report on investments by foreign companies in the energy sector of Iran). Laid aside.

Sessions amend #604 (To extend the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation established in title IV of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 for 6 years).

McCain amend #593 (To prohibit the use of funds provided in the bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **32-63**.

Kyl amend #630 (To require a report on counter-smuggling efforts in Gaza). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **34-61**.

Kyl amend #631 (To require the Secretary of State to certify that funds made available for reconstruction efforts in Gaza will not be diverted to Hamas or entities controlled by Hamas). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **39-56**.

Enzi amend #668 (To prohibit the use of funds to modify certain HIV/AIDS funding formulas). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **42-53**.

Barrasso amend #637 (To remove the new application fee for a permit to drill). The amendment was not agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #21 (David Ogden to by Attorney General). Reid motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #15 (Austin Gulesby to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisors). Reid motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #16 (Cecelia Rouse to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisors). Reid motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Con. Res. 4 (A concurrent resolution calling on the President and the allies of the United States to raise the case of Robert Levinson with officials of the Government of Iran at every level and opportunity, and urging officials of the Government of Iran to fulfill their promises of assistance to the family of Robert Levinson and to share information on the investigation into the disappearance of Robert Levinson with the Federal Bureau of Investigation). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 10 (Congratulating the sailors of the U.S. Submarine Force upon the completion of 1000 Ohio Class Ballistic Missiles Submarine Deterrent Patrols). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 and will proceed to immediate consideration of H.R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). Under a previous order, the Senate will complete debate tomorrow prior to a series of roll call votes on the amendments

previous agreed to probably tomorrow afternoon. Upon disposition of the amendments, the Senate will proceed to a period of 30 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:21 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). There will be a series of votes on amendments to the bill beginning at 5:30 PM on Monday.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 542 (Automatic Pay Adjustments for Members of Congress). The bill was read for a second time. Further proceedings were objected to.

S. Res. 69 (Designation March 2009 as National Reading Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

Enzi amend #668 (To prohibit the use of funds to modify certain HIV/AIDS funding formulas). Laid aside.

Bunning amend #665 (To require the Secretary of State to issue a report on investments by foreign companies in the energy sector of Iran). Laid aside.

Sessions amend #604 (To extend the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation established in title IV of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 for 6 years).

McCain amend #593 (To prohibit the use of funds provided in the bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 32-63.

Kyl amend #630 (To require a report on counter-smuggling efforts in Gaza). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 34-61.

Kyl amend #631 (To require the Secretary of State to certify that funds made available for reconstruction efforts in Gaza will not be diverted to Hamas or entities controlled by Hamas). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 39-56.

Enzi amend #668 (To prohibit the use of funds to modify certain HIV/AIDS funding formulas). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 42-53.

Barrasso amend #637 0.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). There will be no roll call votes during Friday's session. The next vote in the Senate is expected to occur after 5:00 PM on Monday.

H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

Reid filed cloture on H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

The pending amendments to the bill are as follows:

Ensign amend #615 (Strike the restrictions on the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #621 (Repeal provision of the law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress). Laid aside.

Sessions amend #604 (Extend the pilot program for employment eligibility confirmation established in Title IV of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 for 6 years). Laid aside.

McCain amend #593 (Prohibit the use of funds provided in the bill). Laid aside.

Thune amend #662 (Prohibit the use of funds by the FCC for certain uses). Laid aside.

Barrasso amend #667 (Regarding adoption incentive payments). Laid aside.

Enzi amend #668 (Prohibit the use of funds to modify certain HIV/AIDS funding formulas). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #629 (resettle Palestinians from Gaza into U.S.). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #630 (Require a report on counter-smuggling efforts in Gaza). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #631 (reconstruction efforts in Gaza). Laid aside.

Cornyn amend #673 (Prevent collection of excessive contingency legal fees by lawyers hired to protect the public interest). Laid aside.

Bunning amend #665 (Require the Secretary of the Senate to issue a report on investments by foreign companies in the energy sector of Iran). Laid aside.

Four of these amendments will be voted on beginning at 5:30 PM on Monday, March 9.

Reid unanimous consent request that upon disposition of all pending amendments, on Tuesday, March 10 the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). If cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time shall be yielded back and the Senate will proceed to vote on final passage of H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). The request was agreed to.

Reid unanimous consent request that when the Senate receives from the House a Joint Resolution which provides further government funding through March 11, it be read three times and passed. The request was agreed to.

Kyl amend #629 (Resettle Palestinians from Gaza into U.S.). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #630 (Require a report on counter-smuggling efforts in Gaza).Laid aside.

Kyl amend #631 (Reconstruction efforts in Gaza). Laid aside.

McCain amend #593 (Prohibit the use of funds provided in the bill). Laid aside.

S. 542 (A bill to repeal the provision of law that provides automatic pay adjustments for Members of Congress). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 9, 2009 and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). There will be a series of votes on amendments to the bill beginning at 5:30 PM on Monday.

The Senate adjourned at 12:34 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 5, 2009 and will proceed to a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). Roll call votes are expected throughout Thursday's session.

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

H.R. 146 (An act to establish a Battlefield Acquisition Program). The bill was read for a second time. Further proceedings were objected to.

H.R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

Wicker amend #607 (require amounts appropriated for the United Nations Population Fund are not used by organizations which support coercive abortion). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 39-55.

Thune amend #635 (funding for the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health). Feinstein point of order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Thune Motion to Waive the Budget Act. Laid aside.

Murkowski amend #599 (modify provision relating to the repromulgation of final rules by the Secretary of Interior). Laid aside.

Murkowski amend #599 (Modify a provision relating to the repromulgation of final rules by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 42-52.

Inhofe amend #613 (Provide that no funds may be made available to make any assessed contribution or voluntary payment of the United Nations if the United Nations implements or imposes any taxation on any United States persons). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43-51.

Thune amend #635 (Strike the restrictions on the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program). Motion to waive the point of order against the amendment. The motion to waive failed by a vote of 26-68. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Kyl amend #634 (Prohibit the expenditure of amounts made available under this Act in a contract with any company that has a business presence in Iran's energy sector). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 41-53.

Crapo amend #638 (Strike a provision relating to Federal Trade Commission authority over home mortgages). Laid aside.

Sen. Reid announced that final passage on H. R. 1105 ((Omnibus Appropriations Bill) will not occur this evening.

Sen. Reid vitiated the vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

Ensign amend #615 (Strike restrictions on District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program). Laid aside.

S. Res. 57 (Designating the first week of April 2009 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"). Agreed to by voice vote

S. Res. 67 (Sense of Senate that providing breakfast in schools provides a positive impact in the class room). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, March 6, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). There will be no roll call votes during Friday's session. The next vote in the Senate is expected to occur after 5:00 PM on Monday.

The Senate adjourned at 9:18 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 5, and will resume consideration of H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon for a Joint Session of Congress with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Votes are expected early this afternoon.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

The Senate recessed at 10:30 AM for a Joint Session of Congress with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

The Senate convened at 12:00 PM and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

Coburn amend #596 (To require the use of competitive procedures to award contracts, grants, and cooperative agreements funded under this Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **38-57**.

Coburn amend #608 (To provide funds for the Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act from funds already provided for the Weed and Seed Program). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **37-58**.

The following amendments were modified en bloc:

Thune amend #635 (To provide funding for the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health), as modified.

Wicker amend #601 (To require that amounts appropriated for the United Nations Population Fund are not used by organizations which support coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization), as modified.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

Coburn amend #610 (To prohibit funding for congressional earmarks for wasteful and parochial pork projects). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **34-61**.

Coburn amend #623 (To prohibit taxpayer dollars from being earmarked to 14 clients of a lobbying firm under Federal investigation for making campaign donations in exchange for political favors for the group's clients), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43-52.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Kyl amend #634 (To prohibit the expenditure of amounts made available under this Act in a contract with any company that has a business presence in Iran's energy sector).

Inhofe amend #613 (To provide that no funds may be made available to make any assessed contribution or voluntary payment of the US to the UN if the UN implements or imposes any taxation on any US persons).

Crapo amend #638 (To strike a provision relating to Federal Trade Commission authority over home mortgages).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

H.R. 146 (Establishes a battlefield acquisition grant program). First reading. Second reading objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 5, 2009 and will proceed to a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). Roll call votes are expected throughout Thursday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 7:07 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). There will be a vote on the McCain amendment #592 at 11:45 AM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

McCain amend #592 (Continue funding at fiscal year 2008 levels through the end of fiscal year 2009). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 32-63.

The Senate recessed from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

Ensign motion to commit H. R. 1105 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 33-61.

Hutchison motion to commit H. R. 1105 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions. Laid aside.

Coburn amend #586 (require competitive procedures to award contracts, grants and cooperative agreements under this Act). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #608 (to provide funds for Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #610 (to prohibit funding for congressional earmarks for wasteful pork projects). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #623 (To prohibit taxpayer dollars from being earmarked to clients of a lobbying firm under Federal investigation for making campaign donations in exchange for political favors). Laid aside.

Hutchison motion to commit H. R. 1105 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **40-55**.

Wicker amend #607 (require amounts appropriated for the United Nations Population Fund are not used by organizations which support coercive abortion). Laid aside.

Murkowski amend #599 (modify provision relating to the repromulgation of final rules by the Secretary of Interior). Laid aside.

Thune amend #635 (funding for the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health). Laid aside.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 5, and will resume consideration of H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon for a Joint Session of Congress with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Votes are expected early tomorrow afternoon.

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1105 (Omnibus appropriations bill). The next vote will not occur before Tuesday, March 3, 2009.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Sen. Reid announced there will be a Joint Session of Congress in the House Chamber on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 11:00 AM in order to receive an address from British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill).

McCain amend #592 (Continue funding at fiscal year 2008 levels through the end of fiscal year 2009). Laid aside.

S. Con. Res. 9 (Supporting the goals and ideas of "Multiple Sclerosis Week"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. J. Res. 12 (Proclaiming Kasamir Posaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States, posthumously). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 1105 (Omnibus Appropriations Bill). There will be a vote on the McCain amendment #592 at 11:45 AM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 6:47 PM.