

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Leader remarks. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a voice vote on confirmation of Cal. #979, Daniel Santos to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2017. The Senate will then proceed to a voice vote on confirmation of Cal. #635, Frank Rose to be an Assistant Secretary of State. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1084, Sarah Saldana to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. If cloture is invoked, the Senate will immediately vote on confirmation of the Saldana nomination. At 6:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1150, Antony Blinken to be Deputy Secretary of State. If cloture is invoked, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on confirmation of the Blinken nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

### **Motion to Proceed to H.R. 5771 (Tax Extenders).**

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #979, Daniel Santos to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.**  
The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

**Cal. #635, Frank Rose to be an Assistant Secretary of State.** The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

**Cal. #1084, Sarah Saldana to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.**

The Senate recessed from 1:09-2:15 PM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM and resumed an Executive Session.

**Cal. #1084, Sarah Saldana to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion is agreed to by a vote of **53-41**. All post-cloture time is yielded back by Unanimous Consent.

**Cal. #1084, Sarah Saldana to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **55-39**.

**Cal. #1150, Antony Blinken to be Deputy Secretary of State.**

Milkulski asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a vote of Cal. #1058, Carolyn Colvin to be Commissioner of Social Security. Hatch objected.

**Cal. #1150, Antony Blinken to be Deputy Secretary of State. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **53-40**. Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, all post-cloture time is yielded back.

**Cal. #1150, Antony Blinken to be Deputy Secretary of State.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **55-38**.

**Cal. #1144, Colette Honorable to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote **65-28**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 5771 (Tax Extenders).** Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous order, there is a 60-yea vote threshold for passage. The bill passed by a vote of **76-16**.

**H.Con. Res. 124 (Correcting the enrollment of H.R. 5771).** The concurrent resolution is agreed to by **Unanimous Consent**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The Senate proceeded to the following nominations en bloc:

Cal #900, Karen Kornbluh to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

Cal. #651, Richard Engler to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

Cal. #970, Manuel Ehrlich, Jr. to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board.

Cal. #1079, Nicholas Rasmussen to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Cal. #514, Mark Lopes to be US Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

Cal. #1104, Leigh Bradley to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Cal. #1141, Mark Rosekind to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Cal. #933, Helen Tierney to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Cal. #644, Charles Rose to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris and Stewart Udall Foundation.

Cal. #645, Mark Nethery to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris and Stewart Udall Foundation.

Cal. #646, Anne Udall to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris and Stewart Udall Foundation.

Cal. #737, Camilla Feibelman to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris and Stewart Udall Foundation.

Cal. #844, Martha Minow to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

Cal. #845, Charles Keckler to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

Cal. #862, Gloria Valencia-Weber to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.  
Cal. #864, John Levi to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.  
Cal. #865, Robert Grey Jr. to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.  
Cal. #757, Thomas Hicks to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.  
Cal. #1085, Matthew Masterson to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.  
Cal. #1086, Christy McCormick to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission.  
Cal. #1099, Isobel Coleman to be Representative of the US to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform.  
Cal. #1100, Isobel Coleman to be Alternate Representative of the US to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations.  
Cal. #790, Paige Alexander to be an Assistant Administrator of the US Agency for international Development.  
Cal. #1110, Robert Scher to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.  
Cal. #1111, David Berteau to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.  
Cal. #1090, Jess Baily to be US Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia.  
Cal. #1091, Robert Cekuta to be US Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan.  
Cal. #1092, Margaret Uyehara to be US Ambassador to Montenegro.  
Cal. #1093, Richard Mills Jr. to be US Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia.  
PN 2091, Michael O'Reilly (FCC).  
PN 1279, Laurie Mikva (Legal Services).  
PN 1280, Victor Maddox (Legal Services).  
PN 2065, Joseph Pietzyzk (Legal Services).  
PN 1916, James Huffman (Udall).  
Cal. #1005, Arthur Bentley III to be US Attorney for the Middle District of Florida.  
Cal. #1062, David Rivera to be US Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee.  
The nominations were confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

Cal. #618, James Cole Jr. to be General Counsel, Department of Education. The nomination was confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

**Cal. #1144, Colette Honorable to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.** The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

By Unanimous Consent., the Motion to Invoke Cloture was withdrawn on the following nominations:

Cal #840, Estevan Lopez to be Commission of Reclamation. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #922, Marcus Jadotte to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #901, Jonathan Stivers to be an Assistant Administrator of the US Agency for International Development. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #735, John Cruden to be an Assistant Attorney General. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #553, Christopher Smith to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy). The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Sen. Reid asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to the House Message to accompany S. 2244 (Terrorism Risk Insurance Act). Sen. Coburn asked that Sen. Reid modify his request to strike the NARAB request from the bill.

Sen. Reid objects to Sen. Coburn's request. Sen. Coburn objects to the original request by Sen. Reid.

**Cal. #1041, Stephen Bough to be US District Court Judge for the Western District of Missouri. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **51-38**.

**Cal. #1041, Stephen Bough to be US District Court Judge for the Western District of Missouri.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **51-38**.

Under a previous Unanimous Consent order, the cloture votes on the following nominations are withdrawn, and the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation of the nominations:

Jorge Alonso to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Haywood Gilliam Jr. to be US District Judge for the Northern District of California. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Amit Mehta to be US District Judge for the District of Columbia. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Allison Burrough to be US District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

John Blakey to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Amos Mazzant III to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Robert Pittman to be US District Judge for the Western District of Texas. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Robert Schroeder III to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Joan Azrack to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Elizabeth Dillon to be US District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Loretta Biggs to be US District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 3608 (Amends the Act of October 19, 1973). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4030 (Designates Post Office, Miami). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following bills were considered, en bloc:

S. 684 (Mni Wiconi Project Act Amendments of 2013).

S. 1800 (Bureau of Reclamation Transparency Act).

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

S. Res. 595 (Recognizing Nobel Laureates Kailash Satyarthi and Malala Yousafzai for their efforts to end the financial exploitation of children and to ensure the right of all children to an education). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 226 (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jesse Owens). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 564 (Passenger Pigeon Extinction). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 125 (Providing for the Sine Die Adjournment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress). The resolution was agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate will convene the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 12:00 Noon and will proceed to the presentation of the certificates of election, the swearing-in of elected members and the required live quorum.

The Senate adjourned Sine Die pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 125 (Providing for the Sine Die Adjournment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress) at 11:25 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2014**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to an Executive Session. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to votes on the following:

- Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #681, Vivek Murthy to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.
- If cloture is invoked, the Senate will vote on confirmation of Cal. #681, Vivek Murthy to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.
- Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cloture on Cal. #979, Daniel Santos to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2017.
- Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #635, Frank Rose to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader Remarks.

H.R. 5771 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions and make technical corrections, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the tax treatment of ABLE). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #681, Vivek Murthy to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.**

**Cal. #979, Daniel Santos to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2017.**

**Cal. #635, Frank Rose to be an Assistant Secretary of State.**

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2754 (Collectible Coin Protection Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3572 (To revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 1206 (Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 1378 (To designate the United States Federal Judicial Center located at 333 West Broadway in San Diego, California, as the "John Rhoades Federal Judicial Center" and to designate the United States). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5050 (May 31, 1918 Act Repeal Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5185 (EARLY Act Reauthorization of 2014). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5816 (To extend the authorization for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 706 (Transnational Drug Trafficking Act of 2013). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3027 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 442 Miller Valley Road in Prescott, Arizona, as the "Barry M. Goldwater Post Office"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4416 (To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 161 Live Oak Street in Miami, Arizona, as the "Staff Sergeant Manuel V. Mendoza Post Office Building"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4651 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 West Baker Road in Baytown, Texas as the "Specialist Keith Erin Grace Jr. Memorial Post Office"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5331 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the "Colonel M.J. 'Mac' Dube, USMC Post Office Building"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5562 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Ocean Avenue in Lompoc, California, as the "Federal Correctional Officer Scott J. Williams Memorial Post Office). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4276 (Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Care Improvement Act of 2014). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5687 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 East Market Street in Long Beach, California, as the "Juanita Millender-McDonald Post Office"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate resumed an Executive Session.

**Cal. #681, Vivek Murthy to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service. Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.** The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination was agreed to by a vote of 51-43.

**Cal. #681, Vivek Murthy to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service.** All post-cloture time was

yielded back. Yeas and nays ordered on confirmation. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 51-43.

**Cal. #979, Daniel Santos to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2017.** Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 54-39.

**Cal. #635, Frank Rose to be an Assistant Secretary of State.** Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 54-39.

Blumenthal motion to proceed to H. R. 5059 (Clay Hunt SAV Act) and pass it objected to by Coburn.

Portman Motion to proceed to H. R. 2126 (Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2014) and pass the bill was objected to.

All nominations on the Executive Calendar in the Foreign Service. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

S 1744 (Strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations to update guidelines for security clearances). Agreed to by voice vote, as modified.

H. R. 2901 (Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2014). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 1068 (Enact title 54, United States Code, "National Park Service and Related Programs", as positive law). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 2866 (Boys Town Centennial Commemorative Coin Act). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

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The Senate adjourned at 8:10 PM.



## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H. R. 83 (Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015). Procedural votes on or in relation to nominations are expected during today's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative session.

**Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H. R. 83 (Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015).**

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #1084, Sarah R. Saldana to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive Session was agreed to by a vote of **48-34**.

**Cal. #1084, Sarah R. Saldana to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of **52-40**.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #1058, Carolyn Colvin to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive Session was agreed to by a vote of **52-41**.

**Cal. #1058, Carolyn Colvin to be Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2019.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session was agreed to by a vote of **51-41**.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #681, Vivek Murthy to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive Session was agreed to by a vote of **52-40**.

**Cal. #681, Vivek Murthy to be Medical Director in the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, subject to qualifications therefor as provided by law and regulations, and to be Surgeon General of the Public Health Service for a term of four years.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session was agreed to by a vote of **52-41**

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. 1150, Antony Blinken to be Deputy Secretary of State.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive Session was agreed to by a vote of **52-41**.

**Cal. #1150, Antony Blinken to be Deputy Secretary of State.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session was agreed to by a vote of **52-41**.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #635, Frank Rose to be an Assistant Secretary of State.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive Session agreed to by a vote of **52-41**.

**Cal. #635, Frank Rose to be an Assistant Secretary of State.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session agreed to by a vote of **52-41**.

**Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 121 (Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015 through Wednesday, December 17, 2014)** agreed to by unanimous consent.

**H. J. Res. 131 (Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2015 through Wednesday, December 17, 2014).** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive Session was agreed to by a vote of **50-41**.

**Cal. #1144, Colette Dodson Honorable to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2017.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session was agreed to by a vote of **53-40**.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #979, Daniel Santos to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2017.** Yeas and nays ordered. Motion to Proceed to Executive Session agreed to by a vote of **52-47**.

**Cal. #979, Daniel Santos to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2017.** Reid filed a motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session was agreed to by a vote of **52-42**.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #840, Estevan R. Lopez to be Commissioner of Reclamation.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive Session was agreed to by a vote of **54-40**.

**Cal. #840, Estevan R. Lopez to be Commissioner of Reclamation.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session was agreed to by a vote of **54-42**.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #922, Marcus Jadotte to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive Session was agreed to by a vote of **53-42**.

**Cal. #922, Marcus Jadotte to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session was agreed to by a vote of **54-42**.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #901 Jonathan Stivers to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive Session was agreed to by a vote of **54-42**.

**Cal. #901 Jonathan Stivers to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session was agreed to by a vote of **54-42**.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive session was agreed to by a vote of **53-42**.

**Cal. #735, John Charles Cruden, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session was agreed to by a vote of **54-42**.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #553, Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive Session was agreed to by a vote of **54-42**.

**Cal. #553, Christopher Smith, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy).** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session was agreed to by a vote of **53-42**.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #1041, Stephen Bough to be US District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to Executive session was agreed to by a vote of **54-42**.

**Cal. #1041, Stephen Bough to be US District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Cal. #1070, Jorge Luis Alonso to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Cal. #1071, Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., to be US District Judge for the Northern District of California.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Cal. #1072, Amit Priyavadan Mehta to be US District Judge for the District of Columbia.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Cal. #1073, Allison Burrough, to be US District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Cal. #1075, John Blakey to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Cal. #1076, Amos L. Mazzant III to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Cal. #1077, Robert Pitman to be US District Judge for the Western District of Texas.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Cal. #1078, Robert Schroeder III to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Cal. #1145, Joan Azrack to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Cal. #1146, Elizabeth Dillon to be US District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to Executive Session.** Agreed to by voice vote.

**Cal. #1147, Loretta Biggs to be US District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.** Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H. R. 83 (Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015).** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of **77-19**.

Cruz Constitutional Point of Order against Davison L of the pending House amendment sections of the Constitution. The Chair lays before the Senate the question, is the Point of Order well taken? Yeas and nays ordered on the question before the Senate. The Point of Order is not well taken by a vote of **22-74**.

All pending motions and amendments were withdrawn by unanimous consent.

**Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H. R. 83 (Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015).** Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Concur. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of **56-40**.

H. Con. Res. 22 (Correction of the enrollment of H. R. 83). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

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

PN 1861 Confirmed by voice vote.  
PN 2001 Confirmed by voice vote.  
PN 2142 Confirmed by voice vote.  
PN 2143 Confirmed by voice vote.  
PN 2144 Confirmed by voice vote.  
PN 2145 Confirmed by voice vote.

H. R. 2591 (Amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 5859 (Impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation to provide additional assistance to Ukraine). Agreed to by voice vote.

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- Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cloture on Cal. #979, Daniel Santos to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board for a term expiring October 18, 2017.
- Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #635, Frank Rose to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

The Senate adjourned at 11:43 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2014

The Senate will convene at **10:00 AM** and will resume consideration of H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015), post-cloture. At 12:00 Noon all post-cloture time on the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015) will be considered expired. There will be three hours of debate, followed by **votes at 3:00 PM** on the following:

- Motion to Refer the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015). The vote on the Motion to Refer will be subject to a 60-vote affirmative threshold.
- If the Motion to Refer is not agreed to, Senator Coburn will be recognized for a purpose of making a motion.
- Following the disposition of the Coburn motion, the pending Motion to Concur with the further amendment will be withdrawn, and the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015). The vote on the Motion to Concur will be subject to a 60-vote affirmative vote threshold.

If the Motion to Concur is agreed to, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the following concurrent resolutions en bloc:

- H. Con. Res. 121 (To correct the enrollment of H.R. 3979 – NDAA, providing a new title to the bill.
- H. Con. Res. 123 (To correct the enrollment of H.R. 3979 – NDAA).

Following the disposition of the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015), the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on the following nominations (All of the below nominations are expected to be confirmed by voice vote except for the Saperstein nomination, which is expected to require a roll call vote):

- Cal. #697 Mark Gilbert to be Ambassador to New Zealand.
- Cal. #632 Robert Barber to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.
- Cal. #1055 David Saperstein to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.
- Cal. #542 Amy Hyatt to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau.
- Cal. #637 Arnold Chacon to be Director General of the Foreign Service.
- Cal. #1051 Virginia Palmer to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.
- Cal. #1057 Donald Heflin to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde.
- Cal. #791 Michael Kempner to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.
- Cal. #1102 Leon Aron to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015).**

Coburn made a Motion to Refer the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015) to the Committee on Armed Services with Instructions to report back forthwith with changes to strike Title 30, the nondefense-related lands portion of the bill.

Coburn asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. 2113 (Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act), that the Committee reported substitute amendment be agreed to, and that the bill as amended be passed. Reid objected.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015).**

**Motion to Refer the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015).** Yeas and nays ordered with a 60-vote affirmative threshold. The Motion to Refer the House Message was not agreed to by a vote of 18-82

**Motion to suspend the rules for the purposes of offering a Coburn amendment to the House Message to H. R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2015).** The Chair ruled that the motion is dilatory and is not in order. Coburn Motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair with respect to the dilatory nature of motions to suspend the rules. Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate? Yeas and nays ordered on the question. The decision of the Chair (that the motion is dilatory) was sustained by a vote of 55-45.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015).** Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Concur with a 60 yea vote threshold. The Motion to Concur in the House Message was agreed to by a vote of 89-11.

H. Con. Res. 121 (To correct the enrollment of H.R. 3979 – NDAA, providing a new title to the bill). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res. 123 (To correct the enrollment of H.R. 3979 – NDAA). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

McConnell motion to proceed to H. R. 5771 (Tax Increase Prevention Act) with one hour of debate prior to a vote on passage with a 60 year vote threshold was objected to by Reid.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

**Cal. #697 Mark Gilbert to be Ambassador to New Zealand.** Confirmed by voice vote.

**Cal. #632 Robert Barber to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.** Confirmed by voice vote.

**Cal. #1055 David Saperstein to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 61-36.



**Cal. #542 Amy Hyatt to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau.** Confirmed by voice vote.

**Cal. #637 Arnold Chacon to be Director General of the Foreign Service.** Confirmed by voice vote.

**Cal. #1051 Virginia Palmer to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malawi.** Confirmed by voice vote.

**Cal. #1057 Donald Heflin to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde.** Confirmed by voice vote.

**Cal. #791 Michael Kempner to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.** Confirmed by voice vote.

**Cal. #1102 Leon Aron to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.** Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**House Message to accompany H. R. 83 (Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015) with a House amendment.**

Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H. R. 83 (Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Message.

Reid amend #4100 (Of a perfecting nature).

Reid second degree amend #4101 (Of a perfecting nature) to Reid amend 4100 (Of a perfecting nature).

Reid Motion to Refer the House message to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #4103 (Of a perfecting nature) to the instructions to refer the House Message.

Reid second degree amend #4104 (Of a perfecting nature) to Reid amend #4103 (Of a perfecting nature).

Reid motion to proceed to a vote at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 15, 2014 on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H. R. 83 (Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015) objected to by Lee.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM on Saturday, December 13, 2014 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H. R. 83 (Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015). Votes will occur during Saturday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 10:53 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015). At 10:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to the bill. No further votes are scheduled.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015).**

Gillibrand motion to proceed at a time to be determined to S. 2992 (Amend title 10, United States Code, to reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniform Code of Military Justice) with one hour of debate, followed by a vote with a 60 yeas vote threshold. Inhofe objected.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of 85-14.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015).** The Senate is in post-cloture debate.

S. 2828 (Impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation to provide additional assistance to Ukraine). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following were considered en bloc:

H. R. 3044 (Approve the transfer of Yellow Creek Port properties in Iuka, Mississippi.). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2785 (Safe and Secure Drinking Water Protection Act of 2014). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 3329 (Enhance the ability of community financial institutions). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended.

H. R. 3468 (Amend the Federal Credit Union Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015).** The Senate is in post-cloture debate.

H.R. 2640 (An act to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act). The Merkley substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1535 (Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act). The Schumer substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1353 (Cybersecurity Act). The Rockefeller substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

**H.J. Res. 130 (The short-term two-day continuing resolution).** Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3096 (Designate Terrorist Screening Center). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4771 (Amend the Controlled Substances Act in regards to Steroids). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5057 (Amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2338 (Reauthorize the US Anti-Doping Agency). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2983 Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 599 (Recognizing the Anniversary of the Big Brother/Sister Program in PA). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at **10:00 AM** on Friday, December 12, 2014 and will resume consideration of H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015), post-cloture. At 12:00 Noon all post-cloture time on the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015) will be considered expired. There will be three hours of debate, followed by **votes at 3:00 PM** on the following:

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- Cal. #791 Michael Kempner to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.
- Cal. #1102 Leon Aron to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

The Senate adjourned at 11:30 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015). There are no votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015).** Laid aside.

**S. 2444 (Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016).** The bill was agreed to by voice vote, as modified by a substitute amendment which includes a three year extension of the vessel discharge moratorium.

**S. 2519 (Codify an existing operations center for cybersecurity).** Agreed to by voice vote, as amended by a Carper substitute amendment.

**H. R. 4007 (Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2014).** Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

**H. R. 2952 (Amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002).** Agreed to by voice vote, as amended by the Carper amendment.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015).** Laid aside.

**S. 2614 (Amend certain provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012).** Agreed to by unanimous consent.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015).**

**H. R. 1447 (Encourage states to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies).** Agreed to by unanimous consent.

**H. R. 3374 (Provide for the use of savings promotion raffle products).** Agreed to by unanimous consent.

**H. R. 4193 (Amend Title V of the US Code).** Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 4926 (Designate a segment of Interstate Route 35 in the state of Minnesota). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 5705 (Modify certain provisions relating to the Propane Education and Research Council). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2822 (Require the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to conduct a study on matters relating to the burial of unclaimed remains of veterans in national cemeteries). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 598 (Condolences to the family of Adbul Rahman Peter Kasig). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2992 (Amend Title X). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, December 11, 2014. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015). At 10:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to the bill. No further votes are scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 7:55 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2014**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 and will proceed with Morning Business. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Cloture on Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Cloture on Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

If cloture is invoked on the nominations, at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Confirmation of Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The Senate will recess from 1:00 – 2:00 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The following bills received their second reading en bloc:

H.R. 5759 (Executive Overreach on Immigration Act of 2014).

H.R. 5771 (Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014).

Further consideration of the bills were objected to en bloc. The bills were placed on the calendar.

H.R.1204 (To direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security to establish an aviation security advisory committee). The Rockefeller-Tester substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 2719 (An act to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs). The Ayotte substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

**Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke was agreed to by a vote of **63-32**.



**Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **65-31**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 1474 (Alaska Safe Families and Villages Act of 2014). The substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate recessed at 1:11 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate reconvened at 2:00 PM and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **86-12**.

**Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **86-12**.

**Cal. #1094, Peter McKinley to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.** The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

**Cal. #1095, Richard Verma to be Ambassador to the Republic of India.** The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

**Cal. #800, Tony Hammond to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.** The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

**Cal. #801, Nanci Langley to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission.** The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Message from the House with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015), with an amendment.**

Reid Motion to Concur in the House amendment with an amendment.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment with an amendment.

Motion to Concur in the House amendment with a Senate amendment with an additional Senate amend #3984 (To improve the bill). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3985 (To improve the bill) to Reid amend #3984 (To improve the bill).

Reid Motion to Refer the House message to the Committee on Armed Service with instructions to report back with an amendment #3986 (To improve the bill). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3987 (To improve the bill) to the instructions to report back with an amendment #3986 (To improve the bill). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #3988 (To improve the bill) to Reid amend #3987 (To improve the bill).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 1067 (To make revisions in title 36, United States Code, as necessary to keep the title current and make technical corrections and improvements). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4199 (Doris Miller Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 413 (A resolution recognizing 20 years since the genocide in Rwanda, and affirming it is in the national interest of the United States to work in close coordination with international partners to help prevent and mitigate acts of genocide and mass atrocities). Coons amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The resolution, as amended, is agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 4681 (Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015). Feinstein substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, passed by Voice Vote.

H. Con. Res. 107 (Denouncing the use of civilians as human shields by Hamas and other terrorist organizations in violation of international humanitarian law). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2992 (Amends Title 10, US Code). The bill was read for the first time. A second reading was objected to, and the bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 3979 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015). There are no votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 8:53 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014**

The Senate will convene **2:00 PM** and will proceed with Morning Business until **5:30 PM**. The Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #1082 Jeffrey Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- Confirmation of Cal. #1083 Lauren McGarity McFerran, of DC, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.
- Confirmation of Cal. #552 Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

On **Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 10:30 AM**, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Cloture on Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Cloture on Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

If cloture is invoked on the nominations, at **6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014** the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Confirmation of Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

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

S. 2520 (FOIA Improvement Act of 2014). The substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill passed by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #1082 Jeffrey Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **52-40**.

**Cal. #1083 Lauren McGarity McFerran, of DC, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **54-40**.

**Cal. #552 Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.** The nomination was confirmed by **voice vote**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 2521 (Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014). Coburn substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill as amended passed by **voice vote**.

H.R. 1281 (Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2014). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following bills received their first reading en bloc:

H.R. 5759 (Executive Overreach on Immigration Act of 2014)

H.R. 5571 (10-20-30 Act of 2014)

The second reading of the bills were objected to en bloc.

S. 2142 (Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014). Substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill as amended passed by **voice vote**.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 and will proceed with Morning Business. **At 10:30 AM**, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Cloture on Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Cloture on Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

If cloture is invoked on the nominations, at **6:00 PM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014** the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Confirmation of Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The Senate will recess from 1:00 – 2:00 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:45 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2014**

The Senate will convene 9:30 AM and will proceed to an Executive Session. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #555, Franklin Orr to be Under Secretary of Energy.
- Confirmation of Cal. #660, Joseph Hezir to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.
- Cloture on Cal. #1039, Gregory Stivers, of Kentucky, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.
- Cloture on Cal. #1040 Joseph F. Leeson, of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- Cloture on Cal. #835 Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

At 1:45 PM, if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time will be considered expired, and the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #1039, Gregory Stivers, of Kentucky, to U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.
- Confirmation of Cal. #1040 Joseph F. Leeson, of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- Confirmation of Cal. #835 Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.
- Cloture on Cal. #1082 Jeffrey Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- Cloture on Cal. #1083 Lauren McGarity McFerran, of DC, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.
- Cloture on Cal. #552 Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

If cloture is invoked on any of these nominations, on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 5:30 PM the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #1082 Jeffrey Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- Confirmation of Cal. #1083 Lauren McGarity McFerran, of DC, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.
- Confirmation of Cal. #552 Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

On Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Cloture on Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

- Cloture on Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

If cloture is invoked on the nominations, at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

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The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #555, Franklin Orr to be Under Secretary of Energy.** The nomination was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

**Cal. #660, Joseph Hezir to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **89-3**.

**Cal. #1039, Gregory Stivers to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.** The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **70-23**.

**Cal. #1040, Joseph Leeson to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.** The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **66-26**.

**Cal. #835, Lydia Griggsby to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.** The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **53-36**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #1039, Gregory Stivers to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.** Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

**Cal. #1040, Joseph Leeson to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was agreed to by a vote of **76-16**.

**Cal. #835, Lydia Griggsby to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.** Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

**Cal. #1082, Jeffrey Baran to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.** The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **53-40**.

**Cal. #1083, Lauren McFerran to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.** The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 51-42.

**Cal. #552, Ellen Williams to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.** The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 57-34.

H. R. 2366 (Require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Centennial of World War I). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 4812 (Amend Title 49 of the US Code). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 5108 (Establish the Law School certification Clinic Program of the US Patent and Trademark Office). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 5462 (Amend title 49 of the US Code to provide for limitations on the fees charged to passengers of air carriers). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 5739 (Amend the Social Security Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1683 (Provide for the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended by the Menendez amendment.

S. 1447 (Make technical corrections to certain Native American water rights settlements). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended by the Committee amendment.

S. J. Res. 45 (Providing for the reappointment of David Rubenstein as Citizen Regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. J. Res. 105 (Conferring honorary citizenship of the United States to Bernardo Valdez, Count of Galvez) Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res. 120 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 569 (Designating September 23, 2013 as "National Falls Prevention Awareness day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults). Agreed to by unanimous consent. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 594 (Celebrating a centennial year) Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at **2:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2014** and will proceed with Morning Business until **5:30 PM**. The Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #1082 Jeffrey Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

- Confirmation of Cal. #1083 Lauren McGarity McFerran, of DC, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.
- Confirmation of Cal. #552 Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

**On Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 10:30 AM**, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Cloture on Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Cloture on Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

If cloture is invoked on the nominations, at **6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014** the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Confirmation of Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The Senate adjourned at 7:25 PM.



## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to an Executive Session. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation of the following nominations:

Cal #1069, Charlotte Burrows to be Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Cal. #1067, P. David Lopez to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Senate will then proceed to cloture votes on the following nominations:

Cal. #1036, David Hale to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Cal. #1037, Mark Kearney to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Cal. #1038, Gerald Pappert to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Motion to Invoke Cloture.

There will be up to an additional six roll call votes beginning at 5:30 PM.

S. 2970 (To reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal #1069, Charlotte Burrows to be Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 93-2.**

**Cal. #1067, P. David Lopez to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 53-43.**

**Cal. #1036, David Hale to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 65-31.**

**Cal. #1037, Mark Kearney to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 60-36.**

**Cal. #1038, Gerald Pappert to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 57-28.

**Cal. #1036, David Hale to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.** The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

**Cal. #1037, Mark Kearney to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.** The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

**Cal. #1038, Gerald Pappert to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.** The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

**Cal. #555, Franklin Orr to be Under Secretary of Energy. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 71-25.

**Cal. #660, Joseph Hezir to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 68-27.

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #1039, Gregory Stivers, of Kentucky, to U.S. District Judge for the Western District of KY

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #1040 Joseph F. Leeson, of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #835 Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #1082 Jeffrey Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #1083 Lauren McGarity McFerran, of DC, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #552 Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, December 4, 2014 and will proceed to an Executive Session. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #555, Franklin Orr to be Under Secretary of Energy.
- Confirmation of Cal. #660, Joseph Hezir to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.
- Cloture on Cal. #1039, Gregory Stivers, of Kentucky, to U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.
- Cloture on Cal. #1040 Joseph F. Leeson, of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- Cloture on Cal. #835 Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

At 1:45 PM, all post-cloture time will be considered expired, and the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #1039, Gregory Stivers, of Kentucky, to U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky.
- Confirmation of Cal. #1040 Joseph F. Leeson, of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
- Confirmation of Cal. #835 Lydia Kay Griggsby, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.
- Cloture on Cal. #1082 Jeffrey Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- Cloture on Cal. #1083 Lauren McGarity McFerran, of DC, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.
- Cloture on Cal. #552 Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

If cloture is invoked on any of these nominations, on Monday, December 8, 2014, at 5:30 PM the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #1082 Jeffrey Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- Confirmation of Cal. #1083 Lauren McGarity McFerran, of DC, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board.
- Confirmation of Cal. #552 Ellen Dudley Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy.

On Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Cloture on Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Cloture on Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

If cloture is invoked on the nominations, at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #1080, Virginia Tyler Lodge, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
- Confirmation of Cal. #1081, Ronald Anderson Walter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The Senate adjourned at 7:43 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to the Swearings-in of Senator Brian Schatz and Senator Tim Scott. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to the following votes:  
Confirmation of Cal #892, Noah Mamet to be Ambassador to Argentina.

Confirmation of Cal #631, Colleen Bell to be Ambassador to Hungary.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal #772, Nani A. Coloretti to be Deputy Secretary of HUD.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal #918, Robert Adler to be Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Safety Commission.

Further, at 4:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to votes on the following:

Confirmation of Cal. #772, Nani A. Coloretti to be Deputy Secretary of HUD.

Confirmation of Cal #918, Robert Adler to be Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Safety Commission.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal #1069, Charlotte Burrows to be Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceed with the Swearings-in of Senator Brian Schatz and Senator Tim Scott.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

**Cal #892, Noah Mamet to be Ambassador to Argentina.** Yeas and nays ordered on the nomination. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **50-43**.

**Cal #631, Colleen Bell to be Ambassador to Hungary.** Yeas and nays ordered on the nomination. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **52-42**.

**Cal #772, Nani A. Coloretti to be Deputy Secretary of HUD.** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **59-34**.

**Cal #918, Robert Adler to be Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Safety Commission.** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **52-40**.

The Senate recessed from 12:42-2:15 PM for party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened and resumed an Executive Session.

**Cal. #772, Nani A. Coloretti to be Deputy Secretary of HUD.** Yeas and nays ordered on the nomination. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **68-28**.

**Cal #918, Robert Adler to be Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Safety Commission.** Yeas and nays ordered on the nomination. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **53-44**.

**Cal #1069, Charlotte Burrows to be Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.** Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **57-39**.

**Cal. #1067, P. David Lopez to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.** Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **54-43**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 2917 (Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2970 (To reform procedures for determinations to proceed to trial by court-martial for certain offenses under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice). The bill was read for a first time. Further readings were objected to and the bill will be read for a second time on the next Legislative Day.

H.R. 4924 (Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2014). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 and will proceed to an Executive Session. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation of the following nominations:

Cal #1069, Charlotte Burrows to be Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Cal. #1067, P. David Lopez to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Senate will then proceed to cloture votes on the following nominations:

Cal. #1036, David Hale to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Cal. #1037, Mark Kearney to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Cal. #1038, Gerald Pappert to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Motion to Invoke Cloture.

There will be up to an additional six roll call votes beginning at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:09 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014**

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and vote on the following:

- Cloture on Executive Calendar #892, Noah Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina
- Cloture on Executive Calendar #631, Colleen Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary.

On Tuesday, December 2, 2014, the Senate will vote on the following at 10:30 AM:

- Confirmation of Executive Calendar #892, Noah, Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina
- Confirmation of Executive Calendar #631, Colleen Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary

Unless an agreement is reached, following the confirmation of the Bell nomination, the Senate will process the nominations in the regular order, which is one at a time, with up to 8 hours for debate equally divided prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

- Cloture on Executive Calendar #772, Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of HUD. Followed by up to 8 hours for debate equally divided.
- Confirmation of Executive Calendar #772, Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of HUD.
- Cloture on Executive Calendar #918, Robert Adler, of DC, to be Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Safety Commission. Followed by up to 8 hours for debate equally divided.
- Confirmation of Executive Calendar #918, Robert Adler, of DC, to be Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Safety Commission
- Cloture on Executive Calendar #1069, Charlotte, of DC, to be Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Followed by up to 8 hours for debate equally divided.
- Confirmation of Executive Calendar #1069, Charlotte, of DC, to be Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Followed by up to 8 hours for debate equally divided.
- Cloture on Executive Calendar #2067, P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal employment Opportunity Commission. Followed by up to 8 hours for debate equally divided.
- Confirmation on Executive Calendar #2067, P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal employment Opportunity Commission.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.



The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #1036 David Hale to be US District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #1047, Mark Kearney to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #1038, Gerald J. Pappert to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #555, Franklin Orr to be Under Secretary for Science for the Dept. of Energy. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #660, Joseph Hezir to be Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Energy. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**Cal #892, Noah Mamet to be Ambassador to Argentina.** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **50-36**.

**Cal #631, Colleen Bell to be Ambassador to Hungary.** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination was agreed to by a vote of **50-36**.

H. R. 2203 (Provide for the award of a Gold Medal to Jack Nicholas in recognition of his service to the Nation). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. The Senate will proceed to the Swearings-in of Senator Brian Schatz and Senator Tim Scott. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to the following votes:

Confirmation of Cal #892, Noah Mamet to be Ambassador to Argentina.

Confirmation of Cal #631, Colleen Bell to be Ambassador to Hungary.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal #772, Nani A. Coloretti to be Deputy Secretary of HUD.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal #918, Robert Adler to be Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Safety Commission.

Further, at 4:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to votes on the following:

Confirmation of Cal. #772, Nani A. Coloretti to be Deputy Secretary of HUD.

Confirmation of Cal #918, Robert Adler to be Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Safety Commission.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal #1069, Charlotte Burrows to be Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 7:16 PM.