

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2016

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2943 (National Defense Authorization Act), post-cloture. Unless an agreement is reached, all post-cloture time expires at approximately 6:00 PM tonight.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2943 (National Defense Authorization Act).

By unanimous consent, on Monday, June 6, 2016, following morning business, the motion to proceed to S. 2943 (National Defense Authorization Act) will be agreed to. Senator Fischer will be recognized to offer her amendment #4206 (health care providers within the Armed Forces), with the time until 5:30 PM equally divided. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Fischer amendment #4206.

Inhofe asked unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the Republican Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader, the Chair lay before the Senate the message to accompany H.R. 2576 (TSCA Modernization Act), that the Republican Leader be recognized to make a motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment and that there be up to three hours of debate equally divided prior to a roll call vote on the motion to concur. **Paul objected.**

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #462, Laura Holgate to be Representative of the United States to the Vienna Office of the United Nations. The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote.**

Cal. #463, Laura Holgate to be Representative of the United States to the International Atomic Energy Agency. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **67-29.**

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 462 (U.S. Soccer Federation Gender Pay Equality). The resolution was agreed to by **Voice Vote.**

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #574 (Brigadier Generals, U.S. Marine Corps).

Cal. #575 (Brig. Gen. Linda Singh to be Major General, Army National Guard).

Cal. #576 (Capt. Jon Kreitz to be Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy Reserve).
Cal. #577 (Major Gen. Maryanne Miller to be Lt. General in the Air Force Reserve).
Cal. #578 (Maj. Gen. Kenneth Wilsbach to be Lt. General in the U.S. Air Force).
Cal. #579 (Lt. Gen. Charles Brown, Jr. to be Lt. General, U.S. Air Force).
Cal. #580 (Maj. Gen. Darryl Williams to be Lt. General, U.S. Army).
Cal. #581 (Maj. Gen. Michael Lundy to be Lt. General, U.S. Army).
Cal. #582 (Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Buchanan to be Lt. General, U.S. Army).
Cal. #583 (Col. Cindy Jebb to be Brig. General, Air National Guard).
Cal. #584 (Col. Sidney Martin to be Brig. General, Air National Guard).
Cal. #585 (Vice Admiral William Moran to be Admiral, U.S. Navy).
Cal. #586 (Rear Admiral Robert Burke to be Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy).
Cal. #587 (Rear Admiral Thomas Moore to be Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy).
Cal. #588 (Vice Admiral Jan Tighe to be Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy).
Cal. #589 (Brig. Generals to be Major Generals, U.S. Army).
Cal. #590 (Admiral Michelle Howard to be Admiral, U.S. Navy).

All nominations on the Secretary's desk.

The nominations were confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session

The following bills were considered, en bloc:

S. 486 (Postal Service designation).
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S. 498 (Postal Service designation).

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

H.R. 433 (Postal Service designation). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1402 (Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 466 (National Foster Care Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 480 (Mental Health Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 481 (Asian Pacific American Heritage Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3011 (To improve the accountability, efficiency, transparency, and overall effectiveness of the Federal Government). 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.

The Senate next will convene for pro forma only sessions on the following dates and times:

Friday, May 27th at 12:30 PM

Tuesday, May 31st 8:30 AM

Friday, June 3rd 1:00 PM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, June 6th and will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 4:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session, and the motion to proceed to S. 2943 (National Defense Authorization Act) will be agreed to. Senator Fischer will be recognized to offer her amendment #4206 (health care providers within the Armed Forces), with the time until 5:30 PM equally divided. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Fischer amendment #4206.

The Senate adjourned at 6:31 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 25th and following Leader Remarks will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 28 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes). All time will be deemed expired at 11:00 AM and the Senate then will vote on the Joint Resolution. The Senate will then vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2943 (National Defense Authorization Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S.J. Res. 28 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes). Yeas and nays ordered. The Joint Resolution passed by a vote of 55-43.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2943 (National Defense Authorization Act). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed is agreed to by a vote of 98-0.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2943 (National Defense Authorization Act).

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session to consider the following nomination, calendar number 552 (Department of Justice, Patrick Burke of the District of Columbia to be United States Marshal). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 476 (Designating the month of May 2016 as cystic fibrosis awareness month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 477 (Promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2016). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 416 (Recognizing the contributions of Hawaii to the culinary heritage of the United States). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 459 (Recognizing the importance of cancer research and the vital contributions of scientists, clinicians, cancer survivors and other patient advocates). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 26, 2016. Following Leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2943 (National Defense Authorization Act), post-cloture. There are no votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 6:52 PM.

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will vote (expected to be a voice vote) on adoption of the Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 88 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term “Fiduciary”). Unless an agreement is reached, there will be up to 10 hours of debate prior to a vote on adoption of the joint resolution. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

H.J. Res. 88 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term “Fiduciary”). The Motion to Proceed to the Joint Resolution was agreed to by voice vote. Unless an agreement is reached, there will be up to 10 hours of debate prior to a vote on adoption of the joint resolution.

The Senate recessed from 12:31-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

H.J. Res. 88 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term “Fiduciary”). Yeas and nays ordered. The Joint Resolution passed by a vote of 56-41.

Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 28 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of 57-40.

S.J. Res. 28 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 473 (American Craft Beer Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 25th and following Leader Remarks will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 28 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Secretary of Agriculture relating to inspection of fish of the order Siluriformes). All time will be deemed expired at 11:00 AM and the Senate then will vote on the Joint Resolution.

The Senate adjourned at 6:43 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2016

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session to consider S. 2613 (Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2016). There will be one hour of debate followed by a vote on the bill, as amended.

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

McConnell filed cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2943 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017).

McCain asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to S. 2943 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017). Reid objected.

S. 2613 (Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2016). The Substitute amendment was agreed to. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill as amended was passed by a vote **89-0**.

S. Res. 375 (Raising Awareness of Modern Slavery). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will vote (expected to be a voice vote) on adoption of the Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 88 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to the definition of the term "Fiduciary"). Unless an agreement is reached, there will be up to 10 hours of debate prior to a vote on adoption of the joint resolution. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:38 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader remarks the Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations). At 11:15 AM, all post-cloture time will be considered expired on the Blunt-Murray amendment #3900. It is expected that Senator Lee will raise a budget point of order against the Blunt-Murray amendment. If raised and waived, the Senate will vote on adoption of the amendment. By the rules, upon disposition of the Blunt-Murray amendment, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Collins substitute amendment #3896. Further, if cloture is invoked on the substitute, the Cornyn amendment #3899 and the Nelson amendment #3898 will be withdrawn and Collins will call up amendment #3970.

Three roll call votes are expected at 11:15 AM: Motion to waive budget point of order with respect to Blunt-Murray SA #3900 on Zika funding; Adoption of Blunt-Murray amendment #3900 (Zika funding); and Cloture on Collins substitute amendment #3896.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations).

Blunt amend #3900 (Making supplemental appropriations for \$1.1 billion Zika funding). Lee raised a Budget Point of Order against the amendment. Motion to Waive the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is agreed to by a vote of **70-28** and the Point of Order Falls.

Collins for Blunt 2nd degree amend #3946 (To require the periodic submission of spending plan updates to the Committee on Appropriations). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Blunt amend #3900 (Making supplemental appropriations for \$1.1 billion Zika funding), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **68-30**.

Collins substitute amendment #3896. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **88-10**.

Cornyn amendment #3899 (Zika) was **withdrawn**.

Nelson amendment #3898 (Zika) was **withdrawn**.

McCain amend #4039 (Vets Choice). Enzi raised a Budget Point of Order against the amendment. McCain Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **84-14**. The Point of Order fell. **Lankford raised a Point of Order that the amendment is not germane. The Chair sustained the Point of Order and the amendment fell.**

Collins amend #3970 (To prohibit the use of funds to carry out a final rule and notice of the Department of Housing and Urban Development). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **87-9**.

Lee amend #3897 (To prohibit the use of funds to carry out a rule and notice of the Department of Housing and Urban Development). Motion to Table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was agreed to be **60-37**.

The following amendments were considered, en bloc.

Rubio amend #4050 (To make temporary relocation assistance available for tenants in project-based Section 8 properties with imminent health and safety risks).

Baldwin amend #4026 (To prohibit health care providers from providing non-Department health care services to veterans), as modified.

The amendments were agreed to, en bloc.

The Cloture Motion on H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations) is **vitiated**.

Collins substitute amendment #3896, as amended. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations), as amended. The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **89-8**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 469 (100th Anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, May 23rd and will be in a period of Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session to consider S. 2613 (Adam Walsh Reauthorization Act of 2016). There will be one hour of debate followed by a vote on the bill, as amended.

The Senate adjourned at 5:21 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations).

S. 2840 (POLICE Act of 2016). The bill was passed by voice vote.

H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations).

Reid asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar #157, H.R. 3038; that the Nelson substitute amendment to enhance the Federal response and preparedness with respect to the Zika virus be agreed to; that there be up to 1 hour of debate, equally divided, prior a vote on passage of the bill, as amended. (Nelson amendment provides \$1.9 billion in emergency Zika funding). Senator Cornyn objected.

Murray asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar #157, H.R. 3038; that the Blunt-Murray substitute amendment to enhance the Federal response and preparedness with respect to the Zika virus be agreed to; that there be up to 1 hour of debate, equally divided, prior a vote on passage of the bill, as amended. (Blunt-Murray amendment provides \$1.1 billion in emergency Zika funding)

Cornyn asked that the request be modified to include the Cornyn language at the desk. (\$1.1 billion Zika funding, offset through ACA prevention fund cut). Murray objected to the modification. Cornyn objected to Murray's original request.

Lankford asked consent that the pending amendment be set aside so that he could offer Lankford amendment #3955 to the Blunt-Murray amendment #3900 (pay for). Nelson objected.

H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations).

McCain amend #4039 (Vets Choice). Laid aside.

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

Warner amendment to provide additional funds for the National Park Service for certain projects. #4042

Nelson amendment to ensure the safety of properties covered under a housing assistance payment contract. (#4011)

Isakson amendment to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue a final rule requiring the use of speed limiting devices on heavy trucks not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act. (#4024)

Johnson amendment to ensure timely access for Inspectors General to records, documents, and other materials. (#3992)

Paul amendment to provide for the identification of certain high priority corridors on the National Highway System and to include and designate certain route segments on the Interstate System. (#3967)

Kirk amendment to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the inspection of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs. (#3997)

Tester amendment to provide for coverage under the beneficiary travel program of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain disabled veterans for travel in connection with certain special disabilities rehabilitation. (#3998)

Perdue amendment to require a report on modernizing and replacing hangers of the Army's Combat Aviation Brigade. (#3933)

Mikulski amendment to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide access to therapeutic listening devices to veterans struggling with mental health related problems, substance abuse, or traumatic brain injury. (#4030)

Daines amendment to require a report on the use of defense access road funding to build alternative routes for military equipment traveling to missile launch facilities. (#4008)

Brown amendment to extend the requirement of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for the specialized treatment and rehabilitative needs of disabled veterans. (#3920)

Inhofe amendment to require that amounts be made available to Directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks to assess, evaluate, and improve the health care delivery by and business operations of medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs. (#3969)

Boxer amendment to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat certain marriage and family therapists as qualified to serve as marriage and family therapists in the Department of Veterans Affairs. (#3935, as modified)

Flake amendment to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide for the conduct by the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs of an inspection or audit of the use of a grant to renovate a veteran's cemetery in Guam. (#4038)

Manchin amendment to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to use amounts appropriated under this Act for the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve the veteran-to-staff ratio for each program of rehabilitation conducted under chapter 31 of title 28, United States Code. (#4043)

Flake amendment to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan on modernizing the system of the Veterans Health Administration for processing claims by non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers for reimbursement for health care provided to veterans under laws administered by the Secretary. (#3980)

Feinstein amendment to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out certain major medical facility projects for which appropriations are being made for fiscal year 2016. (#3944)

Johnson amendment to ensure timely access for Inspectors General to records, documents, and other materials. (#3993)

Klobuchar amendment to authorize the use of amounts for Medical Services to be used to furnish rehabilitative equipment and human-powered vehicles to certain disabled veterans. (#3910)

Heller amendment to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the progress of the Department of Veterans Affairs in completing the Rural Veterans Burial Initiative. (#4005)

Durbin amendment to make funds available to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire Medical Center Directors and employees for other management and clinical positions with vacancies. (#4029)

Sasse amendment to protect congressional oversight of the executive branch by ensuring individuals may speak with Congress. (#4023)

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 19, 2016. Following Leader remarks the Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations). At 11:15 AM, all post-cloture time will be considered expired on the Blunt-Murray amendment #3900. It is expected that Senator Lee will raise a budget point of order against the Blunt-Murray amendment. If raised and waived, the Senate will vote on adoption of the amendment. By the rules, upon disposition of the Blunt-Murray amendment, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Collins substitute amendment #3896. Further, if cloture is invoked on the substitute, the Cornyn amendment #3899 and the Nelson amendment #3898 will be withdrawn and Collins will call up amendment #3970.

Three roll call votes are expected at 11:15 AM: Motion to waive budget point of order with respect to Blunt-Murray SA #3900 on Zika funding; Adoption of Blunt-Murray amendment #3900 (Zika funding); and Cloture on Collins substitute amendment #3896.

The Senate adjourned at 8:13 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following any Leader remarks the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to up to three cloture votes on the following amendments: Nelson amend #3898 (Making supplemental appropriations for \$1.9 billion Zika funding); Cornyn amend #3899 (Making emergency supplemental appropriations for \$1.1 billion Zika funding, \$1.2 billion offset through ACA prevention fund cut); and Blunt amend #3900 (Making supplemental appropriations for \$1.1 billion Zika funding). If cloture is invoked on any of the amendments, there will be up to 30 hours of post-cloture debate on the amendment, unless time is yielded back by unanimous consent.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations).

S. 2040 (To deter terrorism and provide justice to victims). Committee-reported substitute is withdrawn and the Cornyn amendment is agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is passed by **Voice Vote**.

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

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

H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations).

Nelson amend #3898 (Making supplemental appropriations for \$1.9 billion Zika funding). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **50-47**.

Cornyn amend #3899 (Making emergency supplemental appropriations for \$1.1 billion Zika funding, \$1.2 billion offset through ACA prevention fund cut). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was not agreed to by a vote of **52-45**.

Blunt amend #3900 (Making supplemental appropriations for \$1.1 billion Zika funding). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **68-29**.

Blunt amend #3946 (To require the periodic submission of spending plan updates to the Committee on Appropriations) to Blunt #3900 (Making supplemental appropriations for \$1.1 billion Zika funding).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #477, Eric Fanning to be Secretary of the Army. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

Collins amend #3296 (Substitute amendment). McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.

H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations). McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered, en bloc:

Cal. #444, Linda Thomas-Greenfield to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

Cal. #445, Linda Thomas-Greenfield to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

Cal. #446, John Leslie, Jr. to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

Cal. #447, Linda Etim to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation.

Cal. #467, Georgette Mosbacher to be a Member of the US Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

Cal. #217, Todd Fisher to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Cal. #218, Deven Parekh to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Cal. #479, Robert Riley III to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Cal. #480, Karen Stewart to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Cal. #482, Matthew Matthews to be U.S. Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum.

Cal. #484, Marcela Escobari to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Cal. #553, Swati Dandekar to be U.S. Director of the Asian Development Bank.

Cal. #554, Adam Sterling to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

Cal. #555, Kelly Keiderling-Franz to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Cal. #556, Stephen Schwartz to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Cal. #557, Christine Elder to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

Cal. #558, Elizabeth Richard to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic.

Confirmed, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The following amendments were considered, en bloc:

King amend #3934 (Disabled veterans and student loans).

Rubio amend #3918 (Shortens the time period for landlords to address physical deficiencies in HUD-assisted housing).

Heller amend #3905 (Prohibits individuals convicted of murder, sexual assault and trafficking, and child pornography from accessing HUD-assisted housing).

Rubio amend #3926 (Real Estate Assessment Center physical inspections).

Manchin amend #3961 (Airport repairs).

Booker amend #3941 (Restores FAST Act eligibility to CRISI grant program for construction projects related to passenger rail).

The amendments were agreed to, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

The following amendments were considered, en bloc:

Tester amend #3914 (Construction requirements in Europe).

Kirk amend #3938 (Access roads).

Heller amend #3948 (Disability compensation claims)

Heitkamp amend #3954 (Vets counseling in rural areas).

Bennet amend #3971 (Disabled veterans on Olympic teams)

The amendments were agreed to, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 468 (National Police Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1335 (North Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act). Sullivan substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 18th and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 2577 (THUD/MilConVA Appropriations).

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2016

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Executive Calendar #307, Paula Xinis, of Maryland, to be US District Judge for the District of Maryland. There will be 30 minutes of debate equally divided followed by a roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #307, Paula Xinis to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Maryland. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 53-34.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations, 2017).

The following amendments to H.R. 2577 were called up and were confirmed en bloc by voice vote:

Heitkamp amend #3903 (GAO study on collegiate aviation flight training)

Barrasso amend #3909 (Allows Indian Housing Community Development Block Grant funds to be used for the construction of housing for skilled workers)

Ayotte amend #3917 (Zero tolerance recovery housing)

Mikulski/Shelby amend #3919 (Increases funding for transit safety activities)

Feinstein/Portman amend #3922 (Extends the obligation period for HOME funds)

Franken/Tillis amend #3921, as modified (USICH study on health care savings associated with housing homeless individuals)

H.R. 4957 – Ariel Rios Federal Building. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 387 – Historic Columbia River Highway. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 403 – National Industrial Assessment Center Week. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 467 – National Nurses Week. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 1, 2016. Following any Leader remarks the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations, 2017). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to three cloture votes on the following amendments: Nelson amend #3898 (Making supplemental appropriations for \$1.9 billion Zika funding); Cornyn amend #3899 (Making emergency supplemental appropriations for

\$1.1 billion Zika funding, \$1.2 billion offset through ACA prevention fund cut); and Blunt amend #3900 (Making supplemental appropriations for \$1.1 billion Zika funding).

The Senate adjourned at 7:14 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations).

Unless an agreement is reached, all the post cloture time would expire at approximately 6:30 PM, and the Senate would vote on adoption of the Alexander substitute amendment #3801.

Yesterday the Senate reached an agreement that at a time to be determined by the Republican Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Executive Calendar #307, Paula Xinis, of Maryland, to be US District Judge for the District of Maryland. There will be 30 minutes of debate equally divided followed by a roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination.

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

H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations).

By unanimous consent, at 1:45 PM today, all post-cloture time on the Alexander substitute amendment #3801 will be considered expired. The Senate expects to adopt the substitute amendment by voice vote, the cloture motion on H.R. 2028 will be withdrawn, and the Senate will vote on passage of the bill, as amended.

Flake amend #3876 (To require that certain funds are used for the review and revision of certain operational documents). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Alexander #3801 (Substitute amendment). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

The cloture motion to H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations) is **withdrawn**.

H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations), as amended. The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **90-8**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations, 2017).

All pending amendments withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Collins amend #3896 (Substitute amendment).

Lee amend #3897 (To prohibit the use of funds to carry out a rule and notice of the Department of Housing and Urban Development).

The following amendments were considered, en bloc:

Nelson amend #3898 (Making supplemental appropriations for \$1.9 billion Zika funding).

Cornyn amend #3899 (Making emergency supplemental appropriations for \$1.1 billion Zika funding, \$1.2 billion offset through ACA prevention fund cut).

Blunt amend #3900 ((\$1.1 billion funding for Zika response and preparedness)).

McConnell filed cloture on the Nelson amend #3898 (Making supplemental appropriations for \$1.9 billion Zika funding).

McConnell filed cloture on the Cornyn amend #3899 (Making emergency supplemental appropriations for \$1.1 billion Zika funding, \$1.2 billion offset through ACA prevention fund cut).

McConnell filed cloture on the Blunt amend #3900 (\$1.1 billion funding for Zika response and preparedness).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 442 (Condemning the terrorist attacks in Brussels). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 394 (195th Anniversary of the Independence of Greece). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

House Message to Accompany S. 1523 (Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act).
Motion to concur in the House amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 463 (Omaha Police Officer). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 464 (75th Anniversary of the Alaska State Troopers). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 16th and will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Executive Calendar #307, Paula Xinis, of Maryland, to be US District Judge for the District of Maryland. There will be 30 minutes of debate equally divided followed by a roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 6:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations 2016). There will be an hour of debate prior to a cloture vote on the Cotton amend #3878 (Heavy water produced in Iran). The Senate will then proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Alexander substitute amend #3801 at approximately 12:00 Noon.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations 2016).

Cotton amend #3878 (Heavy water produced in Iran). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was not agreed to by a vote of **57-42**. The amendment is withdrawn.

Alexander amend #3801 (Substitute amendment). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **97-2**.

The following amendments were considered, en bloc:

Cardin amend #3871 (To use Federal and State expertise to mitigate fish and wildlife impacts at Corps of Engineers projects).

Fischer amend #3888 (To provide for the operation of reservoir projects by the Bureau of Reclamation).

Flake amend #3876 (To require that certain funds are used for the review and revision of certain operational documents).

At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to the following votes, with a 60-affirmative threshold needed in order for passage of each amendment.

Cardin amend #3871 (To use Federal and State expertise to mitigate fish and wildlife impacts at Corps of Engineers projects).

Fischer amend #3888 (To provide for the operation of reservoir projects by the Bureau of Reclamation).

Toomey asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Executive Session to vote on the following nominations:

Executive Calendar #460, Susan Paradise Baxter, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania;

Executive Calendar #461, Marilyn Jean Horan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Senator Whitehouse objected, asking unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Executive Session to vote on the following nominations:

Executive Calendar #307, Paula Xinis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland;
Executive Calendar #357, Brian R. Martinotti, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey;
Executive Calendar #358, Robert F. Rossiter, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska;
Executive Calendar #359, Edward L. Stanton III, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee;
Executive Calendar #362, Julien Xavier Neals, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey;
Executive Calendar #363, Gary Richard Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York;
Executive Calendar #364, Mark A. Young, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California;
Executive Calendar #459, Mary S. McElroy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island;
Executive Calendar #460, Susan Paradise Baxter, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania;
Executive Calendar #461, Marilyn Jean Horan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
McConnell objected to Whitehouse's request. Senator Whitehouse objected to Toomey's original request.

Cardin amend #3871 (To use Federal and State expertise to mitigate fish and wildlife impacts at Corps of Engineers projects). 60-affirmative vote threshold needed in order for passage of the amendment. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **39-60**.

Fischer amend #3888 (To provide for the operation of reservoir projects by the Bureau of Reclamation). 60-affirmative vote threshold needed in order for passage of the amendment. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **52-47**.

By unanimous consent, at a time to be determined by the Republican Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, the Senate proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Executive Calendar #307, Paula Xinis, of Maryland, to be US District Judge for the District of Maryland. There will be 30 minutes of debate equally divided followed by a roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 12, 2016. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations). Unless an agreement is reached, all the post cloture time would expire at approximately 6:30 PM, and the Senate would vote on adoption of the Alexander substitute amendment #3801.

The Senate adjourned at 5:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

The Senate will convene at 2:15 PM. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations 2016). There are no votes scheduled for today's session of the Senate. On Monday, May 9, 2016, Leader McConnell filed cloture on Cotton amend #3878 (heavy water produced in Iran) and the Alexander substitute amend #3801. Those cloture votes are expected to occur an hour after the Senate convenes on Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

The Senate will hold the Tuesday party caucus lunches from 12:30 to 2:15 PM today.

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

H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations 2016).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 1352 (Increase federal Pell Grants for the children of fallen public safety officers). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4923 (American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4336 (Amends Title 38, U.S. Code). Ernst amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 418 (Recognizing Hafsat Abiola, Khanim Latif, Yoani Sanchez, and Akanksha Hazari for their selfishness and dedication to their respective causes). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 11th and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations 2016). There will be an hour of debate on the Cotton amend #3878 (Heavy water produced in Iran), and then the Senate will withdraw his amendment. The Senate will then proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Alexander substitute amend #3801.

The Senate adjourned at 6:17 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. The Senate will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:00 PM and will then resume consideration of H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations 2016). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Alexander substitute amend #3801.

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

H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations 2016).

Alexander substitute amend #3801. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **50-42**.

McConnell filed a Motion to Reconsider the failed Cloture vote.

McConnell filed cloture on Cotton amend #3878 (None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expended to purchase heavy water produced in Iran).

McConnell filed cloture on Alexander substitute amend #3801.

S. Res. 457 (Relative to the death of Conrad Burns, former United States Senator from the state of Montana). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 458 (Relative to the death of Robert Bennett, former United States Senator from the state of Utah). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 546 (Establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs and Safety Evaluation Subcommittee) as amended. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4238 (An act to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act and the Local Public Works Capital Investment Act of 1986 to modernize terms relating to minorities). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 436 (World Malaria Day). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:15 PM on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2028 (Energy and Water Appropriations 2016). There are no votes scheduled for tomorrow's session of the Senate. On Monday, May 9, 2016, Leader McConnell filed cloture on Cotton amend #3878 (heavy water produced in Iran) and the Alexander substitute amend #3801. Those cloture votes are expected to occur an hour after the Senate convenes on Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM under the provisions of S. Res. 457 (Relative to the death of Conrad Burns, former United States Senator from the state of Montana) and S. Res. 458 (Relative to the death of Robert Bennett, former United States Senator from the state of Utah).