

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will proceed to consideration of S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). Sen. Durbin immediately will be recognized to offer an amendment on the Bankruptcy Provision, and there will be four hours of debate prior to a vote on the amendment, which will require a 60-vote threshold for adoption. If a 60-vote threshold is not achieved, the amendment will be withdrawn. Upon disposition of the Durbin amendment, Sen. Dodd will be recognized to offer the Dodd/Shelby Substitute amendment. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nomination: Cal. #56 (Thomas Strickland to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife). There will be three hours of debate prior to a vote on the nomination, which must achieve a 60-vote threshold for confirmation.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes).

Durbin amend #1014 (To prevent mortgage foreclosures and preserve home values). Yea and nays ordered. Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, the amendment requires a 60-vote threshold to pass. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **45-51**, and the amendment was withdrawn.

Dodd amend #1018 (In Nature of a Substitute). Laid aside.

The Senate proceed with an Executive Session.

Cal. #56 (Thomas Strickland to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife of the Department of the Interior). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **89-2**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes).

Dodd amend #1018 (In Nature of a Substitute). All subsequent amendments are to the substitute amendment.

Corker amend #1019 (Address safe harbor for certain services). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #1016 (Remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under TARP). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #1017 (Provide that the primary and foundational responsibility of the Federal Housing Administration shall be to safeguard and preserve the solvency of the Administration). Laid aside.

S. 615 (Provide additional personnel authorities for a Special Inspector General). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 104 (Supporting the goals and ideals of “National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month”). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 93 (Supporting the goals of “National Crime Victims Rights Week). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. Res. 122 (Designating April 30 2009 as “Dia de Los Ninos” celebrating young people). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 123 (Expressing support for designating May 2 2009 as “Vietnamese Refuge Day”). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 124 (Recognizing the threats to press freedom around the world on “World Press Freedom Day” on May 3, 2009). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, May 1, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). There was no announcement regarding votes.

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will begin ten hours of statutory debate on the Conference Report to accompany S. Con. Res. 13 (Concurrent Budget Resolution), notwithstanding the papers from the House. When the Senate receives the message from the House regarding S. Con. Res. 13, the Senate will proceed to consideration of the Conference Report. The Senate is expected to vote on the adoption of the Conference Report this afternoon.

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

Conference Report to accompany S. Con. Res. 13 (Concurrent Budget Resolution).

The Senate received a message from the House of Representatives that the House has passed S. Con. Res. 13 (Concurrent Budget Resolution). **Adoption of the Conference Report to Accompany the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report is adopted by a vote of **53-43**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were agreed to by Unanimous Consent en bloc:

Cal. #66 (April Boyd to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce).

Cal. #68 (Robert Rivkin to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation).

Cal. #69 (Roy Kienitz to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy).

Cal. #70 (Peter Appel to be Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Dept. of Transportation).

Cal. #71 (Dana Gresham to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation).

Cal. #72 (Joseph Szabo to be Administration of the Federal Railroad Administration).

Cal. #73 (Sherburne Abbott to be Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy).

Cal. #74 (Vice Adm. David Pecoske to be Vice Admiral in the U.S. Coast Guard).

Cal. #75 (Rear Adm. John Currier to be Vice Admiral in the U.S. Coast Guard).

Cal. #76 (Capt. Robert Day, Jr. to be Rear Admiral in the U.S. Coast Guard).

Cal. #77 (Rear Adm. Jody Breckenridge to be Vice Admiral in the U.S. Coast Guard).

All Coast Guard nominations at the Secretary's Desk.

Agreed to en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

Cal. #65 (Ronald Weich to be Assistant Attorney General). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 119 (UGA for winning NCAA Gymnastics National Championship). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 120 (Trinity College for winning College Squash Association Men's Team Championship). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, April 30, 2009 and will proceed to period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will proceed to consideration of S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). Sen. Durbin immediately will be recognized to offer an amendment, and there will be four hours of debate prior to a vote on the amendment, which will require a 60-vote threshold for adoption. If a 60-vote threshold is not achieved, the amendment will be withdrawn. Upon disposition of the Durbin amendment, Sen. Dodd will be recognized to offer the Dodd/Shelby amendment. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nomination:

Cal. #56 (Thomas Strickland to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife).

There will be three hours of debate prior to a vote on the nomination, which must achieve a 60-vote threshold for confirmation.

The Senate adjourned at 7:52 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #62, Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. Under a previous order, there will be 8 hours of debate on the nomination followed by a vote. At 12:00, Noon, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009) and vote on final passage. Upon passage of the bill, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. The vote on confirmation of the nomination will be subject to a 60 vote threshold. The Senate will stand in recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #62 (Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services).

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009). The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. **Final passage.** The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **92-4**.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

At 12:36 PM, the Senate recessed for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #62 (Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **65-31**.

The Senate proceeded with a legislative session.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 29 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will begin the statutory debate on the Conference Report to accompany S. Con. Res. 13 (Concurrent Budget Resolution), notwithstanding the papers from the House. When the Senate receives the message from the House regarding S. Con. Res. 13, the Senate will proceed to consideration of the Conference Report. The Senate is expected to vote on the adoption of the Conference Report tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business until 4:20 PM. At 4:20 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009). At 5:20 PM on Monday, April 27, 2009, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee substitute amend to S. 326 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009). If cloture is invoked, all postcloture time will be yielded back and any germane amendments will be disposed of, the substitute amendment as amended will then be agreed to and the Senate will vote on final passage of the bill at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, April 28. On 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. There will be up to eight hours of debate on the nomination, and confirmation of the nominee will be subject to a 60-vote threshold.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The following bills received their second readings en bloc:

S. 895 (A bill to prevent mortgage foreclosures). Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 896 (A bill to prevent mortgage foreclosures). Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009). Motion to invoke cloture on the Committee Substitute to the bill was agreed to by a vote of 84-4.

Leahy raised a Point of Order that all pending amendments were not germane to the bill. The Point of Order was well taken and all pending amendments fall en bloc. Under a previous agreement, all post cloture debate on the bill is concluded.

Committee Substitute Amendment to the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009). The bill was read for a third time. The yeas and nays for final passage were ordered.

H. R. 1626 (An act to make technical amendment so laws containing time periods affecting Judicial proceedings). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28, 2009. The Senate will immediately proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #62, Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. Under a previous order, there will be 8 hours of debate on the nomination followed by a vote. At 12:00, Noon, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009) and vote on final passage. Upon passage of the

bill, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. The vote on confirmation of the nomination will be subject to a 60 vote threshold. The Senate will stand in recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 6:35 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will proceed to a period of morning business. There will be no votes during today's session. At 5:30 PM on Monday, April 27, 2009, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee substitute amend to S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009). If cloture is invoked, all postcloture time will be yielded back and any germane amendments will be disposed of, the substitute amendment as amended will then be agreed to and the Senate will vote on final passage of the bill at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, April 28. On 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. There will be up to eight hours of debate on the nomination, and confirmation of the nominee will be subject to a 60-vote threshold.

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

The following bills received their first readings en bloc:
S. 895 (A bill to prevent mortgage foreclosures).
S. 896 (A bill to prevent mortgage foreclosures).

Further proceedings on the bills were objected to en bloc.

H.R. 586 (Direct Smithsonian and Library of Congress to carry out a Joint Project for an African American History event). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 27 and will be in a period of morning business until 4:20 PM. At 4:20 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009). If cloture is invoked, all postcloture time will be yielded back and any germane amendments will be disposed of, the substitute amendment as amended will then be agreed to and the Senate will vote on final passage of the bill at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, April 28. On 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. There will be up to eight hours of debate on the nomination, and confirmation of the nominee will be subject to a 60-vote threshold.

The Senate adjourned at 12:55 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a Legislative Session. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009). Votes are expected and the Majority Leader would like to conclude business on this bill during today's session. The Senate may proceed to the consideration of the House Message to request a conference with respect to the Budget Resolution when it is available.

H.R. 1664 (Act to Amend the Executive Compensation Provisions of the of the Economic Emergency Stabilization Act). The bill was read for a second time. Further action on the bill was objected to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Reid asked consent to proceed to Cal. #56 (Thomas Strickland to be Assistant Judiciary of Fish and Wildlife) and that the nomination be confirmed. McConnell objected.

Reid asked consent to proceed to Cal. #62 (Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services). McConnell objected.

Reid asked consent to proceed to the nomination of David Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. McConnell objected.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009).

Thune amend #1002 (require Secretary of Treasury to use any amounts repaid by a financial institution that is a recipient of assistance under TARP). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #994 (To prohibit the use of Troubled Asset Relief Program funds for the purchase of common stock). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #983 (To require the Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency to investigate and report on the activities of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac that may have contributed to the current mortgage crisis). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #986 (Limit the amount that may be deducted from proceeds due to the US under the False Claims Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The Senate will vote on the amendment at 11:45 AM.

Kohl amend #990 (To protect older Americans from misleading and fraudulent marketing practices with the goal of increasing retirement security). Laid aside.

Schumer amend #1006 (o provide additional funding to the SEC to use in enforcement proceedings). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #1004 (To impose certain requirements on public-private investment fund programs). Laid aside.

Boxer amend #1000 (Regarding the handling of “toxic” assets sold under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, TARP). Laid aside.

Ensign 2nd degree amend #1003 (To impose certain requirements on public-private investment fund programs) to Boxer amend #1000 (Regarding the handling of “toxic” assets sold under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, TARP). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #986 (Limit the amount that may be deducted from proceeds due to the US under the False Claims Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 31-61.

Hatch amend #1007 (Prohibit the Department of Labor from expending Federal funds to withdraw a rule pertaining to the filing by labor organizations of an annual financial report required by the Labor-Management Report and Disclosure Act of 1959). Laid aside.

Schumer amend #1006 (o provide additional funding to the SEC to use in enforcement proceedings). Agreed to by voice vote.

Message from the House on S. Con. Res. 13, the Concurrent Budget Resolution. Under a Unanimous Consent request, the Senate disagrees with the amendments of the House, requests a Conference, the Chair has been authorized to appoint conferees, and the following are the only motions to instruct in order, with Majority side-by-side motions in order prior to a vote:

Johanns (cap-and-trade)

Stabenow (cap-and-trade) (side by side)

Gregg (no debt increase)

Sessions (non-defense, non-veterans spending freeze)

Ensign (point of order relative to raising taxes)

Cornyn (taxes)

Alexander (student loans)

Coburn (budget line-by-line)

DeMint (health care—that no point of order be in order of this motion)

Vitter (oil and gas)

Upon disposition of the motions, the conferees will be appointed.

Sessions motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (non-defense, non-veterans spending freeze).

Alexander motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (student loans). Laid aside.

Vitter motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (oil and gas). Laid aside.

Coburn motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (budget line-by-line). Laid aside.

DeMint motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (health care—that no point of order be in order of this motion). Laid aside.

Gregg motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (no debt increase). Laid aside.

Cornyn motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (taxes). Laid aside.

Johanns motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (cap-and-trade). Laid aside.

Ensign motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (point of order relative to raising taxes). Laid aside.

Stabenow motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (cap-and-trade side by side to Johanns). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to instruct is agreed to by a vote of **57-37**.

Johanns motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (cap-and-trade). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to instruct is agreed to by a vote of **66-28**.

Gregg motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (no debt increase). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to instruct is not agreed to by a vote of **40-54**.

Sessions motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (non-defense, non-veterans spending freeze). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to instruct is not agreed to by a vote of **38-56**.

Ensign motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (point of order relative to raising taxes). The motion to instruct is agreed to by voice vote.

Cornyn motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (taxes). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to instruct is agreed to by a vote of **84-9**.

Alexander motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (student loans). The motion to instruct is agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (budget line-by-line). The motion to instruct is agreed to by voice vote.

DeMint motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (health care—that no point of order be in order of this motion). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to instruct is agreed to by a vote of 79-14.

Vitter motion to instruct conferees with respect to the Budget Resolution (oil and gas). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to instruct is agreed to by a vote of 63-30.

Under a previous order, all statutory time is yielded back. The Chair appointed the following conferees: Sens. Conrad, Murray and Gregg.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the committee substitute amendment to S. 326 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009).

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #47 (Ashton Carter to be Under Secretary of Defense). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 113 (National Adopt a Library Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 86 (Use of Emancipation Hall for unveiling of Sojourner Truth bust). Agreed to by UC.

H. Con. Res. 101 (Ronald Reagan statue for placement in the US Capitol). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 24, 2009 and will proceed to a period of morning business. At 5:30 PM on Monday, April 27, 2009, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the committee substitute amend to S. 326 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009). If cloture is invoked, all postcloture time will be yielded back and any germane amendments will be disposed of, the substitute amendment as amended will then be agreed to and the Senate will vote on final passage of the bill. On 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Kathleen Sebelius to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. There will be up to eight hours of debate on the nomination, and confirmation of the nominee will be subject to a 60-vote threshold.

The Senate adjourned at 10:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in morning business for 30 minutes. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will begin consideration of S.386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009).

Reid amend #984 (To increase funding for certain HUD programs to assist individuals to better withstand the current mortgage crisis). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #985 (To modify the definition of the term "obligation"). Laid aside.

Leahy amend #993 (To clarify the amendments relating to major fraud), as modified. The amendment is agreed to by voice vote.

Kyl amend #985 (To modify the definition of the term "obligation"). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 94-1.

Isakson amend #995 (Establish the Financial Markets Commission). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 92-4.

Dorgan amend #999 (Select Committee on Investigations on the Economic Crisis). Laid aside. The amendment will be voted on tomorrow at 10:00 AM.

Inhofe 2nd degree amend #996 (Amend title 4, US Code, to declare English as the national language of the Government of the United States) to the Reid amend #984 (To increase funding for certain HUD programs to assist individuals to better withstand the current mortgage crisis). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #991 (Authorize and remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, TARP). Laid aside.

Boxer amend #1000 (Regarding the handling of "toxic" assets sold under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, TARP). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #986 (Limit the amount that may be deducted from proceeds due to the US under the False Claims Act). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #982 (Authorize the use of TARP funds to cover the costs of the bill). Laid aside.

Dorgan amend #999 (Select committee on Investigations on the Economic Crisis). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 108 (Congratulation Captain Richard Phillips, the crew of the Marsk Alabama and the US Armed Forces). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 110 (Congratulating the University of North Carolina Tarheels in winning the NCAA Basketball Championship). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 18 (Supporting the goals and ideals of "World Malaria Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

Executive Session:

Cal. #61 (Ladda Tammy Duckworth to be asst secretary of Veteran's Affairs). Confirmed by voice vote.

H. R. 1664 (Amend the Executive Compensation provision of the economic stabilization bill). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a Legislative Session. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009). Votes are expected and the Majority Leader would like to conclude business on this bill during Thursday's session. The Senate may proceed to the consideration of the House Message to request a conference with respect to the Budget Resolution when it is available.

The Senate adjourned at 6:42 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume Executive Session to consider the nomination of Christopher Hill to be Ambassador to Iraq. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

H.R. 131 (Act to Establish Ronald Reagan Centennial). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The nomination of Christopher Hill to be Ambassador to Iraq.

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

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM and proceeded to an Executive Session.

The nomination of Christopher Hill to be Ambassador to Iraq. At 5:15 PM, all post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will vote on the confirmation of the nomination of Christopher Hill to be Ambassador to Iraq.

The nomination of Christopher Hill to be Ambassador to Iraq. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 73-23.

Reid unanimous consent request that the motion to proceed to S.386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009) be agreed to. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to a legislative session.

S. Res. 87 (Commending public servants). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 106 (Celebrating NCAA Division Two Basketball Team) Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 107 (Commending UCONN Women's Basketball Team). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Jay Sanchez to be an Undersecretary of Commerce. The nomination was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to a legislative session.

The Senate will convene on Wednesday, April 22 at 10:00 AM and will be in morning business for 30 minutes. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will begin consideration of S.386 (Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009).

The Senate adjourned at 6:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will resume the motion to proceed to S. 386 (Fraud Reinforcement and Recovery Act). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. #34 (Tony West, Justice Dept.).

Cal. #35 (Lanny Breuer, Justice Dept.).

Cal. #36 (Anne Varney, Justice Dept.).

The Senate will then proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Christopher Hill to be Ambassador to Iraq.

H.R. 1256 (Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act). Second reading. Further proceedings objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to proceed to S. 386 (Fraud Reinforcement and Recovery Act).

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #34 (Tony West, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Justice Dept.). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **82-4**.

Cal. #35 (Lanny Breuer, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Justice Dept.). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **88-0**.

Cal. #36 (Anne Varney, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Justice Dept.). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **87-1**.

Motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Christopher Hill to be Ambassador to Iraq. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **73-17**.

The Senate proceeded with morning business.

H.R. 131 (Regan Centennial Commission). 1st reading.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 21 and will immediately resume Executive Session to consider the nomination of Christopher Hill to be Ambassador to Iraq. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 13 (Budget Resolution). A series of stacked votes, the "Vote-A-Rama", will begin around 11:30 AM, with two minutes of debate between votes.

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

McCain amend #882 (In Nature of a Substitute) as modified. Laid aside.

Sanders amend #875 (Require information from the Federal Reserve System about the use of emergency economic assistance).

The Senate has proceeded to roll call votes on the following amendments:

Ensign amend #805 (To require certain higher-income beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicare prescription drug benefit to pay higher premiums, as is currently required for physicians' services and outpatient services, and as proposed in the budget of the United States Government most recently submitted by the President). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **38-59**.

McCain amendment #882 (Substitute). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **38-60**.

Dodd amend #913 (Provides for enhanced oversight of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System concerning the use of emergency economic assistance). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **96-2**.

Sanders amend #875 (Require information from the Federal Reserve System about the use of emergency economic assistance). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **59-39**.

Johanns motion to recommit. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **43-55**.

Bennett (UT) amend #759 (Prohibit changing current tax laws for charitable contribution tax deductions to pay for modernizing the health care system). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Bennet (CO) amend #799 (Establishes a deficit-neutral reserve fund to address the systemic inequities of Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement that lead to access problems in rural areas, including access to primary care and outpatient services, hospitals and an adequate supply of providers in the workforce). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Reed amend #949 (Provide for the expenditure of the remaining TARP funds for the benefit of consumers). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 56-42.

Vitter amend #787 (Ends \$272 billion in spending on bailouts under TARP and reduce record deficits and levels of debt). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 28-70.

Coburn amend #892 (Ends bogus bonuses awarded to contractors and government executives responsible for over budget projects and programs that fail to meet basic performance requirements). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Casey amend #755 (Establishes a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide for accelerated carbon capture and storage and advanced clean coal power generation research, development, demonstration and deployment). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Coburn amend #893 (Supports President Obama in his effort to go line by line through the Federal Budget in order to help him eliminate wasteful, inefficient and duplicative programs). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Brown amend #808 (Provides legislation that removes Social Security numbers from Medicare cards and to pay for such legislation by reducing waste, fraud and abuse in other federal programs). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Graham amend #910 (Protects middle income taxpayers from a national energy tax). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 65-33.

Landrieu amend #931 (Establishes a deficit-neutral reserve fund for outer Continental Shelf oil and natural gas leasing revenues), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 36-61.

Hutchison amend #866 (To provide a point of order against legislation that has the effect of imposing a greater tax liability on taxpayers who are married than if such taxpayers had filed individual tax returns). The amendment is agreed to by Voice Vote.

Menendez amend #921 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for the Violence Against Women Act and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Coburn amend #895 (To provide a deficit-neutral reserve fund to end abusive no-bid contracts by requiring all Federal contracts over \$25,000 to be competitively bid). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Brownback amend #840 (To provide funds for a Commission on Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies), as modified. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Graham amend #898 (To establish a point of order against new mandatory spending if the Social Security surplus declines to less than \$5,000,000,000 per year). Withdrawn by Sen. Graham.

Boxer amend #953 (To add a deficit-neutral reserve fund for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers afterschool program). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **89-9**.

Reid amend #730 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to permanently extend the deduction for state and local taxes). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Hutchison amend #868 (To provide equitable tax treatment for states that levy a state sales tax in lieu of an income tax by providing for a permanent state and local sales tax deduction). Withdrawn by Sen. Hutchison.

Snowe amend #773 (To provide for a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide for the extension of the top individual tax rates for small businesses after 2010). Agreed to by a Voice Vote.

Murray amend #880 (To create a deficit-neutral reserve fund for legislation to enable States to establish or expand quality programs for early childhood home visitation). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Thune amend #803 (To protect charitable giving by ensuring that organizations provide important religious, educational, cultural, health care, and environmental services are not negatively impacted by changes to Federal income tax deductions for charitable donations). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **94-3**.

Barrasso amend #788 (Hazardous Fuel Reduction). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following 16 amendments were agreed to by Unanimous Consent under a Manager's Package en bloc:

- Boxer amend #816 (To provide access to affordable, quality child care for middle class families by making improvements in the employer-provided child care credit and the dependent care tax credit). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Bennett (UT) amend #885 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to cover the full cost of pension obligations for employees of laboratories and environmental cleanup sites under the jurisdiction of the Department of Energy). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Dodd amend #872 (To add a deficit-neutral reserve fund for provisions of critical resources to firefighters and fire departments). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Collins amend #827 (To modify the provision relating to the deficit-neutral reserve fund for clean energy legislation to include industrial energy efficiency programs). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Carper amend #764 (To establish a deficit-reduction reserve fund for the elimination and recovery of improper payments). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Barrasso amend #788 (To fund the account Hazardous Fuel Reduction on Federal Lands (within Function 300) at the level authorized in the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

- Pryor amend #795 (To modify a deficit-neutral reserve fund to ensure improvement of infrastructure related to flood control). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Bunning amend #817 (To provide a deficit-neutral reserve fund for the repeal of the 1993 increase in the income tax on social security benefits). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Dorgan amend #837 (To increase funding for organ transplantation and organ donation activities at the Health Resources and Services Administration by \$10 million in FY 2010). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Bunning amend #818 (To provide for a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide for legislation to increase the amount of capital losses allowed to individuals). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Landrieu amend #874 (To provide a deficit-neutral reserve fund for foster care financing reform). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Roberts amend #839 (To fully fund the small business child care grant program). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Reed amend #877 (To ensure that the deficit-neutral reserve fund for higher education may be used for Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership programs). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Burr amend #797 (To develop biodefense medical countermeasures by fully funding the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority in a fiscally responsible manner). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Pryor amend #802 (To provide a deficit-neutral reserve fund for the Veterans Health Administration to ensure that the supply of appropriately prepared health care professionals is available to meet the needs of the Veterans Health Administration). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Enzi amend #826 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to repeal certain deductions from mineral revenue payments made to States). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Enzi amend #824 (To protect taxpayers and businesses from the job killing and growth-stunning impact of tax increases imposed while the domestic economy is in crisis). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Grassley amend #950 (To ensure millions of middle-income families do not face an alternative minimum tax increase in 2013 and 2014 and that the budget resolution honestly and accurately reflects that result). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 40-58.

Inhofe amend #742 (To provide for advanced appropriations for medical care for veterans through the Department of Veterans Affairs). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Sanders amend #811 (Provides for a deficit-neutral reserve fund to establish a national usury law). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 32-66.

Stabenow amend #879 (Modify the authorization for climate change legislation). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 73-25.

Bond amend #926 (Protect workers from significant job losses by providing a point of order against climate change or similar legislation that raises Federal revenues to such an extent that it causes significant job loss in manufacturing-or coal-dependent U.S. regions such as the Midwest, Great Plains or South).

Coburn amend #894 (Provides a deficit-neutral reserve fund to set performance standards to identify failing Government programs). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Bennett (UT) amend #954 (Save the American taxpayer over \$150,000,000,000 by adjusting spending levels beyond fiscal year 2010 to compensate for spending from the stimulus bill in the corresponding fiscal years).

The Senate recessed from 5:20-6:00 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

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

Bond amend #926 (Protect workers from significant job losses by providing a point of order against climate change or similar legislation that raises Federal revenues to such an extent that it causes significant job loss in manufacturing-or coal-dependent U.S. regions such as the Midwest, Great Plains or South). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 54-44.

Bennett (UT) amend #954 (Save the American taxpayer over \$150,000,000,000 by adjusting spending levels beyond fiscal year 2010 to compensate for spending from the stimulus bill in the corresponding fiscal years), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 42-56.

The following 15 amendments were agreed to by Unanimous Consent under a Manager's Package en bloc:

- Klobuchar amend #889 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to expedite research at the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency on the viability of the use of higher ethanol blends at the service station pump). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Dorgan amend #881 (To provide for the use of the deficit-neutral reserve fund for tax relief to extend and expand the charitable IRA rollover). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Dodd amend #955 (To increase funding for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant within the Health Resources and Services Administration by \$188 million in FY 2010). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Brown amend #809 (To modify the deficit-neutral reserve fund for Clean Energy to create jobs and strengthen American manufacturing competitiveness by establishing clean renewable energy manufacturing supply chains). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

- Begich amend #912 (To include in the deficit-neutral reserve fund for America's veterans and wounded service members funding authority for retirement benefits for members of the Alaska Territorial Guard who served during and after World War II). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Pryor amend #794 (To establish deficit-neutral reserve funds to enhance and coordinate drug control efforts among Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies through the expansion of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas program and increased drug interdiction funding at the Department of Homeland Security). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Lincoln amend #876 (To ensure that health coverage is affordable to small businesses and individuals who are self-employed). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Lincoln amend #899 (To provide for a deficit-neutral reserve fund to promote individual savings and financial security). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Collins amend #883 (To ensure that the deficit-neutral reserve fund for higher education may be used for Federal TRIO programs and Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Hatch amend #970 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to support the National Health Service Corps). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Enzi amend #820 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve the animal health and disease program). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Klobuchar amend #887 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to promote payment policies under the Medicare program that reward quality and efficient care and address geographic variations in spending). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- McCaskill amend #917 (To expand the matters covered by the deficit-neutral reserve fund for defense acquisition and contracting reform). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Dorgan amend #838 (To ensure full funding for Adam Walsh Act programs). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Tester amend #916 (To increase funding for veterans beneficiary travel reimbursement mileage rate with an offset). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Lautenberg amend #957 (To include funding for freight and passenger rail in the deficit-neutral reserve fund for investments in America's infrastructure). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cornyn amend #934 (To increase transparency by requiring five days of public review of legislation before passage by the Senate). Conrad point of order that the amendment is not germane. Cornyn motion to waive. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 46-52. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Wicker amend #798 (To ensure that law abiding Amtrak passengers are allowed to securely transport firearms in their checked baggage). Lautenberg point of order that the amendment is not germane. Motion to waive. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 63-35. The amendment was agreed to by Voice Vote.

Lieberman amend #904 (To add a deficit-neutral reserve fund to reduce the strain on United States military personnel by providing for an increase in the end strength for active duty personnel of the United States Army). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Udall amend #746 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for wildland fire management activities). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Lincoln amend #873 (To create a deficit-neutral reserve fund for estate tax relief). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 51-48.

Durbin amend #974 (To provide that no additional estate tax relief beyond that which is already assumed in this resolution, which protects over 99.7% of estates from the estate tax, shall be allowed under any deficit-neutral reserved fund unless an equal amount of aggregate tax relief is also provided to Americans earning less than \$100,000 per year), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 56-43.

The following amendments were agreed to by Unanimous Consent en bloc:

- Burr amend #777 (Provides that legislation that would provide authority to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recover from a private health insurer of a disabled veteran amounts paid for treatment of such disability is subject to a point of order in the Senate). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Hatch amend #962 (Ensures the continued safety of Americans against terrorists attack by Al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations by providing a point of order against any legislation that would weaken or eliminate critical terror-fighting tools). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Dorgan amend #946 (Increases the budget authority for the Indian Health Service by an additional \$200 million to obtain a total \$600 million increase over the FY 2009 enacted level). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

DeMint amend #965 (Prevents taxpayer-funded bailouts for auto manufactures). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 31-66.

The following amendments were agreed to by Unanimous Consent en bloc:

- Begich amend #901 (Express the sense of the Senate regarding the funding level for the Denali Commission). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Begich amend #903 (Modifies the deficit-neutral reserve fund to invest in clean energy and preserve the environment to provide for additional funding for the conduct of arctic oil spill research). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Klobuchar amend #886 (Creates a deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve the safety of the food supply in the U.S.). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Alexander amend #792 (Modifies the Deficit-Neutral Reserve Fund for Higher Education, to maximize higher education access and affordability by ensuring that institutions of higher education education and their students are able to continue to participate in a competitive student loan program, in order to maintain a comprehensive choice of student loan products and services). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Crapo amend #958 (Provides for a deficit-neutral reserve fund to increase the borrowing authority of the FDIC and the National Credit Union Administration). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

- Hatch amend #976 (Establishes a deficit-neutral reserve fund to address our Nation's long-term problems). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Hutchison amend #867 (Reduces U.S. dependence on foreign energy sources, minimizes future gasoline price increases and reduces the federal budget deficit through expanded oil and gas production on the Outer Continental Shelf). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Enzi amend #819 (Reinstates the 60-vote point of order for legislation that creates unfunded mandates on States and local governments). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Barrasso amend #960 (Increases amounts made available for the conduct reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Barrasso amend #890 (Provides funding to enable certain individuals and entities to comply with the Endangered Species Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Crapo amend #733 (Establishes a deficit-neutral reserve fund for the innovative loan guarantee program of the Department of Energy). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Crapo amend #734 (Establishes a deficit-neutral reserve fund for nuclear research and development). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Hatch amend #939 (Establishes a deficit-neutral reserve fund for the 2012 completion of Food and Drug Administration facilities). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Dodd amend #878 (Increases funding for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant within the Health Resources and Services Administration by \$188,000,000 in fiscal year 2010). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Murkowski amend #841 (Increases funding for the National Health Service Corps). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

DeMint amend #967 (Implement President Obama's earmarks reforms). Yeas and nays ordered. Conrad point of order that the motion is not germane. Motion to waive the point of order. The motion to waive was not agreed to by a vote of **28-69**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

The following amendments were agreed to by Unanimous Consent en bloc:

- Kyl amend #980 (To deny funding for federal government expenditures to companies that are obtaining at least \$1,000,000 in revenue in the sale of goods or services to or investments in Iran's energy sector), as modified. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Coburn amend #830 (Provides for legislation that allows for a temporary suspension of the 10% tax penalty in order for struggling families to make an early withdrawal from their qualified retirement accounts to pay their monthly mortgage payments). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Barrasso amend #765 (Provides that the authorized climate change legislation decrease greenhouse gas emissions without regulating carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxide, water vapor or methane emissions from biological processes associated with livestock production). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Snowe amend #940 (Establishes a deficit-neutral reserve fund to require a certain portion of funding for the Energy Star Program of the Environmental Protection Agency to be allocated to the Energy Star for Small Business Program). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

- Thune amend #870 (Provides for a total of \$99,000,000 in COPS Hot Spots funding, as authorized in the Combat Meth Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- Brown amend #810 (Modifies the deficit-neutral reserve fund for economic stabilization and growth to promote new employment opportunities that are critical to economic recovery by supporting strategies that help workers seeking specialized training for emerging industries). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Sessions amend #969 (Provides for a point of order against any appropriations bill that fails to fully fund the construction of the Southwest border fence). Conrad point of order that the amendment is not germane. Motion to waive the point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion is not agreed to **36-61**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

DeMint amend #963 (Provides for a point of order against any legislation that eliminates the ability of Americans to keep their health plan or their choice of doctor). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

DeMint amend #964 (Establishes a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect small and home businesses from burdensome and impractical requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **39-58**.

Coburn amend #828 (Protects the freedom of conscience for patients and the right of healthcare providers to serve patients without violating their moral and religious convictions). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **41-56**.

Vitter amend #751 (To protect more than 6 million Americans employed by the domestic oil and gas industry and to ensure low-cost energy for America's consumers, businesses and families). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Vitter amend #937 (To require States to implement drug testing programs for applicants for and recipients of assistance under Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **18-79**.

S. Con. Res. 13 (Budget Resolution). Final passage. The concurrent resolution, as amended, is agreed to by a vote of **55-43**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #37 (Timothy Geithner to be US Governor of the International Monetary Fund).

Cal. #38 (Richard Verma to be Assistant Secretary of State).

Cal. #39 (Ester Brimmer to be Assistant Secretary of State).

Cal. #41 (Rose Gottemoeller to be Assistant Secretary of State).

Cal. #42 (Karl Eikenberry to be Ambassador to Afghanistan).

Cal. #44 (Melanne Verveer to be Ambassador at Large for Women's Global Issues).

Cal. #45 (James Miller to be Deputy Under Secretary of Defense).

Cal. #46 (Alexander Vershbow to be Assistant Secretary of Defense).
Cal. #48 (Maj. Gen. Michael Gould to be Lt. General in the US Air Force).
Cal. #49 (Col Debra Scullary to be Brig. General in the US Air Force).
Cal. #50 (Air Force Reserves).
Cal. #51 (Air Force Reserves).
Cal. #52 (Army).
Cal. #53 (Army).
Cal. #54 (Army).
Cal. #55 (Marine Corps Reserves).
Cal. #58 (John Berry to be Director of OPM).
Cal. #59 (Karen Mills to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration).
Agreed to en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

Cal. #57 (Jane Lute to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #43 (Christopher Hill to be Ambassador to Iraq). Reid Motion to invoke cloture.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. 735 (Ensure States receive adoption payments for fiscal year 2008 in accordance with the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 90 (Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the Fifth Summit of the Americas, held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, April 17, 18, and 19, 2009). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 101 (Sense of the Senate of the tragic events at Pine Lake Health and Rehab Center in Carthage, NC). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 102 (Joint Committee on Printing, Joint Committee of Congress of the Library). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 103 (Authorize testimony of Richard Bowen vs. Dept. of the Navy). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. R. 1256 (Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act). First reading. Second reading objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

H. Con. Res. 93 (Conditional adjournment of the House and Senate). Agreed to by UC.

S. 386 (Fraud Reinforcement and Recovery Act). Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 20, 2009 and will resume the motion to proceed to S. 386 (Fraud Reinforcement and Recovery Act). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. #34 (Tony West, Justice Dept.).

Cal. #35 (Lanny Breuer, Justice Dept.).

Cal. #36 (Anne Varney, Justice Dept.).

The Senate will also vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Christopher Hill to be Ambassador to Iraq.

The Senate adjourned at 12:42 AM on Friday, April 3, 2009.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

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

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

Casey amend #783 (To establish a reserve fund to fully fund the Long-Term Stability/Housing for Victims Program). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #804 (To protect middle-income taxpayers from tax increases by providing a point of order against legislation that increase taxes on them, including taxes that arise, directly or indirectly, from Federal revenues derived from climate change or similar legislation). Laid aside.

Kerry amend #732 (To restore full funding for the President's request for the international affairs budget, in support of development programs in Pakistan and Afghanistan, nuclear nonproliferation, foreign assistance, fighting global AIDS, promote sustainable development and other efforts, with an offset). Laid aside.

Cornyn amend #806 (To protect small businesses from higher taxes). Laid aside.

Lincoln amend #775 (To enhance future GI Bill benefits for members of the National Guard and Reserve by ensuring those benefits keep pace with the national average cost of tuition). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Lincoln amend #774 (To provide a deficit-neutral reserve fund for improving child welfare). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Gregg amend #835 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to address our Nations long term fiscal problems). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #793 (To protect all patients by prohibiting the use of data obtained from comparative effectiveness research to deny coverage of items or services under Federal healthcare programs and to ensure that comparative effectiveness research accounts for advancements in genomics and personalized medicine, the unique needs of health disparity populations, and differences in the treatment response and the treatment preferences of patients). Laid aside.

Isakson amend #762 (To provide for a deficit-neutral reserve fund for providing a nonrefundable Federal income tax credit for the purpose of a principal residence during a 1-year period). Laid aside.

Shaheen amend #776 (To establish a reserve fund for monitoring of FHA-insured lending). Laid aside.

Crapo amend #844 (Protect fiscal discipline on discretionary spending exercised by the reported budget resolution by extending discretionary spending limits). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #805 (Require certain higher-income beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare prescription drug benefit to pay higher premiums). Laid aside.

Crapo amend #844 (Protect fiscal discipline on discretionary spending exercised by the reported budget resolution by extending discretionary spending limits). Laid aside.

Reed amend #836 (To increase funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) by \$1.9 billion in FY 2010). Laid aside.

At 3:20 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of roll call votes on the following amendments:

Lieberman amend #763 (Regarding funding under the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice and supporting the Administration's efforts to combat drug, gun, and cash smuggling and for other purposes). Agreed to by voice vote.

Alexander amend #747 (To create runaway debt point of order against consideration of a budget resolution that projects the ratio of public debt to GSP for any fiscal year in excess of 90% to ensure the continued viability of US dollar and prevent doubling or tripling the debt burden on future generations). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43-55.

Sessions amend #772 (To restore the budget discipline of the Federal Government by freezing nondefense discretionary spending for fiscal years 2010 and 2011, and limiting the growth of nondefense discretionary spending to one percent annually for fiscal years 2012, 2013, and 2014), as modified. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 40-58.

Casey amend #783 (To establish a reserve fund to fully fund the Long-Term Stability/Housing for Victims Program). Agreed to by voice vote.

Ensign amend #804 (To protect middle-income taxpayers from tax increases by providing a point of order against legislation that increase taxes on them, including taxes that arise, directly or indirectly, from Federal revenues derived from climate change or similar legislation). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 98-0.

Kerry amend #732 (To restore full funding for the President's request for the international affairs budget, in support of development programs in Pakistan and Afghanistan, nuclear nonproliferation, foreign assistance, fighting global AIDS, promote sustainable development and other efforts, with an offset). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cornyn amend #806 (To protect small businesses from higher taxes). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 82-16.

Gregg amend #835 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to address our Nations long term fiscal problems). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote 44-54.

Isakson amend #762 (To provide for a deficit-neutral reserve fund for providing a nonrefundable Federal income tax credit for the purpose of a principal residence during a 1-year period). Agreed to by voice vote.

Shaheen amend #776 (To establish a reserve fund for monitoring of FHA-insured lending). Agreed to by voice vote.

Crapo amend #844 (Protect fiscal discipline on discretionary spending exercised by the reported budget resolution by extending discretionary spending limits). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43-55.

Reed amend #836 (To increase funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) by \$1.9 billion in FY 2010). Agreed to by voice vote.

Whitehouse amend #869 (Allows the reconciliation procedure to be considered if the Senate finds that inaction on climate change will affect public health). Gregg point of order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Whitehouse Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The motion to waive the Budget Act was not agreed to 42-56. The point of order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Johanns amend #735 (To prohibit the use of reconciliation in the Senate for climate change legislation involving a cap and trade system). The amendment was agreed to 67-31.

Kyl amend #793 (Prohibits federal rationing of health care). The amendment was not agreed to 44-54.

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

McCain amend #882 (Substitute). Laid aside.

H Con Res 54 (Use of the Rotunda for Remembrance of Holocaust victims). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 20 (Celebrating 60th Anniversary of NATO). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 56 (Maldoval Elections). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, April 2 and will immediately resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 13 (Budget Resolution). A series of stacked votes, the vote-a-rama, will begin around 11:30 AM, with two minutes of debate between votes.

The Senate adjourned at 9:00 PM.