

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2011

The Senate convened at 10:00 AM for a pro forma session and adjourned at 10:01 AM. The Senate will then convene on Friday, September 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM for A pro forma session.

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #109 (Bernice Bouie Donald to be United States Circuit Judge for the 6th Circuit). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Immediately following the judicial nomination vote, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011

The Senate convened at 3:30 PM for a pro forma session in ground floor of the Postal Square Office Building due to the evacuation of the United States Capitol Building because of an earthquake. The Pro Forma session was scheduled for 2:30 PM, but was postponed due to the evacuation.

The Senate will then convene on the following dates for pro forma sessions:

Friday, August 26, 2011 at 11:15 AM

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Friday, September 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #109 (Bernice Bouie Donald to be United States Circuit Judge for the 6th Circuit). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Immediately following the judicial nomination vote, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 3:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2011

The Senate convened at 10:00 AM for a pro forma session.

The Senate will then convene on the following dates for pro forma sessions:

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 2:30 PM

Friday, August 26, 2011 at 11:15 PM

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Friday, September 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #109 (Bernice Bouie Donald to be United States Circuit Judge for the 6th Circuit). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Immediately following the judicial nomination vote, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 10:01 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2011

The Senate convened at 11:00 AM for a pro forma session.

The Senate will then convene on the following dates for pro forma sessions:

Friday, August 19, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 2:30 PM

Friday, August 26, 2011 at 11:15 PM

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Friday, September 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #109 (Bernice Bouie Donald to be United States Circuit Judge for the 6th Circuit). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Immediately following the judicial nomination vote, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 11:01 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011

The Senate convened at 12:00 AM for a pro forma session.

The Senate will then convene on the following dates for pro forma sessions:

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 11:00 AM

Friday, August 19, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 2:30 PM

Friday, August 26, 2011 at 11:15 PM

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Friday, September 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #109 (Bernice Bouie Donald to be United States Circuit Judge for the 6th Circuit). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Immediately following the judicial nomination vote, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 11:01 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011

The Senate convened at 11:00 AM for a pro forma session.

The Senate will then convene on the following dates for pro forma sessions:

Friday, August 12, 2011 at 12:00 PM

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 11:00 AM

Friday, August 19, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 2:30 PM

Friday, August 26, 2011 at 11:15 PM

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Friday, September 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #109 (Bernice Bouie Donald to be United States Circuit Judge for the 6th Circuit). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Immediately following the judicial nomination vote, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 11:01 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2011

The Senate convened at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 5, 2011 for a pro forma session.

H.R. 2553 (Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part IV). The bill is read a third time and passed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will then convene on the following dates for pro forma sessions:

Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 11:00 AM

Friday, August 12, 2011 at 12:00 PM

Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 11:00 AM

Friday, August 19, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 2:30 PM

Friday, August 26, 2011 at 11:15 PM

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Friday, September 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #109 (Bernice Bouie Donald to be United States Circuit Judge for the 6th Circuit). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Immediately following the judicial nomination vote, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 10:01 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and the Chair will immediately lay before the Senate the House Message to accompany S. 365 (The legislative vehicle for a bill to reduce the deficit, raise the debt limit, and avoid default). Majority Leader Reid will be recognized to offer a Motion to Concur in the House Message to accompany S. 365. There will be two-and-a-half hours of debate on the Motion to Concur equally divided between the two leaders or their designees. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Reid Motion to Concur in the House Message to accompany S. 365 (The legislative vehicle for a bill to reduce the deficit, raise the debt limit, and avoid default). The vote on the Motion to Concur will be subject to a 60-vote threshold.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Chair laid before the Senate the **House Message to accompany S. 365 (The legislative vehicle for a bill to reduce the deficit, raise the debt limit, and avoid default).**

Reid Motion to Concur in the House Message to accompany S. 365 (The legislative vehicle for a bill to reduce the deficit, raise the debt limit, and avoid default). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of 74-26.

H. Con. Res. 70 (Correcting the enrollment of S. 365). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Sen. Boxer asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to H.R. 2553 (Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part IV), that the Rockefeller-Hutchison substitute amendment (Clean Extension) be agreed to and that the bill as amended be agreed to. Objected to by Sen. Coburn.

Sen. Coburn asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to H.R. 2553 (Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part IV) and that the bill be agreed to. Objected to by Sen. Boxer.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

The following bills were considered en bloc.

S. 710 (Amends the Solid Waste Disposal Act to direct the Administrator of the EPA to establish a hazardous waste electronic manifest system).

S. 1302 (Authorize the administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Tracy, California).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 104 (Campus Fire Safety Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 254 (National Airborne Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 255 (National Chess Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #95 (David Shear to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam).

Cal. #230 (Jennifer Di Toroo to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia).

Cal. #232 (Yvonne Williams to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia).

Cal. #254 (David Brewer to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute).

Cal. #255 (Barbara Ells to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development).

Cal. #256 (Deborah Goodman to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development).

Cal. #257 (Cynthia Lamar to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development).

Cal. #265 (Dan Arvizu to be a Member of the National Science Board).

Cal. #266 (Alan Leshner to be a Member of the National Science Board).

Cal. #267 (William Lineberger to be a Member of the National Science Board).

Cal. #268 (Aaron Dworkin to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts).

Cal. #269 (Eric Edelman to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace).

Cal. #275 (Clayton Johnson to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Oklahoma).

Cal. #277 (Derek Mitchell to be Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma).

Cal. #278 (Jeffrey DeLaurentis to be Alternate Representative of the United States for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations).

Cal. #279 (Jeffrey DeLaurentis to be Alternate Representative of the United States for to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations).

Cal. #280 (David Adams to be an Assistant Secretary of State).

Cal. #282 (Frankie Reed to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to the Republic of the Fiji Islands).

Cal. #283 (Paul Wohlers to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to the Republic of Macedonia).

Cal. #284 (William Moser to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to the Republic of Moldova).

Cal. #285 (Earl Wayne to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to Mexico).

Cal. #286 (Arnold Chacon to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to the Republic of Guatemala).

Cal. #288 (Matthew Olsen to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center).

Cal. #291-323 and the nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Foreign Service, Marine Corps and Navy.

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

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #114 (Sara Darrow to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois).

Cal. #115 (Richard Jackson to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado).

Cal. #116 (Kathleen Williams to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida).

Cal. #117 (Nelva Ramos to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas).

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

PN741 (Debra Herseman for the National Safety Board). The nomination is confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

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Circuit). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Immediately following the judicial nomination vote, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 6:43 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM and will resume consideration of the House Message with respect to S. 627 (Legislative vehicle with respect to the debt ceiling with an amendment (House passed language regarding the debt ceiling). The Senate will recess from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM for Party Caucuses. The Senate will then resume consideration of the House Message with respect to S. 627 (Legislative vehicle with respect to the debt ceiling with an amendment (House passed language regarding the debt ceiling) with the time until 2:00 PM reserved for debate only.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

House Message with respect to S. 627 (Legislative vehicle with respect to the debt ceiling with an amendment (House passed language regarding the debt ceiling).

The Senate recessed at 11:00 AM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened at 12:30 PM and resumed a Legislative Session.

House Message with respect to S. 627 (Legislative vehicle with respect to the debt ceiling with an amendment (House passed language regarding the debt ceiling).

Rockefeller unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 2553 (Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part IV), that the Rockefeller-Hutchison substitute amendment which is at the desk be agreed to, and the bill as amended be read a third time and passed. Hatch objected.

Hatch unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 2553 (Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part IV), that the Hatch amendment which is at the desk be agreed to, and the bill as amended be read a third time and passed. Rockefeller objected.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 1466 (A bill to establish the commission on Freedom of Information Act processing delays). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 2715 (An act to provide the Consumer Products Safety Commission with greater authority). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, and the Chair will immediately lay before the Senate the House Message to accompany S. 365 (The legislative vehicle for a bill to reduce the deficit, raise the debt limit, and avoid default). Majority Leader Reid will be recognized to Move to Concur in the House Message to accompany S. 365. There will be two-and-a-half hours of debate on the Motion to Concur equally divided between the two leaders or their designees. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Reid Motion to Concur in the House Message to accompany S. 365 (The legislative vehicle for a bill to reduce the deficit, raise the debt limit, and avoid default). The Motion to Concur will be subject to a 60-vote threshold.

The Senate adjourned at 7:47 PM.