

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of the House Message with respect to H.R. 1299 (Travel Promotion Bill). There will be no roll call votes prior to 4:00 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

House Message with respect to H.R. 1299 (Travel Promotion Bill).

The Senate will stand in recess from 12:30-2:00 PM.

At 12:40 PM, the Senate recessed.

The Senate reconvened.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

House Message with respect to H.R. 1299 (Travel Promotion Bill). Laid aside.

Reid motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 4691 (30 day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small business provisions of the American Recovery Act) and pass it was objected to by Sen. Bunning.

Sen. Reid motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 4691 (30 day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small business provisions of the American Recovery Act) with a limited number of amendments and points of order was objected to by Sen. Bunning.

Sen. Bunning motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 4691 (30 day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small business provisions of the American Recovery Act) with an offset was objected to by Sen. Reid.

Motion to concur with the House Message with respect to H.R. 1299 (Travel Promotion Bill). Motion to invoke cloture on the Motion to Concur. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion

to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of **76-20**. Under a previous agreement, all post-cloture debate time is yielded back.

DeMint motion to suspend Rule XXII, Paragraph 2, for the purpose of proposing and considering an amendment to H.R. 1299 which would prohibit extension or establishment of national monuments in certain areas. Adoption of the motion requires at least 67 yeas votes. The motion to suspend the rules was not agreed to by a vote of **38-58**.

Motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1299 (Travel Promotion Bill), with a Reid amendment was withdrawn.

Motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1299 (Travel Promotion Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of **78-18**.

Sen. Durbin motion to proceed to H. R. 4691 (30 day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small business provisions of the American Recovery Act) was objected to by Sen. Bunning.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, February 26, 2010 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during Friday's session. The next vote in the Senate is expected on the morning of Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

The Senate adjourned at 11:53 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of the post-cloture debate on the House Message to the Senate amendment of H. R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act). Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, all post-cloture debate time will end at 9:55 AM, and the Senate will vote on the Motion to Waive all Budget Points of Order. If the Motion to waive is agreed to, all second degree amendments will be withdrawn and there will be no amendments in order. The Senate will then proceed to vote on the House Message to the Senate amendment of H. R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

House Message to the Senate amendment of H. R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act).

Gregg Point of Order on the Motion to Concur with the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill with the Reid amendment #3310 (Substitute language) was in violation of the Section 201 (a) of the Congressional Budget Act. Reid motion to waive the relevant sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive the Point of Order was agreed to by a vote of 62-34.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3311 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #3310 (Substitute).
Withdrawn.

Motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H. R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act), with a Reid amend #3310 (Substitute). Yeas and nays ordered on final passage. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of 70-28.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Message from the House regarding H.R. 1299 (Travel Promotion Bill). Reid filed a cloture motion on the motion to concur with the House amendment to the bill.

Reid amend #3326 (Perfecting amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3327 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #3326 (Perfecting amendment). Laid aside.

Reid motion to refer the House message to H. R. 1299 (Travel Promotion Bill) to a Senate Committee. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid amend #3329 (Perfecting amendment) to the instructions of the motion to refer the House message to H. R. 1299 (Travel Promotion Bill). Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3330 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #3329 (Perfecting amendment). Laid aside.

Reid asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to H.R. 1586 (Legislative Vehicle for the Short-Term Extenders Package), that the Reid Substitute Amendment be considered read and that the Republican side be recognized to offer a Substitute Amendment and there be 60 minutes of debate with respect to that amendment and upon the use or yielding back of that time and if a Budget Point of Order is made, then a Motion to Waive the relevant Point of Order be considered made and the Senate proceed to a vote on a Motion to Waive the Point of Order. That if the Waiver is successful, the amendment be agreed to and the Reid Substitute Amendment be agreed to. If the Waiver fails, the amendment is to be withdrawn and there be 30 minutes of debate on the Reid Substitute Amendment and at the use or yielding back of time and if a Budget Point of Order is made against the amendment, a Motion to Waive the relevant Point of Order be considered made and the Senate then vote on the Motion to Waive the Point of Order and if the waiver is successful, the Senate proceed to vote on Adoption of the Reid Substitute Amendment. Following that vote, the Senate vote on passage of the bill as amended. **Objected to by Senator Bunning.**

Bunning asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to H.R. 1586 (Legislative Vehicle for the Short-Term Extenders Package), that an amendment at the desk which is the text of the Reid Substitute Amendment with a offset be agreed to, and that the bill be read a third time and passed. Objected to by Senator Reid.

H.R. 3961 (Amends Title 18 of the Social Security Act). Amendment at the desk agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill is read for a third time. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 421 (National Guard Youth Challenge Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Senator Reid appointed the following Senators to the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform: Senators Dick Durbin, Max Baucus and Kent Conrad.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 25, 2010 and will immediately resume consideration of the House Message regarding H.R. 1299 (Travel Promotion Bill). There will be no roll call votes prior to 4:00 PM tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of the post-cloture debate on the House Message to the Senate amendment of H. R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

House Message to the Senate amendment of H. R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act). The Senate is in post-cloture debate time. If time is yielded back, votes may occur.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

House Message to the Senate amendment of H. R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act). The Senate is in post-cloture debate time. If time is yielded back, votes may occur.

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

S. 30 (Amend Communications Act to prohibit Caller ID manipulation) as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 158 (Breast Cancer Detection Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 393 (American Kennel Club contributions). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 417 (National Engineers Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Wednesday, February 24 at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of the post-cloture debate on the House Message to the Senate amendment of H. R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act). Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, all post-cloture debate time will end at 9:55 AM, and the Senate will vote on the Motion to Waive all Budget Points of Order. If the Motion is agreed to, all second degree amendments will be withdrawn and there

will be no amendments in order. The Senate will then proceed to vote on the House Message to the Senate amendment of H. R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and Senator Burris will be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. Upon conclusion of the reading, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur with an amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment of H.R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with an amendment.

The Senate convened and Senator Burris was recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Concur with an amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment of H.R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act). The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of **62-30**.

H. R. 4532 (Provide for an extension of the attorney fees under the SSA). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 345 (Deploring the rape and assault of women in guinea and killing political protestors). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. There will be a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of the post-cloture debate on the House Message to the Senate amendment of H. R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 6:48 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2010

The Senate will convene at 2:30 PM and will be in a period of morning business.

H.R. 3961 (Unemployment Insurance Extension). Reid asked Unanimous Consent that the amendment at the desk agreed to and the bill, as amended, be agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Objected to by Senator McConnell.

Message from the House with respect to H.R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act).

Reid motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with a Senate amendment with an amend #3310 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3311 () to Reid amend #3310 ().

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

Reid Motion to Refer the House Message to the Appropriations Committee with Instructions to report back with amend #3212 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3313 () to the instructions to the Motion to Refer. Yeas and nays.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3314 () to Reid amend #3313 ().

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #531 (Ketanji Jackson to be a Member of the US Sentencing Commission).

Cal. #580 (Susan B. Carbon to be Director of the Violence Against Women Office).

Cal. #602 (Betty King to be Rep. of the US to the Office of the United Nations).

Cal. #615 (Caryn Wagner to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security).

Cal. #622 (Sara Manzano-Diaz to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor).

Cal. #623 (Patrick Corvington to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service).

Cal. #627 (Robert Petzel to be Under Secretary for Health of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs).

Cal. #631 (Nicole Lamb-Hale to be an Asst. Sec. of Commerce).

Cal. #642 (Marisa Lago to be an Asst. Sec. of the Treasury).
Cal. #645 (Ellen Murray to be an Asst. Sec. of Health and Human Services).
Cal. #646 (Bryan Samuels to be Commissioner on Children, Youth and Families, Dept. of Health and Human Services).
Cal. #650 (Charles Collyns to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury).
Cal. #651 (Mary Miller to be an Asst. Sec. of the Treasury).
Cal. #658 (Andre Birotte to be U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California).
Cal. #659 (Richard Hartunian to be U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York).
Cal. #660 (Ronald Machen Jr. to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia).
Cal. #662 (Mary Matiella to be Asst. Secretary of the Army).
Cal. #666 (Douglas Wilson to be an Asst. Sec. of Defense).
Cal. #686 (Irvin Mayfield, Jr. to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts).
Cal. # 687 (Cynthia Attwood to be a Member of the occupational Safety and Health Review Commission).
Cal. #689 (Sharon Bowen to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation).
Cal. #690 (Orlan Johnson to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation).
Cal. #691 (Douglas Criscitello to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development).
Cal. #692 (Theodore Tozer to be President, Government National Mortgage Association).
Cal. #693 (David Mills to be an Asst. Sec. of Commerce).
Cal. #694 (Suresh Kumar to be Asst. Sec. of Commerce and Dir. General of the US and Foreign Commercial Service).
Cal. #695 (Kevin Wolf to be Asst. Sec. of Commerce).
Agreed to en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 415 (Regarding Human Rights in Iran). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 235 (Adjournment Resolution). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 22, 2010 and Senator Burris will be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. Upon conclusion of the reading, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur with an amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment of H.R. 2847 (Jobs for Main Street Act). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with an amendment.

The Senate adjourned at 6:48 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed to an Executive Session. The Senate will immediately begin concurrent debate on the nominations of Cal. #468, Joseph Greenway to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit and Cal. #688, Craig Becker to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the confirmation of Joseph Greenway followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination of Craig Becker.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #468, Joseph Greenway to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **84-0**.

Cal. #688, Craig Becker to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **52-33**.

The Senate will convene on Thursday, February 11 at 2:30 PM and will be in a period of morning business.

The Senate adjourned at 7:09 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM for a Pro Forma Session only.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business. Sen. Reid announced that both of the scheduled Monday votes will occur on Tuesday, February 9, 2010.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 and will proceed to an Executive Session. The Senate will immediately begin concurrent debate on the nominations of Cal. #468, Joseph Greenway to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit and Cal. #688, Craig Becker to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the confirmation of Joseph Greenway followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination of Craig Becker.

The Senate adjourned at 2:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM and will proceed to an Executive Session. At approximately 12:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the confirmation of Cal. #474 (M. Patricia Smith to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor). Following the vote, there will be two hours of debate followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #188 (Martha Johnson to be the Administrator of the General Services Administration). Under a Unanimous Consent agreement, if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will immediately proceed to a confirmation vote on the nomination of Martha Johnson.

Reid asked Unanimous Consent that the following nominations be considered and confirmed en bloc:

Cal. #561 (General Clifford Stanley to be Undersecretary of the Defense).

Cal. #603 (Laura Kennedy to be U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament).

Cal. #614 (Phillip Goldberg to be Asst. Secretary of State for Intelligence).

Cal. #615 (Karen Wagner to be Undersecretary for Intelligence at the Dept. of Homeland Security).

Objected to by Sen. McConnell.

The Senate convened and proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #474 (M. Patricia Smith to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 60-37.

Cal. #188 (Martha Johnson to be the Administrator of the General Services Administration). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of 82-16.

Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, all post-cloture time on the nomination is yielded back.

Cal. #188 (Martha Johnson to be the Administrator of the General Services Administration). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 94-2.

The Certificate of Election for Senator-Elect Scott Brown (R) of Massachusetts was considered by the Senate. It was accepted and the Senator was sworn in.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #688, Craig Becker to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion on the nomination.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 8, 2010. The Senate will proceed to an Executive Session. The Senate will immediately begin concurrent debate on the nominations of Cal. #468, Joseph Greenway to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit and Cal. #688, Craig Becker to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the confirmation of Joseph Greenway followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination of Craig Becker.

The Senate adjourned at 6:55 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #474, M. Patricia Smith to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. If time is yielded back on the nomination's post-cloture debate, the Senate may proceed to a vote on the nomination. Upon conclusion of the Smith nomination, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of Cal. #188, Martha Johnson to be the Administrator of General Services.

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

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #474, M. Patricia Smith to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor. The Senate is currently conducting post-cloture debate.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for the party lunches.

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

Cal. #474, M. Patricia Smith to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor. The Senate is currently conducting post-cloture debate.

The Senate considered the following nominations en bloc:

Cal #654 (Robert Heun to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Alaska).

Cal. #661 (Willie Richardson to be U.S. Marshal for the Middle District of Georgia).

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All nominations on the Secretary's Desk in relation to Armed Services.
Confirmed en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 405 (Reaffirming the centrality of freedom and expression and press freedom as cornerstones of US foreign policy and US efforts to promote individual rights). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 406 (Catholic Schools Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM on Thursday, February 4, 2010 and will proceed to an Executive Session. At approximately 12:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the confirmation of Cal. #474 (M. Patricia Smith to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor). Following the vote, there will be two hours of debate followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #188 (Martha Johnson to be the Administrator of the General Services Administration). Under a Unanimous Consent agreement, if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will immediately proceed to a confirmation vote on the nomination of Martha Johnson.

The Senate adjourned at 7:21 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of M. Patricia Smith to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #474 (M. Patricia Smith to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor). Motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture on the nomination was agreed to by a vote of **60-32**.

Sen. Reid offered a motion to consider the following nominations en bloc:

Cal. #561, Clifford Stanley to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Cal. #603, Laura Kennedy to be Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament.

Cal. #614, Philip Goldberg to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

Cal. #615, Caryn Wagner to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

Sen. Shelby objected to proceeding to the nominations.

Cal. #474 (M. Patricia Smith to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor). The Senate is in post-cloture debate.

S. Res. 394 (Congratulating the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #474 (M. Patricia Smith to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. If time is yielded back on the post cloture debate, the Senate may proceed to a vote on the nomination. Upon conclusion of the Smith nomination, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of Cal. #188, Martha Johnson to be the Administrator of General Services.

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.