

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of H. R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program).

Hatch amend #80 (To codify regulations specifying that an unborn child is eligible for child health assistance). Laid aside.

Bunning amend #74 (To eliminate any exceptions to the prohibition on States receiving an enhanced Federal matching rate for providing coverage to children whose family income exceeds 300% of the poverty line and to use the savings for the outreach and enrollment grants). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #47 (To ensure that children do not lose their private insurance and that uninsured children can get access to private insurance). Laid aside.

Grassley amend #83 (To provide H.R. 3963 (CHIPRA II) as a complete substitute).

Coburn amend #47 (To ensure that children do not lose their private insurance and that uninsured children can get access to private insurance). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 36-62.

Bunning amend #74 (To eliminate any exceptions to the prohibition on States receiving an enhanced Federal matching rate for providing coverage to children whose family income exceeds 300% of the poverty line and to use the savings for the outreach and enrollment grants), as amended. Baucus motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. **The motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of 54-44 and the amendment fails.**

Hatch amend #80 (To codify regulations specifying that an unborn child is eligible for child health assistance). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 39-59.

DeMint amend #85 (Provide an above-the-line Federal income tax deduction for health care costs of certain children in an amount comparable to the average federal share of the benefit provided to any non-citizen child for medical assistance). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #86 (To ensure that American children have high-quality health coverage that fits their individual needs). Laid aside.

Grassley amend #83 (To provide H.R. 3963 (CHIPRA II) as a complete substitute). The amendment was not agreed to by voice vote.

Grassley amend #71 (To extend the State Children's Health Insurance Program for 6 quarters in order to enact bipartisan, comprehensive health care reform). The amendment was not agreed to by voice vote.

Bingaman amend #63 (To clarify that new paperwork and enrollment barriers are not created in the Express Lane Enrollment option and that income may be determined by Express Lane agencies based on State income tax records or returns), as amended.

The following amendments were considered and agreed to en bloc:

Baucus amend #94 (To make a technical correction to the option to cover legal immigrant children and pregnant women).

Baucus amend #95 (To make technical corrections to a State option to provide dental-only supplemental coverage).

Baucus amend #96 (To clarify that no eligible entity that receives an outreach and enrollment grant is required to provide matching funds).

Baucus amend #97 (Making technical changes).

Agreed to en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

S. 352 (Postpones the DTV Transition Date). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program).

DeMint amend #85 (Provide an above-the-line Federal income tax deduction for health care costs of certain children in an amount comparable to the average federal share of the benefit provided to any non-citizen child for medical assistance). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 40-58.

Coburn amend #86 (To ensure that American children have high-quality health coverage that fits their individual needs). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 36-62.

Coburn amend #50 (To restore fiscal discipline by making the Medicaid and SCHIP programs more accountable and efficient). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #49 (To prevent fraud and restore fiscal accountability to the Medicaid and SCHIP programs). The amendment was not agreed to by voice vote.

Bingaman amend #63 (To clarify that new paperwork and enrollment barriers are not created in the Express Lane Enrollment option and that income may be determined by Express Lane agencies based on State income tax records or returns), as amended. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 55-43.

Hutchison amend #93 (To provide assistance for States with percentages of children with no health insurance coverage above the national average). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 17-81.

H. R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program), as amended. The bill was read for a third time. **Final passage.** The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of 66-32. Under a previous order, the Senate insisted on its amendment, requests a conference with the House and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Sens. Baucus, Rockefeller, Conrad, Grassley and Hatch.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, January 30, 2009 and will proceed to a period of morning business. There will be no roll call votes during Friday's session.

At 2:00 PM on Monday, February 2, 2009, the Senate will consider the Economic Stimulus Package. At 3:15, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Eric Holder to be U.S. Attorney General. The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 6:15 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 9:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the McConnell amend #42 (McConnell Substitute).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program).

Grassley amend #41 (To strike the option to provide coverage to legal immigrants and increase the enrollment of uninsured low income American children). The amendment is **not agreed to** by voice vote.

McConnell amend #42 (McConnell Substitute). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **32-65**.

Martinez amend #65 (To restore the prohibition on funding of nongovernmental organizations that promote abortion as a method of birth control (the "Mexico City Policy"). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **37-60**.

Cornyn amend #67 (To ensure redistributed funds go toward coverage of low-income children or outreach and enrollment of low-income children, rather than to States that will use the funds to cover children from higher income families). Laid aside.

Roberts amend #75 (To prohibit CHIP coverage for higher income children and to prohibit any payment to a State from its CHIP allotments for any fiscal year quarter in which the State Medicaid income eligibility level for children is greater than the income eligibility level for children under CHIP). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #46 (Reinstate the crowd out policy). Laid aside.

Cornyn amend #67 (To ensure redistributed funds go toward coverage of low-income children or outreach and enrollment of low-income children, rather than to States that will use the funds to cover children from higher income families). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **64-33**.

Roberts amend #75 (To prohibit CHIP coverage for higher income children and to prohibit any payment to a State from its CHIP allotments for any fiscal year quarter in which the State Medicaid income eligibility level for children is greater than the income eligibility level for children under CHIP). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 36-60.

Kyl amend #46 (Reinstate the crowd out policy). Laid aside.

Murkowski amend #47 (Provide for the development of best practice recommendations and to ensure coverage of low income children). Laid aside.

Webb amend #58 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a revenue source through the treatment of income of partners for performing investment management services as ordinary income received for performance of services and reduce accordingly the tobacco tax increase as a revenue source). Laid aside.

Brown amend #79 (Strengthen and protect health care access and to benefit children in need of cancer care or other acute care services). The amendment was withdrawn.

Kyl amend #46 (Reinstate the crowd out policy). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 42-56.

Murkowski amend #47 (Provide for the development of best practice recommendations and to ensure coverage of low income children). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 47-51.

Coburn amend #49 (Prevent fraud and restore fiscal accountability to the Medicaid and SCHIP programs). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #50 (Restore fiscal discipline by making the Medicaid and SCHIP programs more accountable and efficient). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #47 (Ensure that children do not lose their private insurance and that uninsured children can get access to private insurance). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #6, Promotions in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #7, Promotions in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #8, Promotions in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #10, Dennis Blair to be Director of National Intelligence. Confirmed by voice vote.

All nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, the Army, the Marine Corps and the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

PN 65-15, James Steinberg to be Deputy Secretary of State. Confirmed by voice vote.

PN 65-9, Jacob Lew to be Deputy Secretary of State – Management and Resources. Confirmed by voice vote.

PN 65-12, Robert Nabors to be Deputy Director OMB. Confirmed by voice vote.

PN 64-15, Christina Romer to be a member of the Council of Economic Advisors. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. Con. Res. 26 (House adjournment resolution). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 25 (Support for the designation for January 28 2990 as "National Data Privacy Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 29, 2009. The Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program).

The Senate adjourned at 7:33 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program). The Senate will recess following the swearing in of Senator Appointee Kirsten Gillibrand until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program).

Baucus amend #39 (Complete Substitute).

McConnell amend #42 (McConnell Substitute). Laid aside.

Grassley amend #41 (To strike the option to provide coverage to legal immigrants and increase the enrollment of uninsured low income American children). Laid aside.

Hatch amend #45 (To prohibit any Federal matching payment for Medicaid or CHIP coverage of noncitizen children or pregnant women until a State demonstrates that it has enrolled 95% of the children eligible for Medicaid or CHIP who reside in the State and whose family income does not exceed 200% of the poverty line). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #43 (To require States to impose cost-sharing for any individual enrolled in a State child health plan whose income exceeds 200% of the poverty line). Laid aside.

The oath of office was administered to Kirsten Gillibrand, of New York, replacing former Senator Hillary Clinton.

The Senate recessed until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucuses.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM.

H.R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program).

Baucus amend #39 (Complete Substitute).

At 5:25 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of DeMint amend #43 (To require States to impose cost-sharing for any individual enrolled in a State child health plan whose income

exceeds 200% of the poverty line). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the DeMint amendment at 5:45 PM, followed by a vote on Hatch amend #45 (To prohibit any Federal matching payment for Medicaid or CHIP coverage of noncitizen children or pregnant women until a State demonstrates that it has enrolled 95% of the children eligible for Medicaid or CHIP who reside in the State and whose family income does not exceed 200% of the poverty line).

Following the votes, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to vote on the nomination of Daniel K. Tarullo.

DeMint amend #43 (To require States to impose cost-sharing for any individual enrolled in a State child health plan whose income exceeds 200% of the poverty line). Pryor motion to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **60-37 and the amendment fails.**

Hatch amend #45 (To prohibit any Federal matching payment for Medicaid or CHIP coverage of noncitizen children or pregnant women until a State demonstrates that it has enrolled 95% of the children eligible for Medicaid or CHIP who reside in the State and whose family income does not exceed 200% of the poverty line). The amendment **was not agreed to by voice vote.**

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Daniel K. Tarullo, of Massachusetts to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The nomination was agreed to by a vote of **96-1.**

The Senate returned to legislative session.

Baucus amend #39 (Complete Substitute). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 28 and will resume consideration of H.R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the McConnell amend #42 (McConnell Substitute).

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, January 26, 2009 and will proceed to a period of morning business until 4:00 PM. At 4:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Timothy Geithner to be Secretary of the Treasury. There will be 2 hours of debate prior to a vote on the nomination at 6:00 PM. Upon disposition of the nomination, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session to consider H.R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Improvements Act).

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Timothy Geithner to be Secretary of the Treasury. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **60-34**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program).

S. 328 (Postpones the DTV Transition Date). Rockefeller amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Mary Shapiro to be Chairwoman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 21 (Authorizes testimony in the USA vs. Vincent J. Fumo). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 and resume consideration of H.R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Program). The Senate will recess following the swearing in of Senator Appointee Kirsten Gillibrand until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of **S. 181 (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Play Act)**. There will be 60 minutes of debate on Hutchison amend #25 (Complete Substitute), followed by a vote on the amendment at 11:30 AM.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 181 (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Play Act).

DeMint amend #31 (Preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities). Laid aside.

Hutchison amend #25 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **40-55**.

Isakson amend #37 (Provisions of this legislation take effect the day it is passed into law and not retroactively). Laid aside.

Enzi amend #28 (Clarify standing). Laid aside.

Specter amend #26 (To provide a rule of construction). Mikulski motion to table. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **53-43**.

Specter amend #27 (To limit the application of the bill to discriminatory compensation decisions). Mikulski motion to table. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **55-39**.

Enzi amend #28 (Clarify standing). Mikulski motion to table. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **55-41**.

Enzi amend #29 (To clarify standing). Mikulski motion to table. The motion to table was agreed to by voice vote.

The oath of office was administered to Michael Bennet, of Colorado, replacing former Senator Kenneth Salazar.

S. 181 (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Play Act).

DeMint amend #31 (Preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities). Mikulski motion to table. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 67-30.

Isakson amend #37 (To limit the application of the Act to claims resulting from discriminatory compensation decisions that are adopted on or after the date of enactment of the Act). Mikulski motion to table. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 59-38.

Vitter amend #34 (To preserve open competition and Federal Government Neutrality towards the labor relations of Federal Government contractors on Federal and federally funded construction projects). Mikulski motion to table. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 59-38.

S. 181 (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Play Act), as amended. Final passage. Yeas and nays ordered. Under a unanimous consent order, the bill must reach a 3/5ths affirmative threshold for passage. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of 61-36.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were agreed to en bloc:

Susan Rice to be UN Rep. Agreed to by UC.

Lisa Jackson to be EPA Administrator. Agreed to by UC.

Nancy Sutley to be a Member of the Council of Environmental Quality. Agreed to by UC.

Shaun Donovan to be Secretary of HUD. Agreed to by UC.

Mary Schapiro to be a member of the SEC. Agreed to by UC.

Ray LaHood to be Secretary of Transportation. Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, January 26, 2009, and will proceed to a period of morning business until 4:00 PM. At 4:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Timothy Geithner to be Secretary of the Treasury. There will be 2 hours of debate prior to a vote on the nomination at 6:00 PM. Upon disposition of the nomination, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session to consider H.R. 2 (Children's Health Insurance Improvements Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:32 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2009

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, January 21, 2009. At 12:00 PM. The Senate will proceed to an Executive Session in order to consider the nomination of Sen. Hillary Clinton to be Secretary of State. There will be 3 hours of debate on the nomination followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination. The Senate will recess from 12:45- 2:15 for party caucuses. If all time is yielded back, there will be a vote on the nomination at 4:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Sen. Hillary Clinton to be Secretary of State.

The Senate recessed from 12:52-2:15 PM for weekly party caucuses.

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

Sen. Hillary Clinton to be Secretary of State. The Senate proceeded to vote on the nomination of Hillary Clinton to be Secretary of State. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 94-2.

The Senate proceeded with a legislative session.

S. 181 (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Play Act).

Leahy amend #26 (provide a rule of construction). Laid aside.

Leahy amend #27 (limit the application of the bill to discriminatory compensation decisions). Laid aside.

Hutchison amend #25 (Complete Substitute). Laid aside.

The Chair read the resignation letter of Sen. Hillary Clinton.

Hutchison amend #25 (Complete Substitute). Laid aside.

Enzi amend #28 (clarify standing). Laid aside.

Enzi amend #29 (clarify standing). Laid aside.

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

S. Res. 18 (Making majority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 111th Congress).

S. Res. 19 (Making minority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 111th Congress).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 22 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of **S. 181 (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Play Act)**. There will be 60 minutes of debate on Hutchison amend #25 (Complete Substitute), followed by a vote on the amendment at 11:30 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 and will be in a period of Morning Business.

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

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session to consider nominations:

Steven Chu to be Secretary of Energy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Arne Duncan to be Secretary of Education. Confirmed by voice vote.

Janet Napolitano to be Secretary of Homeland Security. Confirmed by voice vote.

Peter Orszag to be Office of Management and Budget Director. Confirmed by voice vote.

Kenneth Salazar to be Secretary of Interior. Confirmed by voice vote.

Eric Shinseki to be Secretary of Veteran's Affairs. Confirmed by voice vote.

Thomas Vilsack to be Secretary of Agriculture. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, January 21, 2009. At 12:00 PM. The Senate will proceed to an Executive Session in order to consider the nomination of Sen. Hillary Clinton to be Secretary of State. There will be 3 hours of debate on the nomination followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination. The Senate will recess from 12:45- 2:15 for party caucuses. If all time is yielded back, there will be a vote on the nomination at 4:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 4:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM Senate will proceed with Morning Business. Sen. Salazar will present his farewell remarks. At 11:00 AM, Senate Appointee "Ted" Kaufman will take the Oath of Office.

The Senate recessed at 2:30 PM subject to the call of the chair.

The Senate convened at 2:46 PM.

S. Res. 15 (Acknowledging the lifetime service of Griffin Bell). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 16 (National School Counseling Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 17 (Honoring Captain Chessly Sullenberger III and crew for their role in the emergency landing of US Airways flight 1549). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 and will be in a period of morning business.

The Senate adjourned at 2:55 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:00 Noon. Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, at 12:00 Noon the Senate will proceed to **S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009)**, all post cloture debate time shall be yielded back, and the Senate will proceed to a vote on final passage. At 2:00 PM, Roland Burris will be sworn in as a Senator from Illinois.

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

S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009).

Bingaman amend #23 (Making technical changes). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Bingaman amend #24 (Making technical changes). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009), as amended. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of 73-21.

The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 181 (The Ledbetter Fair Act Play). The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 72-23.

S. J. Res. 5 (A joint resolution relating to the disapproval of obligations under the TARP legislation).

The Chair administered the oath of office to Roland Burris (D-IL).

S. J. Res. 5 (A joint resolution relating to the disapproval of obligations under the TARP legislation). Yeas and nays ordered. The Joint Resolution failed to pass by a vote of 42-52.

Motion to Proceed to S. 181 (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009). All postcloture time is yielded back by Unanimous Consent. The Motion to Proceed is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 181 (Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009).

Hutchison amend #25 (Complete Substitute). Laid aside.

S. Res. 14 (Provide funding for Senate staff transition). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 273 (Require the designation of the federally occupied building in Ohio). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 16, 2009. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business. Sen. Salazar will present his farewell remarks. At 11:00 AM, Senate Appointee "Ted" Kaufman will take the Oath of Office.

The Senate adjourned at 8:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009). The Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the bill at 10:30 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009). Motion to invoke cloture. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **68-24**.

S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 15th and will be in a period of morning business until 12:00 Noon. Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, at 12:00 Noon the Senate will proceed to **S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009)**, all post cloture debate time shall be yielded back, and the Senate will proceed to a vote on final passage. At 2:00 PM, Roland Burriss will be sworn in as a Senator from Illinois.

The Senate adjourned at 8:35 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. There will be one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 22 (Omnibus Public lands Management Act of 2009). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded with morning business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009).

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

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 181 (Ledbetter Fair Pay Act). Motion is withdrawn by Sen. Reid.

S. 68 (To prohibit the sale and counterfeiting of Inaugural tickets). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 and will resume consideration of S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009). The Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the bill at 10:30 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:39 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and there will be a period of Morning Business for 1 hour to allow for tributes for the Republican Leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell who will be the longest serving Senator from Kentucky. The Senate will then resume the Motion to Proceed to S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to proceed to S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009). The Motion to Proceed was agreed to.

S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009).

Reid amend #15 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #16 () to Reid amend #15 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid Motion to commit the bill with Reid amendment #17 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #18 to the instructions to the Motion to Commit the bill. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree #19 () to Reid amend #18 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid filed a Cloture Motion on S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 13, 2009. There will be one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 22 (Omnibus Public lands Management Act of 2009). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM and will immediately resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill. There will be a Senate Democratic Caucus meeting at 2:45 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009) was agreed to by a vote of 66 – 12.

Motion to Proceed to S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009). The Senate is in post-cloture debate time. The post-cloture debate time on the Motion to Proceed will continue to run notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, January 12, 2009. There will be a period of Morning Business for 1 hour to allow for tributes for the Republican Leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell who will be the longest serving Senator from Kentucky. The Senate will then resume the Motion to Proceed to S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009).

The Senate adjourned at 2:25 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. Sen. Reid announced that there is a vote scheduled for 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 11, 2009. He further announced that the Democratic Caucus will meet at 2:45 PM on Sunday, January 11, 2009.

S. 181 (Amend the Civil Rights Act). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 182 (Amend the Fair Labor Standards Act). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

Motion to Proceed to S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Act of 2009).

At 2:40 PM, the official letter of resignation of Sen. Joseph Biden was read in the Senate.

Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion to accompany the Motion to Proceed to S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009). The Motion to Invoke cloture will occur at 2:00 PM on Sunday, January, 11, 2009.

The Senate will recess until 1:00 PM on Sunday, January 11, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 22 (Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill.

The Senate recessed at 2:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM and will proceed with Morning Business. At 12:45 PM, Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber to proceed to the House Chamber as a body for a Joint Congressional Session. At 1:00 PM, there will be a Joint Session in order to count the Presidential Electoral College. The Senate will also recess from 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM in order to accommodate a special Democratic Caucus Meeting.

S. 22 (national wilderness preservation programs). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. Res. 10 (Recognizing the right of Israel to defend itself against attacks from Gaza). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:45 PM. Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber to proceed to the House Chamber as a body for a Joint Congressional Session. At 1:00 PM, there will be a Joint Session in order to count the Presidential Electoral College.

The Senate reconvened at 2:30 PM.

The Senate recessed from 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM in order to accommodate a special Democratic Caucus Meeting.

The Senate reconvened at 4:45 PM.

S. Res. 11 (Authorize document production by the Department of Defense). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 181 (Amend the Civil Rights Act). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

S. 182 (Amend the Fair Labor Standards Act). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 9, 2009. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. Sen. Reid announced that there is a vote scheduled for 2:00 PM

on Sunday, January 11, 2009. He further announced that the Democratic Caucus will meet at 2:45 PM on Sunday, January 11, 2009.

The Senate recessed at 6:31 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009

The Senate will convene at 11:30 AM and will be in morning business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

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

S. 22 (national wilderness preservation programs). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 1 (Bill to create jobs, restore economic growth, and strengthen America's middle class through measures that modernize the nation's infrastructure). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 2 (Bill to improve lives of middle-class families and provide greater opportunity to achieve the American dream). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 3 (A bill to protect homeowners and consumers by reducing foreclosures, ensuring the availability of credit for homeowners, businesses, and consumers, and reforming the financial regulatory system, and for other purposes). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 4 (A bill to guarantee affordable, quality health coverage for all Americans). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 5 (A bill to improve the economy and security of the United States by reducing the dependence of the U.S. on foreign energy sources). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 6 (A bill to enhance the national security of the United States).

S. 7 (A bill to expand educational opportunities for all Americans by increasing access to high-quality early childhood education and after school programs). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 8 (A bill to return the Government to the people by reviewing controversial "midnight regulations" issued in the waning days of the Bush Administration). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 9 (A bill to strengthen the U.S. economy, provide for more effective border employment enforcement, and for other purposes). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 10 (A bill to restore fiscal discipline and begin to address the long-term fiscal challenges facing the United States). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 33 (A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 34 (A bill to prevent the FCC from repromulgating the fairness doctrine). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill will be placed on the Senate calendar.

The Senate recessed at 12:35 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM and recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 3:00 PM.

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM on Thursday, January 8, 2009. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business. At 12:45 PM, Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber to proceed to the House Chamber as a body for a Joint Congressional Session. At 1:00 PM, there will be a Joint Session in order to count the Presidential Electoral College. The Senate will also recess from 3:30 PM – 4:45 PM in order to accommodate a special Democratic Caucus Meeting.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009

The first session of the 111th Congress will convene at Noon.

The Senate convened at 12:00 Noon.

The Chair brought before the Senate two certificates of election to fill unexpired terms and the certificates of election of 32 Senators. The Chair administered the oaths of office to all 34 certified Senators.

S. Res. 1 (Inform the President of the United States that a quorum of the Senate is present).
Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 2 (Informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is present).
Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 1 (Provide for the counting of the electoral votes of the President and the Vice President of the United States occur on January 8, 2009). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 2 (Extending the life of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 3 (Fixing the daily meeting time of the Senate). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

S. Res. 8 (Clairborne Pell Memorial). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, January 7 and will be in morning business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:45 PM.