

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon 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). At 1:00 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 627 (Legislative vehicle with respect to the debt ceiling) with Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute amendment). If cloture is not invoked, the Senate will continue debate on the Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute amendment).

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).

Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute amendment) to the House Message.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to S. 627 (Legislative vehicle with respect to the debt ceiling) with a Reid amendment #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 50-49.

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).

Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute amendment) to the House Message.

At 1:38 PM, the Senate recessed Subject to the Call of the Chair.

At 8:32 PM, the Senate reconvened.

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM on Monday, August 1, 2011. The Senate 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 adjourned at 8:37 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2011

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM 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 proceed with debate on the Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute) to the House Message until 8:00 PM. If all debate time is required, the next vote will occur at approximately 1:00 AM on Sunday, July 31, 2011 on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 627 (Legislative vehicle with respect to the debt ceiling) with Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute amendment).

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

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).

Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute) to the House Message.

Senator Reid has instructed the Sergeant At Arms to request the presence of absent Senators. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Instruct is agreed to by a vote of **75-20**. A quorum is present.

The Senate will continue with a period of Morning Business until 9:50 PM.

Reid unanimous consent request that the vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 627 (Legislative vehicle with respect to the debt ceiling) with Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute amendment) occur at 1:00 PM on Sunday, July 31, 2011. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, July 31, 2011 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). At 1:00 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 627 (Legislative vehicle with respect to the debt ceiling) with Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute amendment). If cloture is not invoked, the Senate will continue debate on the Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute amendment).

The Senate adjourned at 10:13 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will recess until 11:00 AM for a Democratic caucus. The Senate will be in a period of Morning Business from 11:00-12:00 PM. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate Majority Leader Reid will be recognized. There are no roll call votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate recessed at 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM for a Democratic caucus meeting.

The Senate reconvened at 11:00 AM and proceeded with a period of Morning Business until 6:00 PM. At 6:00 PM, Senate Majority Leader Reid will be recognized.

S. Res. 175 (A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to ongoing violations of the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Georgia and the importance of a peaceful and just resolution to the conflict within Georgia's internationally recognized borders). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 216 (Encouraging women's political participation in Saudi Arabia). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate confirmed the following resolutions en bloc by unanimous consent:

S. Res. 242 supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

S. Res. 243 promoting increased awareness, diagnosis, and treatment of atrial fibrillation to address the high morbidity and mortality rates and to prevent avoidable hospitalizations associated with the disease

S. Res. 244 congratulating Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. for 100 years of service to communities throughout the United States and the world, and commending Omega Psi Phi for upholding its cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance, and uplift.

The Senate will continue with a period of Morning Business until 6:00 PM. At 6:00 PM, Senate Majority Leader Reid will be recognized.

Morning Business will continue until 6:45 when Sen. Reid will be recognized.

Motion to Instruct the Sergeant At Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Instruct was agreed to by a vote of **76-23**. The Chair announced that a Quorum was present.

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).

Reid Motion to Concur in the House Amendment (House passed language regarding the debt ceiling) to the bill. Reid Motion to Table the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment (House passed language regarding the debt ceiling). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table the Motion to Concur in the amendment (House passed language regarding the debt ceiling) to the bill was agreed to by a vote of **59-41**.

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).

Reid Motion to Concur in the House amendment (House passed language regarding the debt ceiling) to S. 627 with Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Concur.

Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment (House passed language regarding the debt ceiling) to S. 627 with a Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute). ****If all time is used a vote will occur at approximately 1:00 AM on Sunday, July 31, 2011****

Reid amend #590 (Of a perfecting nature) to amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute).

Reid Motion to Refer the House Message to the Budget Committee with instructions to report back forthwith with an amendment #591 (Of a Perfecting Nature). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #592 (Of a perfecting nature) to the Instructions on the Motion to Refer the House Message on S. 627. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #593 (Of a perfecting nature) to Reid amend #592 (Of a perfecting nature).

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 30, 2011. 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). The Senate will proceed with debate on the Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute) to the House Message until 8:00 PM. If all debate time is required, the next vote will occur at approximately 1:00 AM on Sunday, July 31, 2011 on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the

Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 627 (Legislative vehicle with respect to the debt ceiling) with Reid amend #589 (Reid debt ceiling substitute amendment).

The Senate adjourned at 9:02 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, Senate Majority Leader Reid will be recognized to speak. No additional business was announced.

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

H.R. 1938 (Directs the President to expedite the consideration and approval of the construction and operation of the Keystone XL Oil Pipeline). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

H.R. 2608 (Provides for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958). Landrieu substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate recessed at 7:43 PM subject to the Call of the Chair. Senator Reid noted that he did not expect any action on the floor before 9:00 PM.

The Senate convened at 10:46 PM.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 PM on Friday, July 26, 2011 and will recess until 11:00 AM for a Democratic caucus. The Senate will be in a period of Morning Business from 11:00-12:00 PM. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate Majority Leader Reid will be recognized.

The Senate adjourned at 10:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. No additional business was announced.

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

S. 1420 (A bill to require that the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public, Social Security benefits, and military pay in the event that the debt limit is reached). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and considered the following nomination:
Cal. #194 (Gary Locke, of Washington, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China).
Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Rockefeller unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 2553 (Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2011, Part IV), the Rockefeller-Hutchison Substitute amendment be agreed to, and the bill 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). Rockefeller objected.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #276 (Robert Mueller to be Director of the FBI). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **100-0**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Sen. Reid announced there will be no further roll call votes during today's session of the Senate.

The Senate will be in a period of Morning Business until 6:30 PM.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #196 (William J. Burns, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service with the Personal Rank of Career Ambassador, to be Deputy Secretary of State). The nomination was confirmed by unanimous consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 1188 (Require the purchase of flags made in the United States by the Federal Government). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 240 (Condemning the attacks in Oslo, Norway). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Con. Res. 26 (Supporting the goals and ideas of people of African descent). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 1938 (North American-Made Energy Security Act). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 28, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, Senate Majority Leader Reid will be recognized to speak. No additional business was announced.

The Senate adjourned at 6:55 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:15 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to vote on the following nominations:

Cal. #83 (Paul Engelmayer to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York).

Cal. #84 (Ramona Villagomez Manglona to be Judge for the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands).

After two minutes of debate on the nominations, the Senate will proceed to votes on the nominations. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 1323 (Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #83 (Paul Engelmayer to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 98-0.

Cal. #84 (Ramona Villagomez Manglona to be Judge for the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands). The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate recessed from 12:46-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S 846 (Designate a Courthouse in Jefferson City, Missouri). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1406 (Designate the US Courthouse in Bakersfield, California). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1420 (Require the United States Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public, Social Security benefits, and military pay in the event of the debt limit is reached). 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 on Wednesday, July 27, 2011. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. No additional business was announced.

The Senate adjourned at 6:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. At 3:40 PM, the Senate will observe a moment of silence in memory of Officers Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed 13 years ago in the line of duty defending the Capitol. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Cal. #83 (Paul Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York) and Cal. #84 (Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Engelmayer nomination, with a voice vote expected on the Manglona nomination.

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

The Senate observed a moment of silence in memory of Officers Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed 13 years ago in the line of duty defending the Capitol.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #83 (Paul Engelmayer to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York)

Cal. #84 (Ramona Villagomez Manglona to be Judge for the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands).

Senator Reid announced that the votes tonight will be canceled due to weather. The votes have been rescheduled for Tuesday at 12:15 PM.

The Senate stood in recess subject to the Call of the Chair.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1323 (Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

Senator Reid vitiated the action with respect to the pending amendments and Motion to Commit relative to the bill by Unanimous Consent. Pending Motion to Commit is withdrawn by

Unanimous Consent. Reid amend #529 (To change the enacting date) is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Reid amend #581 (Of a perfecting nature). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #582 () to amend #581 ().

Reid Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report back with an amend #583 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #584 () to the instructions of the Motion to Commit amend #583 ().

Reid 2nd degree amend #585 to amend #584 ().

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:15 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to vote on the following nominations:

Cal. #83 (Paul Engelmayer to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York)

Cal. #84 (Ramona Villagomez Manglona to be Judge for the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands).

The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 1323 (Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

The Senate adjourned at 7:28 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2560 (Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011). At 10:00 AM, the Majority Leader will be recognized to make a Motion to Table the Motion to Proceed to the bill. It was announced that the vote would be held open beyond the typical allotted time for roll call votes.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2553 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986 to extend the FAA Trust Fund). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2560 (Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011). Motion to Table the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table the Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of **51-46**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate is in recess subject to the Call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened and resumed a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 237 (Sense of the Senate regarding a moment of silence beginning at 1 PM EST on September 11, 2011). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Durbin unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 2553 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986 to extend the FAA Trust Fund), the Rockefeller-Hutchison Substitute Amendment be agreed to, and the bill as amended be read three times and passed. Hatch objected.

Hatch unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 2553 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986 to extend the FAA Trust Fund), and the bill be read three times and passed. Durbin objected.

S. 300 (A bill to prevent abuse of government charge cards). The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 25 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. At 3:40 PM, the Senate will observe a moment of silence in memory of Officers Jacob J. Chestnut and Detective John M. Gibson of the United States Capitol Police who were killed 13 years ago in the line of duty defending the Capitol. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Cal. #83 (Paul Engelmayer, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York) and Cal. #84 (Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court of the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Engelmayer nomination, with a vote expected on the Manglona nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 2:44 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2560 (Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011). Currently there are no roll call votes scheduled.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2560 (Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011).

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM.

S. 1103 (Bill to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation). Agreed to by a voice vote. Sen. Reid received unanimous consent that at a time determined by him and the Republican Leader, the Senate will proceed to the nomination of Robert Mueller III to be Director of the FBI. Further, that there will be two hours of debate on the nomination followed by a vote on confirmation.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2560 (Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011).

H. R. 1383 (An act to temporarily preserve higher rates for tuition and fees for programs of education at nonpublic institutions). Agreed to by unanimous consent with a Murray amendment.

S. Res. 87 (Designating the year of 2012 as the "International Year of Cooperatives"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 234 (Relative to the death of William F. Hildebrand, former Secretary of the Senate). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 235 (Designating 2011 as the "Year of the Family Caregiver"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 236 (Designating September 2011 as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 2553 (Amend the IRS Code of 1986 to extend the FAA Trust Fund). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Friday, July 22, 2011. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2560 (Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011). At

10:00 AM, the Majority Leader will be recognized to make a Motion to Table the Motion To Proceed to the bill. It was announced that the vote would be held open beyond the typical allotted time for roll call votes.

The Senate adjourned at 8:13 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011

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 resume consideration of H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Table the Vitter amend #568 (To provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expanded at a rate higher than the level of the Senate and House of Representatives concurrent budget resolution for fiscal year 2012).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2560 (). Sen. Reid received unanimous consent that when the Senate receives the bill it be read two times and immediately be placed on the Senate Calendar.

H.R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Motion to Table Vitter amend #568 (To provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expanded at a rate higher than the level of the Senate and House of Representatives concurrent budget resolution for fiscal year 2012). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **69-30**.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business until 2:15 PM.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Wyden amend #570 (Provide for the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon). Laid aside.

Ayotte amend #575 (Regarding a report to Congress detailing the Secretary's plans for next-generation prosthetics being made available to injured members of the Armed Forces and veterans in a timely manner).Laid aside.

Boxer amend #577 (Regarding a report on the status and improvement plan for all DODEA schools with an overall condition rating of “poor” and “failing”). Laid aside.

Johnson amend #556 (A perfecting amendment). Laid aside.

Hutchison amend #562 (Restrict the use of funds for a permanent United States Africa Command headquarters outside of the United States). Laid aside.

Hutchison amend #563 (Limit the availability of funds for military construction projects at Grafenwohr and Baumholder, Germany, pending a report on the brigade combat team scheduled to be withdrawn from Germany in 2015). Laid aside.

Johnson amend #556 (A perfecting amendment) Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Wyden amend #570 (Provide for the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Hutchison amend #562 (Restrict the use of funds for a permanent United States Africa Command headquarters outside of the United States). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Hutchison amend #563 (Limit the availability of funds for military construction projects at Grafenwohr and Baumholder, Germany, pending a report on the brigade combat team scheduled to be withdrawn from Germany in 2015). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

McCain amend #553 (Eliminate the additional amount of \$10,000,000 not included in the President's budget request for fiscal year 2012, appropriated for the Department of Defense for planning and design for the Energy Conservation Investment Program). Withdrawn.

Coburn amend 564 (require evidence of causal relationships for presumptions by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents). Laid aside.

Boxer amend #577 (Regarding a report on the status and improvement plan for all DODEA schools with an overall condition rating of “poor” and “failing”), as modified. Laid aside.

Ayotte amend #575 (Regarding a report to Congress detailing the Secretary's plans for next-generation prosthetics being made available to injured members of the Armed Forces and veterans in a timely manner). Agreed to by voice vote.

Boxer amend #577 (Regarding a report on the status and improvement plan for all DODEA schools with an overall condition rating of “poor” and “failing”), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #564 (require evidence of causal relationships for presumptions by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents). Motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **69-30**.

Committee substitute amendment, as amended, agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran’s Affairs Appropriations Bill). The bill was read for a third time, as modified. Yeas and nays ordered on final passage of the bill. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **97-2**. The Senate insists on its amendments and requests a Conference with the House by Unanimous Consent. The following Senators have been appointed as Conferees: Sens. Johnson (SD), Inouye, Landrieu, Murray, Reed, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Tester, Leahy, Kirk, Hutchison, McConnell, Murkowski, Blunt, Hoeven, Coats, Cochran.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2560 (Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011).

The Senate adjourned at 6:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 19, 2011. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for two hours. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bills). The Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2:15 PM for party caucuses. No votes are scheduled.

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

The Senate recessed for Party Caucuses.

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

H.R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Vitter amend #568 (To provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expanded at a rate higher than the level of the Senate and House of Representatives concurrent budget resolution for fiscal year 2012). Laid aside.

Wyden amend #570 (To provide for the closure of Umatilla Army Chemical Depot, Oregon). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #564 (To require evidence of casual relationships for presumptions by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents). Laid aside.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, June 20, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bills). At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Table the Vitter amend #568 (To provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expanded at a rate higher than the level of the Senate and House of Representatives concurrent budget resolution for fiscal year 2012).

The Senate adjourned at 6:54 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 3:30 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nomination: Cal. #82 (J. Paul Oetken of New York to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York). The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 PM.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2018 (Amend the Federal Water and Pollution Control Act). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

H.R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #82 (J. Paul Oetken of New York to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 80-13.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

S. Con. Res. 25 (Welcoming the independence of the Republic of South Sudan). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 19, 2011. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for two hours. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bills). The Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2:15 PM for party caucuses. No votes are scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 7:17 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). Unless an agreement is reached to yield back post-cloture debate time, a vote will occur on the Motion to Proceed to the bill at approximately 6:00 PM.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

At 12:20 PM, the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill) will be agreed to unanimous consent. Following remarks by the two managers of the bill, Senator Sessions will be recognized to raise a Budget Point of Order, followed by Senator Johnson (SD) offering a Motion to Waive the Budget Act. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Waive the Budget Act. If cloture is invoked, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on the Motion to Waive the Budget Act.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). Sessions Point of Order that the bill violates the Budget Act. Johnson (SD) Motion to Waive the Budget Act. **Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Waive the Budget Act.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of 71-26. **Motion to Waive the Budget Act.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive was agreed to by a vote of 56-40.

McCain amend #553 (To eliminate an additional \$10,000,000 not included in the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2012). Laid aside.

Johnson (SD) amend #556 (Modernize Arlington National Cemetery's Information Technology System). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 2018 (Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act of 2011). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 18, 2011 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 3:30 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nomination: Cal. #82 (J. Paul Oetken of New York to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York). The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume a Legislative Session to consider S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit). There will be one hour of debate prior to the Cloture vote on the bill. If cloture is not invoked, there will be a second cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2055 (Mil Con/VA Appropriations Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit). Motion to invoke cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to invoke cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 51-49.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion to the Motion to Proceed is agreed to by a vote of 89-11.

S. Res. 233 (Honoring the men and woman of the NASA Administration Space Shuttle Program). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 14, 2011. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2055 (Military Construction/Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). If all post cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2055, a vote will occur on the Motion to Proceed to the bill at approximately 6:00 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 5:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. Unless an agreement is reached, the Senate will have two cloture votes on S. 1323 and the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2055 (MilCon/VA Appropriations Bill) the morning of Wednesday, July 13, 2011.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

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

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

S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 and will resume a Legislative Session to consider S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit). There will be one hour of debate prior to the Cloture vote on the bill. If cloture is not invoked, there will be a second cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2055 (Mil Con/VA Appropriations Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 4:46 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1340 (A bill to cut, cap and balance the federal budget). Second reading. Further readings were objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of 69-27.

S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

Reid amend #529. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #530 to Reid amend #529. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid Motion to Commit S. 1323 with Instructions to the Committee on Finance to Report Back Forthwith with Reid amend# 531. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #532 to the Instructions on the Motion to Commit S. 1323. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #533 to Reid amend #532. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid filed cloture on S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2055 (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012).

S. Res. 231 (National Child Awareness Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. Unless an agreement is reached, the Senate will have two cloture votes on S. 1323 and the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2055 (MilCon/VA Appropriations Bill) the morning of Wednesday, July 13, 2011.

The Senate adjourned at 6:55 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit) for 30 minutes. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of 74-22.

S. Res. 229 (Recognizing the heroic efforts of firefighters in containing forest fires). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1340 (To cut, cap and balance the federal budget). The bill was read for the first time. Additional reading was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 11, 2011 and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the Sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate adjourned at 5:51 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. From 2:15 PM until 6:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit) with Senators permitted to speak for up to ten minutes each. Unless an agreement is reached, the Senate will have a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit) on Thursday, July 7, 2011.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1326 (A bill to implement the President's request to increase the statutory limit on the public debt). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

The Senate recessed from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 7, 2011 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit) for 30 minutes. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323.

The Senate adjourned at 7:25 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed to consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 20 (A joint resolution authorizing the limited use of the United States armed forces in support of the NATO mission in Libya), followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 20 at 5:00 PM.

Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 20 (A joint resolution authorizing the limited use of the United States armed forces in support of the NATO mission in Libya).

Reid withdrew the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 20 (A joint resolution authorizing the limited use of the United States armed forces in support of the NATO mission in Libya).

Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

Reid withdrew the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 20 (A joint resolution authorizing the limited use of the United States armed forces in support of the NATO mission in Libya).

Reid vitiated the Cloture Vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 20 (A joint resolution authorizing the limited use of the United States armed forces in support of the NATO mission in Libya).

Reid withdrew the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 20 (A joint resolution authorizing the limited use of the United States armed forces in support of the NATO mission in Libya).

Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit).

At 5:00 PM today, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Instruct the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms to Request the Presence of Absent Senators.

Motion to Instruct the Senate Sergeant-at-Arms to Request the Presence of Absent Senators. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **83-8**.

S. 1326 (A bill to implement the President's request to increase the statutory limit on the public debt). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. From 2:15 PM until 6:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business with Senators permitted to speak for up to ten minutes each. Unless an agreement is reached, the Senate will have a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1323 (A bill to express the sense of the Senate on shared sacrifice in resolving the budget deficit) on Thursday, July 7, 2011.

The Senate adjourned at 6:15 PM.