

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of Cal. #140 (Harold Koh to be Legal Advisor of the Department of State). If used, all post cloture debate time will expire at 5:30 PM today. A vote could occur at that time.

S. 1344 (Protect the Solvency of the Highway Trust Fund). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further proceedings on the bill were objected to.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #140 (Harold Koh to be Legal Advisor of the Department of State).

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1358 (Authorizes the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to use funds made available under the Trademark Act for Patent Operations in order to order furloughs and reductions in forces). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #140 (Harold Koh to be Legal Advisor of the Department of State). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **62-35**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2918 (Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill).

Nelson (NE) amend #1365 (Substitute Amendment).

Vitter Motion to Commit H.R. 2918 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back to the Senate (2009 Level). Nelson motion to table. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **65-31**.

The Senate swore in the Senate Sergeant-At-Arms for the purpose of the Senate sitting on Impeachment Trials.

The Sergeant-At-Arms sent before the desk the return of service executed upon service of the summons upon Judge Samuel Kent on June 24, 2009, accompanied by a statement of resignation executed by Judge Samuel Kent following service of the summons, to be effective June 30, 2009. The return of the service and accompanying statement of resignation will be spread upon the journal and printed in the record.

Reid asked Unanimous Consent the original statement of the resignation will be sent to the President of the United States, a certified copy of the statement will be sent to the U.S. House of Representatives, and a copy of the statement of resignation will be referred to the Impeachment Trial Committee on the Articles Against Judge Samuel B. Kent established by the Senate on June 24, 2009. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2918 (Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill).

Nelson (NE) amend #1365 (Substitute Amendment).

McCain amend #1367 (Nebraska photo exhibit). Yeas and nays ordered.

The Senate convened to an Executive Session.

The Senate confirmed the following nominations en bloc:

Cal. #170 (Lawrence Strickling to be Asst. Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information).

Cal. #203 (Mercedes Marquez to be Asst. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development).

Cal. #206 (Robert Litt to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence).

Cal. #207 (Stephen Preston to be General Counsel of the CIA).

Cal. #214 (Ellen Tauscher to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security).

Cal. #215 (Kurt Campbell to be Assistant Secretary of State).

Cal. #251 (Julius Genachowski to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission).

Cal. #252 (Robert McDowell to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission).

Cal. #255 (Kathleen Martinez to be an Assistant Secretary for Aging, Dept. of Health and Human Services).

Cal. #256 (Kathy Greenlee to be Asst. Secretary for Aging, Dept. of Health and Human Services).

Cal. #257 (Dennis McCarthy to be an Asst. Secretary of Defense).

Confirmed en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

P.N. 587 (Daniel Rooney to be Ambassador to Ireland). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

P.N. 578 (Series of Foreign Service Members). Confirmed en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 190 (National Men's Health Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 199 (Recreational Boating Community). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 31 (Conditional adjournment for the recess of the Senate and the House of Representatives). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 6, 2009 unless the House fails to adopt S. Con. Res. 31 (Adjournment for recess) and then the Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, June 29, 2009. The Senate will be in a period of morning business for one hour, and following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2918 (Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill). At 5:30 PM on Monday, July 6, 2009, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the McCain amend #1367 (Nebraska photo exhibit). Following the disposition of the McCain amendment, the Senate is expected to vote on final passage of the bill. On Tuesday, July 7, 2009, the Senate is expected to proceed to H.R. 2892 (Homeland Security Appropriations Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:55 AM and will conduct a live quorum call. When a quorum is asserted, the Senate will receive the House Managers of the Articles of Impeachment, and the Senators will be sworn in as a body in order to proceed with the Impeachment of Samuel Kent, a District Court Judge for the Southern District of Texas. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session for a cloture vote on Cal. #140 (Harold Koh to be Legal Advisor of the Dept. of State).

The Senate convened and conducted a live quorum call. The Senate received the House Managers of the Articles of Impeachment.

The House Managers of the Articles of Impeachment presented the Senate with the following resolution:

H. Res. 565 (Appointing and authorizing managers for the impeachment of Samuel B. Kent, a judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas).

The House Managers read the Articles of Impeachment:

H. Res. 520 (Impeaching Samuel B. Kent, judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, for high crimes and misdemeanors).

The Senators were sworn-in as a body.

S. Res. 202 (Provide for the Issuance of a Summons Concerning the Articles of Impeachment Against Samuel B. Kent). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 203 (Provide for a Committee to receive and report evidence with respect to the Articles of Impeachment Against Samuel B. Kent). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Chair appointed the following Senators to be members of the Impeachment Trial Committee: McCaskill, Klobuchar, Whitehouse, Udall of New Mexico, Shaheen, Kaufman, Martinez, DeMint, Barrasso, Wicker, Johanns, and Risch.

The Senators approached the desk for the signing of the Resolution.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #140 (Harold Koh to be Legal Advisor of the Dept. of State). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 65-31.

Cal. #140 (Harold Koh to be Legal Advisor of the Dept. of State). Laid aside.

S. 962 (Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act of 2009). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 29 (Sense of the Congress that John Arthur "Jack" Johnson should receive a posthumous pardon for the racially motivated conviction in 1913 that diminished the athletic, cultural, and historic significance of Jack Johnson and unduly tarnished his reputation). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 205 (Supporting the goals and ideals of "African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1344 (Regarding the Highway Trust Fund). 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 Thursday, June 25, 2009. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of Cal. #140 (Harold Koh to be Legal Advisor of the Department of State). If used, all post cloture debate time will expire at 5:30 PM. A vote could occur at that time.

The Senate adjourned at 6:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30-12:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. If the Senate comes to an agreement, there could be votes tomorrow in relation to the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill.

H.R. 1777 (Makes Technical Corrections to the Higher Education Act). Substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

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

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM and proceeded to a period of morning business.

Reid unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 2918 (Legislative Appropriations Bill). DeMint objected.

S. Con. Res. 30 (Bureau of Labor and Statistics Anniversary). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 201 (10th Anniversary of Olmstead Supreme Court decision). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:55 AM on Wednesday, June 24 and will conduct a live quorum call. When a quorum is asserted, the Senate will receive the House Managers of the Articles of Impeachment, and the Senators will be sworn in as a body in order to proceed with the Impeachment of Samuel Kent, a District Court Judge for the Southern District of Texas. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session for a cloture vote on Cal. #140 (Harold Ko to by Legal Advisor of the Dept. of State).

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act). There will be a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Dorgan amend #1347 (Perfecting amendment) at 5:30 PM.

The Clerk read a message from the House of Representatives: "I have been instructed to inform the Senate of the appointment and the managers on the part of the House may exhibit the articles of Impeachment against Samuel Kent."

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act).

Dorgan amend #1347 (Perfecting amendment). Motion to invoke cloture. The cloture motion was not agreed to by a vote of 53-24. Reid motion to reconsider the vote. The cloture motion is withdrawn.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #140 (Harold Ko to by Legal Advisor of the Dept. of State). Reid motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 and will proceed to a period of morning business. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. If the Senate comes to an agreement, there could be votes tomorrow in relation to the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill.

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during today's Session. Work on the tourism bill will continue off of the Senate Floor.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

S. Res. 194 (Congratulating the Pittsburgh Penguins for winning the 2009 Stanley Cup Championship). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed Subject to the Call of the Chair.

At 2:34 PM, the Senate reconvened and proceeded with Morning Business.

S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act). Sen. Reid withdrew the Committee amendments to the bill.

Dorgan amend # 1347 (Perfecting amendment). Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on Dorgan amendment and then withdrew the cloture motion in order to file additional amendments.

Reid 2nd degree amend #1348 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #1347 (Perfecting Amendment). Laid aside.

Reid amend #1349 (Perfecting amendment) to the language proposed to be stricken by Reid amend #1347 (Perfecting amendment). Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amend #1350 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #1349 (Perfecting amendment). Laid aside.

Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act).

Reid Motion to Recommit the bill to Committee on Commerce with an amendment #1351 (Instructions). The yeas and nays were ordered on the Motion to Recommit. Laid aside.

Reid amend #1352 (Perfecting amendment). The yeas and nays were ordered on the amendment. Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amend #1353 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #1352 (Perfecting amendment). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following amendments en bloc: Cal. #187, Rand Beers, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary, Department of Homeland Security. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #189, Catherine Radford Zoi, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy, Efficiency, and Renewable Energy), Department of Energy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #190, William F. Brinkman, of New Jersey, to be Director of the Office of Science, Department of Energy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #191, Anne Castle, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #198, Howard K. Koh, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #199, Laurie I. Mikva, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 2010. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #200, Martha J. Kanter, of California, to be Under Secretary of Education. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #201, Jane Oates, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #202, Herbert M. Allison, Jr., of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. (New Position) Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #210, Jeffrey D. Zients, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #211, Andrew J. Shapiro, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), Department of State. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #212, Eric P. Schwartz, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration). Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #213, Bonnie D. Jenkins, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as Coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #216, Eric P. Goosby, of California, to be Ambassador at Large and Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #220, Zachary J. Lemnios, of Massachusetts, to be Director of Defense Research and Engineering. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #221, Jamie Michael Morin, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #222, Col. James Carroll to be Brigadier General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #223, Maj. Gen. William Lord to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #224, The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12212:

To be Major General
Brigadier General James W. Kwiatkowski
Brigadier General Jeffrey S. Lawson
Brigadier General Deborah S. Rose
Brigadier General Edwin A. Vincent, Jr.

To be Brigadier General
Colonel Stephen M. Atkinson

Colonel Paul L. Ayers
Colonel Daniel S.V. Bader
Colonel Daryl L. Bohac
Colonel Joseph J. Brandemuehl
Colonel Timothy T. Dearing
Colonel Sharon S. Dieffenderfer
Colonel Jonathan S. Flaugher
Colonel Robert M. Ginnetti
Colonel Johnathan H. Groff
Colonel James D. Hill
Colonel Zane R. Johnson
Colonel Joseph K. Kim
Colonel Keith I. Lang
Colonel Robert W. Lovell
Colonel John P. McGoff
Colonel Gunther H. Neumann
Colonel Paul A. Pocopanni, Jr.
Colonel Christopher A. Pope
Colonel Carolyn J. Protzmann
Colonel Carlos E. Rodriguez
Colonel Jose J. Salinas
Colonel Wayne M. Shanks
Colonel William H. Shawver, Jr.
Colonel James C. Witham
Colonel Sallie K. Worcester
Colonel Wanda A. Wright
Colonel Wayne A. Wright

All confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #225, Gen. Carrol H. Chandler to be General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #226, The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be Brigadier General
Colonel Steven J. Arquette
Colonel Robert J. Beletic
Colonel Scott A. Bethel
Colonel Charles Q. Brown, Jr.
Colonel Scott D. Chambers
Colonel Cary C. Chun
Colonel Richard M. Clark
Colonel Dwyer L. Dennis
Colonel Steven J. DePalmer
Colonel Ian R. Dickinson
Colonel Mark C. Dillon
Colonel Scott P. Goodwin
Colonel Morris E. Haase
Colonel James E. Haywood

Colonel Paul T. Johnson
Colonel Randy A. Kee
Colonel Jim H. Keffer
Colonel Jeffrey B. Kendall
Colonel Michael J. Kingsley
Colonel Steven L. Kwast
Colonel Lee K. Levy, II
Colonel Jerry P. Martinez
Colonel Jimmy E. McMillian
Colonel Andrew M. Mueller
Colonel Eden J. Murrie
Colonel Terrence J. O'Shaughnessy
Colonel David E. Petersen
Colonel Timothy M. Ray
Colonel John W. Raymond
Colonel John N. T. Shanahan
Colonel John D. Stauffer
Colonel Michael S. Stough
Colonel Marshall B. Webb
Colonel Robert E. Wheeler
Colonel Martin Whelan
Colonel Kenneth S. Wilsbach

All confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #227, Maj. Gen. Gilmory M. Hostage, III to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force.

Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #228, Lt. Gen. Glenn F. Spears to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #229, Brig. Gen. Douglas J. Robb to be Major General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #230, Maj. Gen. Dennis L Via to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #231, The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203:

To be Major General

Brigadier General Harold G. Bunch
Brigadier General Stuart M. Dyer
Brigadier General Glenn J. Lesniak
Brigadier General Charles D. Luckey
Brigadier General Jeffrey W. Talley
Brigadier General Luis R. Visot

To be Brigadier General

Colonel Mark C. Arnold
Colonel Lawrence W. Brock, III
Colonel Dwayne R. Edwards
Colonel Steven J. Feldmann

Colonel Fernando Fernandez
Colonel Jonathan G. Ives
Colonel Bud R. Jameson, Jr.
Colonel Bryan R. Kelly
Colonel Jon D. Lee
Colonel Mark T. McQueen
Colonel Therese M. O'Brien
Colonel Lucas N. Polakowski
Colonel Peter T. Quinn
Colonel Robert L. Walter, Jr.
Colonel James T. Williams

All confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #232, Lt. Gen. David M. Rodriguez to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #233, Maj. Gen. Robert W. Cone to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #234, Rear Adm. Kathleen Dussault and Rear Adm. Mark Heinrich to be Rear Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #235, Rear Adm. (lh) Janice Hamby to be Rear Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #236, Rear Adm. (lh) Steven Eastburg to be Rear Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #237, Rear Adm. (lh) Thomas Meek to be Rear Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #238, Rear Adm (lh) Joseph Campbell and Rear Adm. (lh) John Orzalli to be Rear Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #239, The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be Rear Admiral

Rear Adm. (lh) Townsend G. Alexander

Rear Adm. (lh) David H. Buss

Rear Adm. (lh) Kendall L. Card

Rear Adm. (lh) Nevin P. Carr, Jr.

Rear Adm. (lh) John N. Christenson

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael J. Connor

Rear Adm. (lh) Kenneth E. Floyd

Rear Adm. (lh) William D. French

Rear Adm. (lh) Philip H. Greene

Rear Adm. (lh) Bruce E. Grooms

Rear Adm. (lh) Edward S. Hebner

Rear Adm. (lh) Michelle J. Howard

Rear Adm. (lh) William E. Shannon, III

Rear Adm. (lh) Charles E. Smith

Rear Adm. (lh) Scott H. Swift

Rear Adm. (lh) David M. Thomas

Rear Adm. (lh) Kurt W. Tidd

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael P. Tillotson
Rear Adm. (lh) Mark A. Vance
Rear Adm. (lh) Edward G. Winters, III

All confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #240, Rear Adm (lh) Michael Braodway to be Rear Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #241, Rear Adm. (lh) Sean Crean to be Rear Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #242, The following named officers for appointment in the United States Navy Reserve to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be Rear Admiral
Rear Adm. (lh) Patrick E. McGrath
Rear Adm. (lh) John G. Messerschmidt
Rear Adm. (lh) Michael M. Shatynski

All confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #243, Ca]. Ron MacLaren to be Rear Admiral (lower Half) in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #244, Capt. Robin Graf to be Rear Admiral (lower half) in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #245, Capt. David Russell to be Rear Admiral (lower half) in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #246, Capt. Kurt Kunkel and Capt. Jonathan Yuan to be Rear Admiral (lower half) in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #247, Capt. Katherine Gregory and Capt. Kevin Slates to be Rear Admiral (lower half) in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #248, Vice Adm. Ann Rondeau to be Vice Admiarl in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #249, Rear Adm. Joseph Kernan to be Vice Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #250, Lt. Gern. Richard Zilmer to be Lieutenant General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #253, Inez Moore Tenenbaum, of South Carolina, to be Chairman of the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Conformed by voice vote.

Cal. #254, Inez Moore Tenenbaum, of South Carolina, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years from October 27, 2006. Confirmed by voice vote.

All nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service and the Navy. All confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate returned to a Legislative Session.

S. 814 (Conveyance of a parcel of land in Miami/Dade county, Florida). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 182 (Recognizing the democratic accomplishments of the people of Albania). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 193 (support for Iranian citizens who embrace the values of freedom and civil rights etc.). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 196 (Sense of the Senate on freedom of the Press, freedom of speech and freedom of expression in Iran). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 197 (Congratulating the men and women of the National Archives and Records Administration on the occasion of their anniversary). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 198 (Observing the significance of "June-tenth Independence Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, June 22, 2009. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act). There will be a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Dorgan amend #1347 (Perfecting amendment).

The Senate adjourned at 3:41 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will proceed to S. Con. Res. 26 (Apologizing for the enslavement and racial segregation of African Americans). There will be one hour of debate prior to an expected voice vote on the adoption of the Concurrent Resolution. Upon disposition, the Senate will resume consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Con. Res. 26 (Apologizing for the enslavement and racial segregation of African Americans). The resolution was agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Bill). Motion to waive all applicable points of order under Rule 44 against the Conference Report. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to waive all applicable points of order under Rule 44 against the Conference Report was agreed to by a vote of **60-36**.

Conference Report to Accompany H. R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Bill). Yes and nays ordered on final passage of the Conference Report. The Conference Report was agreed to by a vote of **91-1**.

S. Res. 153 (Sense of Senate on the compensation for property seized during the Nazi and Communist eras). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 23 (Supporting the goals and objectives of the Prague Conference on the Holocaust era assets). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 192 (Sense of the Senate regarding supporting democracy and economic development in Mongolia and expanding relations between the US and Mongolia). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, June 19, 2009. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during Friday's Session. Work on the tourism bill will continue off of the Senate Floor.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume the Motion to Proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009). Reid said that if the Senate is required to use the full 30 hours of post-cloture debate time, the Senate would proceed to the bill at 6:15 PM. Reid expects to proceed to the consideration of the Supplemental Conference Report when it becomes available.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009). All post cloture time expired. Motion to Proceed is agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Bill). Reid motion to invoke cloture on the Conference Report.

H.R. 2344 (Amends Sec. 114, Title 17 of US Code). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2675 (Title 2 of Antitrust Criminal Penalties and Reform Act of 2004). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 813 (J. Herbert W. Small Federal Courthouse). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 837 (Ronald H. Brown Federal Building naming). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 66 (Year of the Non-Commissioned Officer Corp of the US Army). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent).

S. Res. 188 (Congratulating LA Lakers for winning 2009 NBA Championship). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1285 (Detainee Photograph Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #97 (Hilary Tompkins to be Solicitor General of the Department of Interior). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM on Thursday, June 18, 2009 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will proceed to S. Con. Res. 26 (Apologizing for the enslavement and racial segregation of African Americans). There will be one hour of debate prior to an expected voice vote on the adoption of the Concurrent Resolution. Upon disposition, the Senate will resume consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 7:38 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 and be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009). The Senate is expected to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009) as early as 11:45 AM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion on the Motion to Proceed is agreed to by a vote of 90-3.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009).

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

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009).

S. Res. 186 (Condemning the murder of Army reservists in 2009). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Reid asked consent that the Injunction be removed from the Senate on June 16, 2009 protocol amending the tax convention of New England, treaty document number 111-3, that the treaty be considered as read for the first time and be submitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The motion was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, June 17 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume the Motion to Proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009). Reid said that if the Senate is required to use the full 30 hours of post-cloture debate time, the Senate would proceed to the bill at 6:15 PM. Reid expects to proceed to the consideration of the Supplemental Conference Report when it becomes available.

The Senate adjourned at 6:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2009

The Senate will convene at 1:45 PM and will be in a period of morning business. On Tuesday, June 16, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009) prior to the Tuesday party lunches.

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

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 and be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009). The Senate is expected to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009) as early as 11:45 AM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 4:31 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Morning Business until 2:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on passage of the bill.

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

The following were considered en bloc:

S. 1232 (Amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and it was placed on the Senate Calendar.

H. R. 2751 (Accelerate motor fuel savings nationwide and provide incentives to registered owners of high-polluting automobiles). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and it was placed on the Senate Calendar.

The Senate continued with Morning Business.

H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). Final passage. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by a vote of 79-17.

Sen. Reid announced that the next vote will occur on Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Sen. Bingaman motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal #97, Hilary C. Tompkins to be Solicitor of the Department of the Interior and confirm the nomination was objected to by Sen. Cornyn.

S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009). Motion to proceed to the bill. Sen. Reid filed the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed. Sen. Reid announced the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the bill after Morning Business on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

S. Res. 183 (Founder of Habitat for Humanity). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 184 (Honoring Steven T. Jones and speaking out against bigotry and hatred). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 1:45 PM on Monday, June 15 and will be in a period of morning business. On Tuesday, June 16, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act of 2009) prior to the Tuesday party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). At approximately 11:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

S. Res. 181 (National Pipeline Safety Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

Lieberman amend #1256 (Regarding federal employees retirement). Withdrawn.

Dodd amend #1247 (In Nature of a Substitute). Agreed to by voice vote.

Motion to invoke cloture on **H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation)**. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of **67-30**.

S. 407 (Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S 1232 (Amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act with respect to the importation of prescription drugs). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

S. 2751 (Accelerate motor fuel savings nationwide and provide incentives to registered owners of high-polluting automobiles). 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 Thursday, June 11, 2009. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business until 2:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on passage of the bill.

The Senate adjourned at 7:17 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Burr 2nd degree amend #1256 (In Nature of a Substitute) to Dodd Amend #1247 (Substitute Amendment).

H.R. 31 (Lumbee Recognition Act). The bill was read for the second time. Further proceedings on the bill were objected to.

H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

Dodd amend #1247 (Substitute Amendment).

The vote on the Burr 2nd degree amend #1256 (In Nature of a Substitute) to Dodd Amend #1247 (Substitute Amendment) will occur at 4:20 PM.

Sen. Leahy announced the confirmation hearing on the nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to be Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court will be July 13, 2009.

H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

Dodd amend #1247 (Substitute Amendment).

The Senate recessed from 12:34-2:15PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM.

H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

Dodd amend #1247 (Substitute Amendment).

Burr 2nd degree amend #1256 (In the Nature of a Substitute) to Dodd amend #1247 (Substitute Amendment). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **36-60**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

H. J. Res. 40 (Honors the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the US). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 176 (Sense of the Senate of the US policy during the political transition in Zimbabwe). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 177 (10th Anniversary of the International Labor Organization's unanimous adoption of Convention 182). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 178 (Olympic Day on June 23, 2009 and encouraging the Olympic Committee to select Chicago for 2016 Olympic Games). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 179 (Congratulating the American Society of Mechanical Engineers on 125 years of codes and standards development). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 180 (Authorizing testimony and legal representation in U.S. vs. Edward Bloomer, et al.). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

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. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). At approximately 11:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

The Senate adjourned at 7:38 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with Morning Business until 5:30 PM. The Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Dodd amendment #1247 (Substitute Amendment) to H. R. 1256 FDA Tobacco Regulation).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

Dodd Amend #1247 (Substitute Amendment). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **61-30**.

S. 256 (Combat Methamphetamine Enhancement Act of 2009). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 109 (Race for the Cure Anniversary). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 142 (National Day of the American Cowboy). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 171 (Democratic Change in China). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 172 (National Aghesa Awareness Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 31 (Lumbee Recognition Act). The bill was read for the first time. Further proceedings on the bill were objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 9 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Burr 2nd degree amend #1256 (In Nature of a Substitute) to Dodd Amend #1247 (Substitute Amendment).

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 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 H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). Votes are expected during the day.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

Dodd amend #1247 (In Nature of a Substitute). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered as original text. Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion on the amendment.

H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion on the bill.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

168, David Heyman to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 168 (Commending the University of Washington Women's Softball Team for winning the College World Series). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, June 8, 2009. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business until 5:30 PM. The Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Dodd amendment #1247 (Substitute Amendment) to H. R. 1256 FDA Tobacco Regulation).

The Senate adjourned at 6:35 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). Under a Unanimous Consent agreement, all time during adjournment, recess or morning business will count toward post-cloture time.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). The motion to proceed to the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

Dodd amend #1247 (In Nature of a Substitute). Laid aside.

Burr 2nd degree amend #1246 (In Nature of a Substitute) to Dodd amend #1247 (In Nature of a Substitute). Laid aside.

The Senate recessed from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

Burr 2nd degree amend #1246 (In Nature of a Substitute) to Dodd amend #1247 (In Nature of a Substitute). Laid aside.

Lieberman 2nd degree amend #1256 to Dodd amend #1247 (In Nature of a Substitute).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, June 4 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). Votes are expected throughout the day.

The Senate adjourned at 8:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then proceed to a Executive Session to vote on the nomination Cal. #63, Regina McCarthy to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. If an agreement is reached, the vote may be a voice vote. Upon dispensation of the nomination, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses.

Bingaman unanimous consent request to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Hillary Chandler to be Solicitor of the Interior Department. McConnell objected.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #63, Regina McCarthy to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the **Motion to Proceed to H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation)**. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of **84-11**.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

The Senate recessed for party caucuses.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 137 (75th Anniversary of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 139 (20th Anniversary of the end of the Communist Rule in Poland). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 157 (Bread for the World 35th Anniversary). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 166 (Authorizing the Printing of the Rules of the Committees of the Senate). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 165 (2009 as the Year of the Military Family). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, June 3, 2009 and will proceed to a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). Under a Unanimous Consent agreement, all time during adjournment, recess or morning business will count toward post-cloture time.

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then proceed to the Motion to Proceed to S. 146 (Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009). There will be no Roll Call votes during Monday's session. The Senate will then next meet on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 and will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #63, the nomination of Regina McCarthy to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and immediately proceed to a vote on the nomination at 2:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to the Motion to Proceed to the consideration of S. 146 (Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009) and vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 146 (Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009). Sen. Reid vitiated the pending order to the bill. Sen. Reid withdrew the Cloture Motion to the bill.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #139, Susan Burk to be Special Representative of the President, with the rank of Ambassador. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 2, 2009. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then proceed to a Executive Session to vote on the nomination Cal. #63, Regina McCarthy to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. If an agreement is reached, the vote may be a voice vote. Upon dispensation of the nomination, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 1256 (FDA Tobacco Regulation). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses.

The Senate recessed at 6:00 PM.