

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009). At 10:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on **H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009)**. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of **94-1**.

H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009).

DeMint amend #1138 (strike provisions relating to increased funding for the IMF). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **30-64**.

Reid motion to strike all amendments pending to the bill as not germane to the bill except for the following was agreed to by voice vote:

Leahy amend #1191 (Provide for consultation and reports to Congress regarding the International Monetary Fund.). Agreed to by voice vote

Brown amend #1161 (Require the United States Executive Director of the IMF to oppose loans and other programs of the Fund that do not exempt certain spending by the governments of heavily indebted poor countries from certain budget caps and restraints). Agreed to voice vote.

Corker amend #1173 (Provide for the development of objectives for the United States with respect to Afghanistan and Pakistan.). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cochran amend #1179 (Ensure that civilian personnel assigned to serve in Afghanistan receive civilian-military coordination training that focuses on counterinsurgency and stability operations). Agreed to by voice vote.

McCain amend #1188 (Make available from funds appropriated by title XI an additional \$42,500,000 for assistance for Georgia). Agreed to by voice vote.

Lieberman amend #1157 (Provide that certain photographic records relating to the treatment of any individual engaged, captured, or detained after September 11, 2001, by the Armed Forces of the United States in operations outside the United States shall not be subject to disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code, commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

Lincoln amend #1181 (Amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to the extension of certain limitations). Agreed to by voice vote.

Hutchinson amend #1176 (Amend the provision relating to certain assistance direct loan program account). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009). The bill was read a third time as amended. The yeas and nays were ordered. The bill was passed by a vote of **86-3**.

The motion to request a Conference with the House was agreed to by voice vote. The following Conferees were appointed: Senators Inouye, Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Dorgan, Feinstein, Durbin, Johnson, Landrieu, Reed of Rhode Island, Lautenberg, Nelson of

Nebraska, Pryor, Tester, Specter, Cochran, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, Bennett of Utah, Hutchison, Brownback, Alexander and Collins.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Cal.#67, Cameron F.I. Kerry to be General Counsel of the Department of Commerce. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #144, Michael Connor to be Commissioner of Reclamation. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #153, Maj. Gen. Charles B. Green to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #160, Lt. Gen. Joseph Dunford to be Lieutenant General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #162, Philip Crowley to be an Assistant Secretary of State. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #163, Daniel Benjamin to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #164, Priscilla Guthrie to be Chief Information Officer, Office of the Director of National Intelligence. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #166, Florence Pan to be an Associate Judge of the Superior of the District of Columbia. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #171, Rebecca Blank to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #172, John Porcari to be Deputy secretary of Transportation. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #173, J. Randolph Babbitt to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #174, Aneesh Chopra to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #175, Judith McHale to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #176, Robert Blake to be a Career member of the Senior Foreign Service. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #177, Seth Harris to be Deputy Secretary of Labor. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #178, Linda Puchala to be a Member of the National Mediation Board. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #179, Linda Puchala to be member of the National Mediation Board. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #180, John Easton to be Director of the Institute of Education Science, Department of Education. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #181, Henriquez. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #182, Rogoff. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #183, Barr. Confirmed by voice vote.

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

S. Con. Res. 19 (Expressing the sense of Congress that the Shi'ite Personal Status Law in Afghanistan violates the fundamental human rights of women and should be repealed). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

H. R. 663 (Designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the "Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building"). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 918 (Designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building"). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 1284 (Designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office"). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 1585 (FIT Kids Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 160 (Condemning certain acts of the Burmese state). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 161 (Recognizing June 2009 as the "National H. H. T. Month"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 162 (Recognizing the Langston Golf Course for its contributions to African American golf history). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 163 (Sense of the Senate with respect to childhood stroke). Agreed to by Voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 123 (Providing for conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and the Senate). Agreed to by voice vote.

Motion to Proceed to S. 146 (Railroad Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009). Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the motion to proceed. He then withdrew the Motion to Proceed.

Motion to proceed to H. R. 1256 (Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act). Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the motion to proceed. He then withdrew the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate will convene on Monday, June 1 at 2:00 PM. There 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 adjourned at 9:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 20 and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009). There will be two hours of debate on Inouye amend #1133 (prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the U.S.), followed by a vote on the amendment around 11:30 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act 2009).

Inouye amend #1133 (Prohibit funding to transfer, release, or incarcerate detainees detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the U.S.). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 90-6.

Chambliss amend #1144 (Limiting the immigration rights of individuals detained at Guantanamo Bay). Laid aside.

Isackson amend #1164 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the application of the homebuyer credit). Laid aside.

Brownback amend #1140 (Express the sense of the Senate on consultation with State and local governments in the transfer to U.S. of detainees at Guantanamo Bay) as modified. Laid aside.

Corker amend #1173 (Provide for the development of objectives for the U.S. with respect to Afghanistan and Pakistan). Laid aside.

Lieberman amend #1156 (Increase the authorized end strength for active duty personnel of the Army). Laid aside.

Graham amend #1157 (Provide that certain photographic records relating to the treatment of Guantanamo Bay detainees shall not be subject to disclosure). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #1147 (Prohibit funds made available for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to be made available to any person that has engaged in activities with respect to Iran). Laid aside.

Brown amend #1161 (Require the United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund to oppose loans and other programs the Fund that do not exempt certain spending by the governments of heavily indebted poor countries). Laid aside.

McCain amend #1188 (Restore assistance to the Republic of Georgia). Laid aside.

Lincoln amend #1181 (Amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act). Laid aside.

Risch amend #1143 (To appropriate with an offset an additional \$2,000,000,000 for National Guard and Reserve Equipment). Laid aside.

Kaufman amend #1179 (To ensure that civilian personnel assigned to serve in Afghanistan receive civilian-military coordination training that focuses on counterinsurgency and stability operations), as modified. Laid aside.

McConnell amend #1136 (Limit the release of detainees of Guantanamo Bay), as modified.

Durbin amend #1199 (). Withdrawn by Sen. Durbin.

Conference Report to Accompany S. 454 (Weapons Systems Acquisitions Reform Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The conference report was adopted by a vote of **95-0**.

H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act 2009).

McConnell amend #1136 (Limit the release of detainees of Guantanamo Bay), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **92-3**.

Brownback amend #1140 (Express the sense of the Senate on consultation with State and local governments in the transfer to U.S. of detainees at Guantanamo Bay), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **94-0**.

Leahy amend #1191 (To provide for consultation and reports to Congress regarding the International Monetary Fund). Laid aside.

Hutchison amend #1189 (To protect auto dealers). Laid aside.

Merkley amend #1185 (To express the sense of the Senate on the use by the Dept. of Defense of funds in the Act for operations in Iraq in a manner consistent with the US-Iraq Status of Forces Agreement). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #1138 (To strike the provisions relating to increased funding for the International Monetary Fund). Laid aside.

Bennet amend #1167 (To require the exclusion of combat pay from income for purposes of determining eligibility for child nutrition programs and the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children). Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amend #1201 () to Bennet amend #1167 (To require the exclusion of combat pay from income for purposes of determining eligibility for child nutrition programs and the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #31 (David Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior).

Cal. #108 (Ines Triay to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy).

Confirmed en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 614 (Women Service Air Force Pilots). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 151 (National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009). At 10:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture H.R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2009).

The Senate adjourned at 8:21 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Dodd-Shelby Substitute amendment to H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). If cloture is invoked, the Senate will dispose of any germane amendments, yield back all post-cloture time, agree to the Substitute amendment, and will proceed to a vote on the final passage of H.R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). Upon disposition of H. R. 627, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #29, Gary Gensler to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for 60 minutes of debate. The Senate will vote on the Gensler nomination at 2:15 PM. If the nomination is confirmed, the Senate will immediately confirm Cal. #30, Gary Gensler to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. It is possible the Senate may proceed to the consideration of the Iraq and Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Bill at some point this afternoon.

H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

The Manager's Amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Dodd-Shelby amend #1058 (In Nature of a Substitute). The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **94-2**.

Dodd Point of Order that all pending amendments to the bill are not germane. The Point of Order was sustained and all pending amendments fall.

Dodd-Shelby amend #1058 (In Nature of a Substitute), as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). The bill was read a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill as amended was agreed to by a vote of **90-5**.

Sen. Dodd motion that the Senate proceed to a Message from the House to accompany **S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes Act of 2009)** and that the Senate agree to the House Message as long as the House amendment is identical to the text which is held at the Desk and that if the text is not identical, than the order is null and void. The motion was agreed to voice vote.

Sen. Dodd announced that the debate on the nomination of Cal. #30, Gary Gensler to be Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission will occur after the 2:15 PM vote on the nomination.

S. Res. 152 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

At 1:20 PM, the Senate recessed for party caucuses.

At 2:15 PM, the Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Executive Session.

Cal. #30, Gary Gensler to be Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **88-6**.

H. R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009).

Inouye amend #1131 (Provide for a complete substitute). Agreed to by voice vote.

Inouye amend #1133 (Regarding the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility). Laid aside.

McConnell amend #1136 (Limit the release of detainees of Guantanamo Bay). Laid aside.

Inouye amend #1137 (making a correction to the bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

McConnell amend #1136 (Limit the release of detainees of Guantanamo Bay). Laid aside.

Cornyn amend #1139 (express sense of the Senate that the interrogators, attorneys, and lawmakers who tried to protect the U.S. should not be prosecuted). Laid aside.

Brownback amend #1140 (express sense of the Senate about the transfer to the U.S. detainees at Guantanamo Bay).

Reid filed cloture on **H. R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009)**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations en bloc by voice vote:

Cal. #94 (Kristina Johnson to be Undersecretary of Energy).

Cal. #95 (Steven Koonin to be Undersecretary for Science, Department of Energy).

Cal. #98 (Scott Harris to be General Counsel to the Department of Energy).

Cal. #152 (Larry Hawk to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 20 and will immediately resume consideration of **H. R. 2346 (Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2009)**. There will be two hours of debate on Inouye amend #1133 (Regarding the Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility), followed by a vote on the amendment around 11:30 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business. There will be no votes until Tuesday, May 19. At 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 19, the Senate will proceed to vote on cloture on the Dodd-Shelby Substitute amendment to H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). If cloture is invoked, the Senate will proceed to any pending germane amendments and upon disposition of those amendments, all post-cloture time will be yielded back, the Substitute amendment will be agreed to, and the Senate will proceed to vote on final passage of H.R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The following Executive Calendar Nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #134, Neal S. Wolin to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #135, John Sepulveda to be an Assistant Secretary of the Veterans Affairs. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #136, Jose Riojas to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #137, William Gunn to be Gernal, Department of Veterans Affairs. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #138, Roger Baker to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #141, Rhea Suh to be an Assistant Secretary of the interior. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #142, David Sandalow to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #143, Daniel Poneman to be Deputy Secretary of Energy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #145, Margaret Hamburg to be Commissioner of Food and Drug, Department of Health and Human Services. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #146, Robert Work to be Under Secretary of the navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #147, Raymond Mabus, Jr. to be Secretary of the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #148, Thomas Lamont to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #149, Paul Stockton to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #150, Andrew Weber to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #151, Charles Bloanchard to be General Counsel of the Department of Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Dodd-Shelby Substitute amendment to H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). If cloture is invoked, the Senate will dispose of any germane amendments, yield back all post-cloture time, agree to the Substitute amendment, and will proceed to a vote on the final passage of H.R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). Upon disposition of H. R. 627, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #29, Gary Gensler to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures

Trading Commission for 60 minutes of debate. The Senate will vote on the Gensler nomination at 2:15 PM. If the nomination is confirmed, the Senate will immediately confirm Cal. #30, Gary Gensler to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. It is possible the Senate may proceed to the consideration of the Iraq and Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Bill at some point Tuesday afternoon.

The Senate adjourned at 6:14 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

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 H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

Dodd amend #1058 (Provide for a complete substitute). For the purposes of this bill, the substitute amendment will be considered as original text.

Lincoln 2nd degree amend #1126 (Amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to the extension of certain limitations) to Collins amend #1107 (Address criminal and fraudulent monetary transfers using stored value cards and other electronic devices). Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #1079 (End abuse, promote disclosure, and provide protections to small businesses that rely on credit cards). Laid aside.

Lincoln 2nd degree amend #1126 (Amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to the extension of certain limitations) to Collins amend #1107 (Address criminal and fraudulent monetary transfers using stored value cards and other electronic devices). Laid aside.

Reid unanimous consent request that no further amendments be in order except a manager's amendment, that on Tuesday, May 19 at 10:00 AM the Senate will proceed to vote on cloture on the Dodd-Shelby Substitute amendment, that if cloture is invoked, the Senate proceed to any pending germane amendments and upon disposition of those amendments, all post-cloture time be yielded back, the Substitute amendment be agreed to, the bill be read a third time and the Senate proceed to vote on final passage of H.R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). The unanimous consent request was agreed to by voice vote.

Reid motion to lay before the Senate a message from the House with respect to S. 386 (The Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act). Reid unanimous consent request the Senate concur in the House amendment with the amendment which is at the desk, and that the Senate then concur in the Title amendment. The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Reid motion to lay before the Senate a message from the House on S. 454 (DoD Acquisition of Major Weapons Systems). Reid unanimous consent request that the Senate disagree to the House amendment and agree to the request for a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and that the chair be authorized to appoint conferees and the Senate Armed Services Committee be appointed as conferees. The motions were agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations en bloc by voice vote:

Cal. #40 (Philip Gordon to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs).

Cal. #85 (Fred Hochberg to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 149 (World Press Freedom Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 150 (Commemorating lives of police officers from Washington State who have lost their lives).

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 18 and will be in a period of morning business. There will be no votes until Tuesday, May 19. At 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 19, the Senate will proceed to vote on cloture on the Dodd-Shelby Substitute amendment to H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). If cloture is invoked, the Senate will proceed to any pending germane amendments and upon disposition of those amendments, all post-cloture time will be yielded back, the Substitute amendment will be agreed to, and the Senate will proceed to vote on final passage of H.R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately proceed to Executive Session. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will vote on motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David J. Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. The Senate will recess from 12:30-1:30 PM for a Democratic Caucus.

The Senate convened and proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #31, David Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior. Motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion is not invoked by a vote of 57-39.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

Dodd amend #1058 (Provide for a complete substitute). For the purposes of this bill, the substitute amendment will be considered as original text.

The Senate recessed from 12:30-1:30 PM for a Democratic Caucus.

The Senate convened at 1:30 PM and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

Dodd amend #1058 (Provide for a complete substitute). For the purposes of this bill, the substitute amendment will be considered as original text.

Isakson 2nd degree amend #1104 (require Comptroller General to conduct a study on the relationship between fluency in the English language and financial literacy) to Gillibrand amend #1084 (require reporting agencies to provide free credit reports in the native language of certain non-English speaking consumers). Agreed to by voice vote.

Gillibrand amend #1084 (require reporting agencies to provide free credit reports in the native language of certain non-English speaking consumers) as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

Reid unanimous consent request that when the Senate resumes consideration of the Sanders amendment #1062, there will be four minutes of debate prior to a vote on the amendment, that a Budget Act Point of Order will be considered against the amendment, and that Sen. Sanders will be recognized to waive the relevant sections of the Budget Act. Upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate will resume consideration of the Gregg amendment #1085 (Enhance public knowledge regarding the national debt) with two minutes of debate prior to a vote on the

amendment. Upon disposition of the Gregg amendment there will be two minutes of debate on the Vitter amendment #1066 (Acceptable forms of identification for the opening of credit card accounts) prior to a vote. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

Dodd unanimous consent request that Vitter amendment #1066 will be voted on before the Sanders amendment #1062. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

Vitter amend #1066 (Acceptable forms of identification for the opening of credit card accounts). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **28-65**.

Sanders amend #1062 (Credit usury rate). A Point of Order was made that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Sanders motion to waive the relevant sections of the Budget Act. The motion to waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **33-60**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Gregg amend #1085 (enhance public knowledge regarding the national debt). Sanders Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Gregg Motion to waive the relevant sections of the Budget Act. The motion to waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **59-35**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Landrieu amend #1079 (To end abuse, promote disclosure, and provide protections to small businesses that rely on credit cards). Laid aside.

Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the Dodd amend #1058 (Provide for a complete substitute). For the purposes of this bill, the substitute amendment will be considered as original text.

Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

Collins amend #1107 (Address criminal and fraudulent monetary transfers using stored value cards and other electronic devices). Laid aside.

H. Con. Res. 80 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall to commemorate a birthday). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 148 (Sense of the Senate that there is a critical need to increase research and education of cerebral cavernous malformations). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 14, 2009 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

The Senate adjourned at 6:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

Dodd amend #1058 (Provide for a complete substitute). For the purposes of this bill, the substitute amendment will be considered as original text.

Coburn amend #1067 (protect innocent Americans form violent crime in national parks and refuges). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #1068 (To protect innocent Americans from violent crime in national parks and refuges). Laid aside.

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

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

Dodd amend #1058 (Provide for a complete substitute). For the purposes of this bill, the substitute amendment will be considered as original text.

Coburn amend #1067 (protect innocent Americans form violent crime in national parks and refuges). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous Unanimous Consent order, the amendment is subject to a 60-vote threshold for passage. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 67-29.

Coburn amend #1068 (To protect innocent Americans from violent crime in national parks and refuges). Under a previous UC agreement, the amendment is withdrawn.

Gregg amend #1085 (To enhance public knowledge regarding the national debt by requiring the publication of the facts about the national debt on IRS instructions, Federal websites and in new legislation). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #1066 (To specify acceptable forms of identification for the opening of credit card accounts). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #1062 (To establish a national consumer credit usury rate). Laid aside.

Gillibrand amend #1084 (To amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to require reporting agencies to provide free credit reports in the native language of certain non-English speaking consumers). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc.

Tonsager (Agriculture)

Harden (Agriculture)

Shah (Agriculture)

Reed (Agriculture)

Confirmed en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

The following nominations were considered en bloc.

Cal. #79 (William Fugate to be Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the Department of Homeland Security).

Cal. #129 (Cynthia Giles to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency).

Cal. #130 (Mathy Stanislaus to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency).

Ca. #131 (Michelle DePass to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency).

Cal. #133 (John Morton to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security).

Confirmed en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

H. Con. Res. 38 (Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 121 (Endangered Species Day). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 143 (National MPS Awareness Day). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 144 (National Women's Health Week). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 145 (National Public Works Week). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 and will immediately proceed to Executive Session. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will vote on motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David J. Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. The Senate will recess from 12:30-1:30 PM for a Democratic Caucus.

The Senate adjourned at 7:36 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 3:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to H.R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). Once the bill is reported, the Dodd/Shelby substitute amendment will be offered and the cloture motion on the motion to proceed will be withdrawn. The next roll call vote is expected to occur on Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009).

Dodd amend #1058 (Provide for a complete substitute).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Reid unanimous consent request to proceed to the nomination of David J. Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior. Agreed to by voice vote.

Reid filed cloture on the nomination of David J. Hayes to be Deputy Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

The Senate proceeded with a legislative session.

S. Res. 140 (Commemorating officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 12 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 5:12 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 454 (Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009). Roll call votes are expected throughout the day.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 454 (Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009).

Murray amend #1052 (Require Secretary of Defense to look into the industrial base when considering the costs of weapons programs) as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #1057 (Financial management of weapons acquisitions). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 454 (Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009). Yeas and nays ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 93-0.

The Senate recessed from 12:45-1:45 PM to meet with the Presidents of Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The Senate reconvened at 1:45 PM.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nomination:

R. Gil Kerlikowske to be Director of the National Drug Control Policy. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 91-1.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

At 3:00 PM on Monday, May 13, 2009, the Senate will proceed to H.R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). Once the bill is reported, the Dodd/Shelby substitute amendment will be offered and the cloture motion on the motion to proceed will be withdrawn.

There will be no more roll call votes during today's session. The next roll call vote is expected to occur on Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 84 (Urging Canada to end commercial seal hunt). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 125 (National Train Day). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 138 (Honoring Concerns of Police Survivors). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate convened to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

- Cal. #110 (Michael Nacht to be Assistant Secretary of Defense of the US Air Force).**
- Cal. #111 (Elizabeth Lee King to be Assistant Secretary of Defense of the US Air Force).**
- Cal. #112 (Wallace Gregson to be Assistant Secretary of Defense of the US Air Force).**
- Cal. #113 (Col. Michael Miller to be Brig. General of the US Air Force).**
- Cal. #114 (Maj. Gen. Marc Rogers to be Lt. General of the US Air Force).**
- Cal. #115 (Maj. Gen. Thomas Owen to be Lt. General of the US Air Force).**
- Cal. #116 (Maj. Gen. Robert Allardice to be Lt. General of the US Air Force).**
- Cal. #117 (Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz to be Lt. General of the US Air Force).**
- Cal. #118 (Brig. Generals to be Major Generals of the US Air Force).**
- Cal. #119 (Maj. General Larry Spencer to be Lt. General of the US Air Force).**
- Cal. #120 (Adm. Johnathan Greenert to be Admiral of the US Navy).**
- Cal. #121 (Adm. Patrick Walsh to be Admiral of the US Navy).**
- Cal. #122 (Vice Admiral John Harvey, Jr. to be Admiral of the US Navy).**
- Cal. #123 (Vice Adm. Samuel Locklear, III to be Vice Adm. of the US Navy).**
- Cal. #124 (Rear Adm. Richard Hunt to be Vice Adm. of the US Navy).**
- Cal. #125 (Rear Adm. Mark Harnitckek to be Vice Adm. of the US Navy).**
- Cal. #126 (Capt. Mark Tidd to be Rear Admiral of the US Navy).**
- Cal. #127 (Brig. Generals to be Major Generals in the US Marine Corps).**
- Cal. #128 (Colonels to be Brig. Generals in the US Marine Corps).**

Confirmed en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 11, 2009 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM on Monday, May 13, 2009, the Senate will proceed to H.R. 627 (Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009). Once the bill is reported, the Dodd/Shelby substitute amendment will be offered and the cloture motion on the motion to proceed will be withdrawn. The next roll call vote is expected to occur on Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

The Senate adjourned at 5:24 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. There will be a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). The Senate will proceed to votes on the following amendments: Reed amend #1039 (Repeal the requirement of the Sec. of the Treasury to liquidate warrants upon repayment of obligations under the TARP), Boxer amend #1035 (Require notice to consumers when a mortgage loan has been sold, transferred, or assigned to a third party), Casey amend #1033 (Providing foreclosure prevention assistance to families threatened with foreclosure and permitting Statewide funding competition in minimum allocation States), Grassley amend #1020 ((Enhance the oversight authority of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to expenditures under the TARP), Coburn 2nd degree amend #1042 (Establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property) to Reed amend #1040 (Amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act), Reed amend #1040 (Amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act), Kerry amend #1036 (Protect the interests of bona fide tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property), Schumer amend #1031 (Establish a multifamily mortgage resolution program) and Grassley amend #1021 (Amend chapter 7 of title 31, United States Code, to provide the Comptroller General additional audit authorities relating to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System). The Senate will then proceed to third reading and a vote on final passage of the bill. Upon conclusion of consideration of S. 896, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 454 (Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes).

Dodd amend #1018 (In the nature of a complete substitute).

The following amendments were considered and agreed to en bloc:

Reed amend #1039 (Repeal the requirement of the Sec. of Treasury to liquidate warrants upon repayment of obligations under the TARP), as amended.

Boxer amend #1035 (Require notice to consumers when a mortgage loan has been sold, transferred or assigned to a third party).

Casey amend #1033 (Providing foreclosure prevention assistance to families threatened with foreclosure and permitting Statewide funding competition in minimum allocation States).

Grassley amend #1020 (Enhance the oversight authority of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to expenditures under the TARP).

Agreed to en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a series of roll call votes on the following amendments:

Kerry amend #1036 (Protect the interests of bona fide tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **57-39**.

Schumer amend #1031 (Establish a multifamily mortgage resolution program), as modified. Withdrawn by Sen. Schumer by Unanimous Consent.

Coburn 2nd degree amend #1042 (Establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property) to Reed amend #1040 (Amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act). Dodd point of order that the amendment violates Sec. 201 of the Concurrent Budget Resolution. Coburn motion to waive the Budget point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to waive is not agreed to by a vote of **50-46**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Reed amend #1040 (Amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act). The amendment was agreed to by Voice Vote.

Grassley amend #1021 (Amend chapter 7 of title 31, United States Code, to provide the Comptroller General additional audit authorities relating to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **95-1**.

Dodd amend #1018 (In the nature of a complete substitute). Under a Unanimous Consent agreement, the amendment is agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). The bill was read for a third time. **Final Passage**. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **91-5**.

S. 454 (Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009).

Collins amend #1045 (Apply uniform earned value management standards to reliably measure contract performance). Laid aside.

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

Inhofe amend #1044 (require a report on certain cost growth matters following termination of a major defense acquisition program for critical growth).

Chambliss amend #1053 (conflict of interest requirements applicable to contracts for systems engineering and technical assistance functions).

Coburn amend #1046 (require reports on the costs of major defense acquisition programs).

McCaskill amend #1051 (enhance the review of joint military requirements).

McCaskill amend #1050 (review by the Comptroller General of waivers of the requirement for competitive prototypes based by excessive cost).

McCaskill amend #1049 (specify certain inputs to the Joint Requirements Oversight Council from commanders of the combatant commands on joint military requirements).

Whitehouse amend #1047 (further improve the cost assessment procedures of the DoD).

Carper's amend #1048 (require assessments of technological maturity of critical technologies of major defense acquisition programs).

Bingaman amend #1055 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following amendments are the only remaining first-degree amendments in order:

Snowe amend #1056 (Small Business Contracting).

Thune amend (Weapons systems).

Coburn amend (Financial Management

Murray amend #1052 (National Security Objectives).

Chambliss amend #1054 (Regarding Made Buy).

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations en bloc by voice vote:

Cal. #80 (Ronald C. Sims, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development).

Cal. #85 (Fred P. Hochberg, of New York, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States).

Cal. #99 (Yvette Roubideaux, of Arizona, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services).

Cal. #100 (Ivan K. Fong, of Ohio, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security).

Cal. # 101 (Timothy W. Manning, of New Mexico, to be Deputy Administrator for National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security).

Cal. # 102 (Alan B. Krueger, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury).

Cal. # 103 (William V. Corr, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services,).

Cal. #104 (Demetrios J. Marantis, of the District of Columbia, to be a Deputy United States Trade

Representative, with the rank of Ambassador).

Cal. # 105 (Johnnie Carson, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs)).

Cal. # 106 (Ivo H. Daalder, of Virginia, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization).

Cal. #107(Luis C. de Baca, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with rank of Ambassador at Large).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Reid filed cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 627 (Credit Card Holders Bill of Rights).
Reid withdrew the motion.

S. Res. 132 (Commending people fighting floods in ND). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 133 (May 1st through May 2nd as National Physical Education Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 134 (Congratulation Charter Schools for their contributions to Education). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 135 (May 8th as Military Spouse Appreciation Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 7 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 454 (Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009). Roll call votes are expected throughout the day.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 and will resume consideration of S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). At 10:50 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on Corker amend #1019 (To address safe harbor for certain servicers). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes).

Dodd amend #1018 (In the nature of a complete substitute).

Corker amend #1019 (To address safe harbor for certain servicers). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **39-63**.

Kerry amend #1036 (To protect the interests of bona fide tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property). Laid aside.

Thune amend #1030 (Reduce the authorization level under the TARP). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the amendment at 2:17 PM.

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

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes).

Dodd amend #1018 (In the nature of a complete substitute).

Thune amend #1030 (Reduce the authorization level under the TARP). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **47-48**.

Boxer amend #1038 (Regarding the Public Private Investment Program and the Term Asset Loan Facility). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #1043 (Make perfecting changes). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #1026 (Prohibit the use of Troubled Asset Relief Program funds for the purchase of common stock). Laid aside.

Reed amend #1040 (Amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #1043 (Make perfecting changes). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 96-0, as modified.

Boxer amend #1038 (Regarding the Public Private Investment Program and the Term Asset Loan Facility). Agreed to by voice vote.

DeMint amend #1026 (Prohibit the use of Troubled Asset Relief Program funds for the purchase of common stock). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 36-59.

Kerry amend #1036 (Protect the interests of bona fide tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property), as modified. Laid aside.

Casey amend #1033 (Providing foreclosure prevention assistance to families threatened with foreclosure and permitting Statewide funding competition in minimum allocation States). Laid aside.

Coburn 2nd degree amend #1042 (Establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property) to Reed amend #1040 (Amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act). Laid aside.

Reed amend #1039 (Repeal the requirement of the Sec. of the Treasury to liquidate warrants upon repayment of obligations under the TARP), as modified. Laid aside.

Grassley amend #1020 (Enhance the oversight authority of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to expenditures under the TARP). Laid aside.

Grassley amend #1021 (Amend chapter 7 of title 31, United States Code, to provide the Comptroller General additional audit authorities relating to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System). Laid aside.

Boxer amend #1035 (Require notice to consumers when a mortgage loan has been sold, transferred, or assigned to a third party). Laid aside.

Schumer amend #1031 (Establish a multifamily mortgage resolution program), as modified. Laid aside.

Kerry amend #1036 (Protect the interests of bona fide tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property). Laid aside.

S. Res. 128 (Recognizing the significance of "Cinco de Mayo"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 129 (Commending the jockey, Melvin Burrell for his victory in the 135th Kentucky Derby). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 130 (Constitute the Majority party's membership on Committees). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 131 (). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 6, 2009. There will be a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). The Senate will proceed to votes on the following amendments: Reed amend #1039 (Repeal the requirement of the Sec. of the Treasury to liquidate warrants upon repayment of obligations under the TARP), Boxer amend #1035 (Require notice to consumers when a mortgage loan has been sold, transferred, or assigned to a third party), Casey amend #1033 (Providing foreclosure prevention assistance to families threatened with foreclosure and permitting Statewide funding competition in minimum allocation States), Grassley amend #1020 ((Enhance the oversight authority of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to expenditures under the TARP), Coburn 2nd degree amend #1042 (Establish a pilot program for the expedited disposal of Federal real property) to Reed amend #1040 (Amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act), Reed amend #1040 (Amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act), Kerry amend #1036 (Protect the interests of bona fide tenants in the case of any foreclosure on any dwelling or residential real property), Schumer amend #1031 (Establish a multifamily mortgage resolution program) and Grassley amend #1021 (Amend chapter 7 of title 31, United States Code, to provide the Comptroller General additional audit authorities relating to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System). The Senate will then proceed to third reading and a vote on final passage of the bill. Upon conclusion of consideration of S. 896, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 454 (Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009).

The Senate adjourned at 7:35 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). At 5:30 PM, there will be two votes on Vitter amend #1016 (Remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under TARP) and Vitter amend #1017 (Provide that the primary and foundational responsibility of the Federal Housing Administration shall be to safeguard and preserve the solvency of the Administration). Final passage of the bill is expected to occur on Tuesday, May 5.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes).

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Grassley amend #1020 (To enhance the oversight authority of the Comptroller General of the United States with respect to expenditures under TARP).

Grassley amend #1021 (To amend US Code to provide the Comptroller General additional audit authorities relating to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System).

Laid aside en bloc.

Vitter amend #1016 (Remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under TARP). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 39-53.

Vitter amend #1017 (Provide that the primary and foundational responsibility of the Federal Housing Administration shall be to safeguard and preserve the solvency of the Administration). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 36-56.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 126 (150th Anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Hawaii). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 and will resume consideration of S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). At 10:50 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on Corker amend #1019 (To address safe harbor for certain servicicers).

The Senate adjourned at 6:37 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). There will be no roll call votes today.

The Senate will convene and proceed to a legislative session.

S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes).

Reid unanimous consent request that all amendments be filed today, that upon disposition of the remaining amendments, the Substitute Amendment, as amended, be agreed to and the Senate proceed to a vote on final passage of S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). The unanimous consent request was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations en bloc: Cal. # 81 (Peter A. Kovar, of Maryland, to be an Assistant to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development).

Cal. #82 (John D. Trasvina, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development).

Cal. #83 277 Helen R. Kanovsky, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development).

Cal. # 84 (David S. Cohen, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury).

Cal. #86 (Russlynn Ali, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Department of Education).

Cal. # 87 (Carmel Martin, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education).

Cal. #88 (Charles P. Rose, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, Department of Education).

Cal. #90 (Brian Vincent Kennedy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor).

Cal. #91 (T. Michael Kerr, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor).

Cal. #92 (Gabriella Cecilia Gomez, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Department of Education).

Cal. # 93 (Thomasina Rogers, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 4 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 896 (Helping Families Save Their Homes). At 5:30 PM, there will be two votes on Vitter amend #1016 (Remove impediments to the repayment of funds received under TARP) and Vitter amend #1017 (Provide that the primary and foundational responsibility of the Federal Housing Administration shall be to safeguard and preserve the solvency of the Administration). Final passage of the bill is expected to occur on Tuesday, May 5.

The Senate adjourned at 2:40 PM.