

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2011

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The Senate adjourned at 10:00 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, May 27, 2011 for a Pro Forma Session. The Senate will then adjourn until 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 for a Pro Forma Session. The Senate will then adjourn until 10:30 AM on Friday, June 3, 2011. The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, June 6, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for 2 ½ hours. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Donald Verrilli Jr. to be Solicitor General of the United States. There will be one hour of debate followed by a 5:30 PM vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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The Senate adjourned at 9:30 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 990 (Legislative vehicle for the USA PATRIOT Act Extension). At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 990 (Legislative vehicle for the USA PATRIOT Act Extension).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 990 (Legislative vehicle for the USA PATRIOT Act Extension).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 990 (Legislative vehicle for the USA PATRIOT Act Extension). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of 79-18. Please note, under a previous unanimous consent agreement, the time post-cloture will be counted as if the vote had occurred at 1:00 AM on Thursday, May 26, 2011. If time is not yielded back, a vote on the Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 990 (Legislative vehicle for the USA PATRIOT Act Extension) would occur at 7:00 AM on Friday, May 27, 2011.

Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 990 (Legislative vehicle for the USA PATRIOT Act Extension).

S. 1082 (Additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958). Agreed to by voice vote.

Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 990 (Legislative vehicle for the USA PATRIOT Act Extension).

Paul amend #363 (To clarify that the authority to obtain information under the USA PATRIOT Act does not include authority to obtain certain firearms records). Reid Motion to Table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table is agreed to by a vote of 85-10. Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, the amendment is **withdrawn**.

Paul amend #365 (To limit suspicious activity reporting requirements to requests from law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes). Reid Motion to Table the amendment. Yeas and

nays ordered. **91-4.** Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, the amendment is **withdrawn.**

Under a previous order, Reid amend #348 (Of a perfecting nature) is withdrawn.

Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 990 (Legislative vehicle for the USA PATRIOT Act Extension). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur is agreed to by a vote of **72-23.**

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #118 (Donald Verrilli Jr. to be Solicitor General of the United States). Klobuchar Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 754 (Authorizes appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for Intelligence and intelligence related activities). The bill was read for a third time. The bill is passed by voice vote.

S. 627 (Establishes the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays). Committee amendments agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 4 (Sense of Congress that an appropriate site on Chaplain's Hill in Arlington National Cemetery should be provided for a memorial marker to honor the memory of the Jewish chaplains who died while on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 172 (Recognizing the importance of cancer research). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 203 (National Foster Care Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 204 (National Hunger Awareness Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1125 (Improves National security letters, the authorities under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes). The bill was read for a first time. Second reading was objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #49 (Jo Ann Rooney to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness).

Cal. #97 (Maj. Gen. David Goldfein to be Lt. General, U.S. Air Force).

Cal. #106 (Allison Hickey to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veteran Affairs).

Cal #107 (Steve Muro to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs).

Cal. #111 (Denise O'Donnell to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance).

Cal. #121 (Daniel Glaser to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Dept. of Treasury).

Cal. #122 (Wanda Felton to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the US).

Cal. #123 (Sean Mulvaney to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the US).

Cal. #124 (George Krol to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to be Republic of Uzbekistan).

Cal. #125 (Daniel Shapiro to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to Israel).

Cal. #126 (Henry Ensher to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to the People's Republic of Algeria).

Cal. #127 (Stuart Jones to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the US to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan).

Cal. #131 (Sim Farar to be a Member of the US Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy).

Cal. #132 (William Hybl to be a Member of the US Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy).

Cal. #133 (Cora Marrett to be Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation).

Cal. #134 (Martha Weinberg to be a member of the National Council on the Humanities).

Cal. #135 (Paula Duffy to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities).

Cal. #136 (Cathy Davidson to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities).

Cal. #137 (Constance Carroll to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities).

Cal. #138 (Albert Beveridge III to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities).

Cal. #139 (Clyde Terry to be a Member of the National Council on Disability).

Cal. #140 (Janice Lehrer-Stein to be a Member of the National Council on Disability).

Cal. #141 (Judith Ansley to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the US Institute of Peace for the remainder of the term expiring Sept. 19, 2011).

Cal. #142 (Judith Ansley to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the US Institute of Peace for a term of four years).

Cal. #143 (John Lancaster to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the US Institute of Peace for the remainder of the term expiring Sept. 19, 2011).).

Cal. #144 (John Lancaster to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the US Institute of Peace for a term of four years).

Cal. #146 (Michael Guest to be a Member of the National Security Education Board).

Cal. #147 (Ana Guzman to be a Member of the National Security Education Board).
Cal. #148 (Christopher Howard to be a member of the National Security Education Board).
Cal. #149 (Maj. Gen. Brooks Bash to be Lt. General, Air Force).
Cal. #150 (Col. David Deputy to be Brig. General, Air Force Reserves).
Cal. #151 (Brig. Generals to be Maj. Generals, Air National Guard).
Cal. #152 (Brig. Generals to be Maj. Generals, Air Force).
Cal. #153 (Rear Adm. David Buss to be Vice Admiral, Navy).
Cal. #154 (Col. David Buck to be Brig. General, Air Force).
Cal. #155 (Lt. Gen. Gilmary Hostage, III to be General, Air Force).
Cal. #156 (Maj. Gen. Mark Ramsay to be Lt. General, Air Force).
Cal. #157 (Col. Mark Palzer to be Brig. General, Army Reserves).
Cal. #158 (Brig. General Gerald Lang to be Major Gen., Army National Guard).
Cal. #159 (Col. Charles Bailey to be Brig. General, Army).
Cal. #160 (Brig. Gen. Omer Tooley, Jr to be Maj. General and Col. Brian Carpenter to be Brig. General, Army National Guard).
Cal. #161 (Cols. to be Brig. Generals, Marine Corps).
Cal. #162 (Maj. Gen. Richard Mills to be Lt. General, Marine Corps).
Cal. #163 (Lt. Gen. George Flynn to be Lt. General, Marine Corps).
Cal. #164 (Lt. Gen. John Allen to be Lt. General, Marine Corps).
Cal. #165 (Maj. Gen. Steven Hummer to be Lt. General, Marine Forces Reserves).
Cal. #166 (Rear Adm. Kendall Card to be Vice Admiral, Navy).
Cal. #167 (Vice Adm. Robert Harward, Jr. to be Vice Admiral, Navy).
Cal. #168 (Vice Adm. Mark Harnitchek to be Vice Admiral, Navy).
All Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy and Public Health Service nominations at the desk with the exception of Kenny Altamarana, Timothy Anserio, Justin Plot, Randy Terres.
Agreed to en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

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The Senate adjourned at 8:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 and will proceed with one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 990 (Legislative vehicle for the USA Patriot Act Extension). The vote in the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur to the bill will occur at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 26, 2011 unless time is yielded back.

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

S. 1057 (Repeal the volumetric ethanol tax credit). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 990 (Legislative vehicle for the USA Patriot Act Extension).

Paul unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to his amendments number 363, 365, 368. Reid objected.

Motion to the Proceed to H. Con. Res. 34 (Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to proceed was not agreed to by a vote of 40 – 57.

Motion to proceed to S. Con. Res. 18 (concurrent resolution setting forth the President's budget request for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012, and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to proceed was not agreed to by a vote of 0-97.

Motion to proceed to S. Con. Res. 21 (Concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2021). This is commonly referred to as the "Cong. Toomey Budget." Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to proceed was not agreed to by a vote of 42-55.

Motion to proceed to S. Con. Res. 20 concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2012 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2013 through 2016). This is commonly referred to as the "Sen. Paul Budget." Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to proceed was not agreed to by a vote of 7-90.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

S. Con. Res. 13 (Honoring the service and sacrifices of members of the US Armed Services). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

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The Senate adjourned at 7:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume post-cloture debate on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1038 (PATRIOT Sunsets Extension Act of 2011). All time in adjournment will be counted toward post-cloture time. There will be a Joint Session of Congress at 11:00 AM with the Prime Minister of Israel, Binyamin Netanyahu. Senators will proceed from the Senate Chamber to the House of Representatives Chamber at 10:40 AM.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 1050 (Modifies the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978).

S. J. Res. 13 (Declaring that a state of war exists between the government of Libya and the government and people of the United States and making provisions to prosecute the same).

S. J. Res. 14 (Declaring that the President has exceeded his authority under the War Powers Resolution as it pertains to the ongoing military engagement in Libya).

The bills were read for a second time en bloc. Second readings were objected to en bloc and the bills were placed on the calendar.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1038 (PATRIOT Sunsets Extension Act of 2011). Motion to table the Motion to proceed to the bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to table the Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of 74-13-1.

House Message with respect to S. 990 (A bill to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958). Reid Motion to Concur with the House Message to S. 990 with an Reid amendment #347 (The USA Patriot Act). Yeas and nays ordered Reid amendment #347. Senator Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Concur with the House Message.

Reid Second Degree amend #348 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #347 (USA Patriot Act). Yeas and nays ordered.

Motion to refer the House Message to the Committee on Small Business. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #350 (Perfecting amendment) to the instructions to the Motion to refer the House Message. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid Second Degree amend #351 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #350 (Perfecting amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

HR 1893 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49 united states code to extend the airport improvement program). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 197 (Regarding "National Small Business Week"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 198 (Congratulating the Alaska Aces Hockey Team). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1057 (Repeal the volumetric ethanol tax credit). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 and will proceed with one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House Message to S. 990 (Legislative vehicle for the USA Patriot Act Extension). The vote in the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur to the bill will occur at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 26, 2011 unless time is yielded back.

The Senate adjourned at 7:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with Morning Business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1038 (PATRIOT Sunsets Extension Act of 2011). There will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill at 5:00 PM.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1038 (PATRIOT Sunsets Extension Act of 2011). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Cloture Motion on the Motion to Proceed is agreed to by a vote of 74-8.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 195 (150th Anniversary of the founding of Massachusetts Institute of Technology). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 1050 (Modifies the foreign surveillance act and suspicious activities reports to prevent unreasonable searches).

S. J. Res. 13 (Declaring that a state of war exists between the government of Libya and the government and people of the United States and making provisions to prosecute the same).

S. J. Res. 14 (Declaring that the President has exceeded his authority under the War Powers Resolution as it pertains to the ongoing military engagement in Libya).

The bills were read for a first time en bloc. Second readings were objected to en bloc and the bills were placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume post-cloture debate on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1038 (PATRIOT Sunsets Extension Act of 2011). All time in adjournment will be counted toward post-cloture time. There will be a Joint Session of Congress at 11:00 AM with the Prime Minister of Israel, Binyamin Netanyahu. Senators will proceed from the Senate Chamber to the House of Representatives Chamber at 10:40 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:02 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Goodwin Liu of California to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination of Goodwin Liu to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

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

S. 1022 (PATRIOT Sunsets Extension Act of 2011). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #80 (Goodwin Liu to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to invoke cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 53-43-1.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Motion to proceed to S. 1038 (Extend expiring provisions of the U.S.A. Patriot, Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 until June 1, 2015). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill. The vote on the Cloture Motion will occur at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 23, 2011.

S. 990 (Provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 184 (Recognizing the life and service of the distinguished former Senator Hubert Humphrey). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 192 (Designating May 21, 2011 as "National Kids to Parks Day"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 193 (Honoring the bicentennial for the City of Astoria). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 23, 2011. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business until 3:00 PM. . The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1038 (Extend expiring provisions of the U.S.A. Patriot, Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 until June 1, 2015). There will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill at 5:00 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will consider the Motion to Proceed to S. 953 (Offshore Production and Safety Act of 2011) for four hours of debate. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will conduct a roll call vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 953. The motion will require a 60 yeas vote threshold to pass.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 953 (Offshore Production and Safety Act of 2011). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed is not agreed to by a vote of 42-57.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #80 (Goodwin Liu of California to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 174 (Sense of the Senate that effective sharing of passenger information from inbound international incoming flight manifest). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 189 (Honoring and recognizing Harmon Killebrew). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 190 (100th Anniversary of the Indianapolis 500). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1022 (U.S.A. Patriot Act Reauthorization). The bill is read for the first time. Second reading is objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 19, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Goodwin Liu of California to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination of Goodwin Liu to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The Senate adjourned at 6:35 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with an Executive Session to consider Cal. #31, Susan Carney to be U. S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. There will be two hours of debate on the nomination, followed by a vote on confirmation at 12:00 Noon. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will consider the Motion to Proceed to S. 940 (Close Big Oil Tax Loopholes Act). There will be four hours of debate on the Motion to Proceed to the bill, followed by a vote on the motion with a 60 yea vote threshold. That vote should occur at approximately 6:15 PM. Further at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, the Senate will consider the Motion to Proceed to S. 953 (Authorize the conduct of certain lease sales in the outer Continental Shelf) for four hours of debate. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will conduct a roll call vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 953 with a 60 yea vote threshold.

The Senate convened and proceed with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 1231 (Amend the Outer Continent al Shelf Lands Act). The second reading was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #31 (Susan Carney to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **71-28**.

The Senate recessed from 12:47-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 940 (Close Big Oil Tax Loopholes Act). Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, the motion requires a 60 yea vote threshold to pass. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **52-48**. The motion was **withdrawn**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Reid filed cloture on the nomination of Goodwin Liu of California to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 186 (Honoring the 100th anniversary of the United States Army Field Artillery School). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 187 (Supporting National Minority Health Awareness). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will consider the Motion to Proceed to S. 953 (Offshore Production and Safety Act of 2011) for four hours of debate. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will conduct a roll call vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 953. The motion will require a 60 yea vote threshold to pass.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. On Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Susan Carney to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, followed by a vote on the nomination at 12:00 Noon.

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

The following bills were read considered en bloc:

H.R. 1229 (An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration was objected to and it was placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 990 (Additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration was objected to and it was placed on the Senate calendar.

The following bills were considered En Bloc:

S. 349 (Designate a facility of the U.S. Postal Service in Ohio). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 655 (Designate a facility of the U. S. Postal Service in Mississippi). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 793 (Designate a facility of the U. S. Postal Service in California). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 177 (Designating the week of May 15, 2011 as "National Public Works Week"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 1231 (Amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act). The first reading was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM Tuesday, May 17, 2011 and will proceed with an Executive Session to consider Cal. #31, Susan Carney to be U. S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. There will be two hours of debate on the nomination, followed by a vote on confirmation at 12:00 Noon. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will consider the Motion to Proceed to S. 940 (Close Big Oil Tax Loopholes Act). There will be four hours of debate on the Motion to Proceed to the bill, followed by a vote on the motion with a 60 yea vote threshold. That vote should occur at approximately 6:15 PM. Further at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, the Senate will consider the Motion to

Proceed to S. 953 (Authorize the conduct of certain lease sales in the outer Continental Shelf) for four hours of debate. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will conduct a roll call vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 953 with a 60 yea vote threshold.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 1:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Cal. #47, Michael Urbanski to be US District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. There will be one hour of debate on the nomination followed by a vote on confirmation.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #47 (Michael Urbanski to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Virginia). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **94-0**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 498 (Objective independent review of task and delivery orders). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 86 (Recognizing the Defense Intelligence Agency on its 50th Anniversary). Agreed to by voice vote.

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

S. Res. 181

S. Res. 182

S. Res. 183

H. Con. Res. 16 (Authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the greater Washington soapbox derby). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 46 (Authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service). Agreed to by voice vote.

Con. Res. 50 (Conditional Adjournment for the House of Representatives). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following bills were read for the first time en bloc:

H.R. 1229 (An act to amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act).

S. 990 (Additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act).

The bills were read for the first time en bloc. Further consideration of the bills were objected to en bloc.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 16, 2011 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. On Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Susan Carney to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, followed by a vote on the nomination at 12:00 Noon.

The Senate adjourned at 5:55 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 2:00 PM. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Arenda Allen to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will vote on Cal #44 (Arenda Allen to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia).

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #44 (Arenda Allen to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination as confirmed by a vote of **96-0**.

Sen. Reid announced that at 1:00 PM on Thursday, May 12, 2011, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of Cal. #47, Michael Urbanski to be US District Judge for the Western District of Virginia for one hour of debate and a vote on the nomination.

S. Res. 179 (Constitute the Minority Party's Members on certain committees for the 112th Congress). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 953 (Authorize the conduct of lease sales for certain lands). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 12, 2011. The Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 1:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Cal. #47, Michael Urbanski to be US District Judge for the Western District of Virginia. There will be one hour of debate on the nomination followed by a vote on confirmation.

The Senate adjourned at 3:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

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

Sen. Reid announced that at 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of Cal. #61, Edward Chen to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California for three hours of debate. A vote on the nomination will occur at 5:15 PM.

At 12:30 PM, the Senate recessed for party caucuses.

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

Cal. #61 (Edward Chen to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **56-42**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Con. Res. 16 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitors' Center for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Cay May Mayia). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 178 (Silver Star Service Banner Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 940 (Lowers the Federal Budget Deficit by closing Big Oil Tax Loopholes). The bill was read for the first time. Second reading was objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 2:00 PM. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Arenda Allen to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will vote on Cal #44 (Arenda Allen to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia).

The Senate adjourned at 6:06 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 9, 2011. Representative Dean Heller will be sworn-in as the Senator from the State of Nevada. The Senate will then proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #62, James Cole to be Deputy Attorney General. The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

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

Representative Dean Heller (R) was sworn-in as the Senator from the State of Nevada.

H.R. 3 (No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #62 (James Cole to be Deputy Attorney General). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **50-40**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 153 (25th Anniversary of Chernobyl). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The next roll call vote will occur Monday, May 9, 2011 at 5:30 PM and will be on a judicial nomination.

H. R 1213 (Repeal mandatory funding provided to states in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges). 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.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #62, James Cole to be Deputy Attorney General. Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Sen. Reid requested that at a time to be determined by Senate Leaders, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #61, Edward Chen to be US District Judge for the Northern District of California for three hours of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. The request was agreed to.

S. Res. 158 (congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 12th annual "National Charter Schools Week"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 166 (Commemorating May 8, 2011, as the 66th anniversary of V-E Day, the end of World War II in Europe). Agreed to by unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 167 (Recognizing the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo). Agreed to by unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 168 (Commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty). Agreed to by unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 169 (authorize testimony, documents and legal representation). Agreed to by unanimous Consent.

H. R. 38, (Rescind funds appropriated to the Health Insurance Reform Implementation Fund under the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 9, 2011. Representative Dean Heller will be sworn-in as the Senator from the State of Nevada. The Senate will then proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #62, James Cole to be Deputy Attorney General. The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 5:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:00 PM. At 12:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STER Reauthorization). If cloture is not invoked on the bill, the Senate will then proceed to the cloture vote on Cal. #75 (John J. McConnell, Jr. to be US District Judge for the District of Rhode Island).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STER Reauthorization). Motion to invoke cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **52-44**.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #75 (John J. McConnell, Jr. to be US District Judge for the District of Rhode Island). Motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of **63-33** with one Senator voting present.

Cal. #75 (John J. McConnell, Jr. to be US District Judge for the District of Rhode Island). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **50-44**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 151 (University of Minnesota Hockey Champions). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 164 (Recognizing the contributions of teachers in the United States). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1213 (To repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 5, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The next roll call vote will occur Monday, May 9, 2011 at 5:30 PM and will be on a judicial nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. There will be a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for party caucuses. Unless time is yielded back, two votes on Cloture Motions will occur at some time on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

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

Sen. Reid announced that the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 159 (Resolution honoring the members the military and intelligence community who carried out the mission that killed Osama bin Laden) at 2:15 PM for 75 minutes of debate followed by a vote on adoption at 3:30 PM.

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

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

S. Res. 159 (Resolution honoring the members the military and intelligence community who carried out the mission that killed Osama bin Laden). The resolution was agreed to by a vote of 97-0.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 160 (Military Spouse Appreciation Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 161 (National Inventors' Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:00 PM. At 12:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STER Reauthorization). If cloture is not invoked on the bill, the Senate will then proceed to Executive Session and the cloture vote on Cal. #75 (John J. McConnell, Jr. to be US District Judge for the District of Rhode Island).

The Senate adjourned at 4:59 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Cal. #74, Roy Dalton to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida and Cal. #76, Kevin Sharp to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. At 5:30 PM, Cal. #74, Roy Dalton will be confirmed and the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the confirmation of Cal. #76, Kevin Sharp.

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

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #74, Roy Dalton to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Cal. #76, Kevin Sharp to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 89-0.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer Reauthorization). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the bill. Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #75, John J. McConnell, Jr. to be US District Judge for the District of Rhode Island. Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Laid aside.

The Chair laid before the Senate a communication regarding the resignation of Senator John Ensign without objection. The letter will be printed in the Congressional Record.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 3, 2011. There will be a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for party caucuses. Unless time is yielded back, two votes on Cloture Motions will occur at some time on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.