

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. There will be one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar #95 (Srikanth Srinivasan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia) and vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 954 (Farm Bill) and proceed to a vote on the Sanders amend #965 (Permit states to require that any food, beverage, or other edible product offered for sale have a label on indicating that the food, beverage, or other edible product contains a genetically engineered ingredient) with a 60 yea vote threshold required for adoption.

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

The Senate agreed by unanimous consent that at 2:00 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation on the nomination of Srikanth Srinivasan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia.

S. 954 (Farm Bill).

Sanders amend #965 (Permit states to require that any food, beverage, or other edible product offered for sale have a label on indicating that the food, beverage, or other edible product contains a genetically engineered ingredient). 60-yea vote threshold required for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 27-71.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Calendar #95 (Srikanth Srinivasan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia). Yeas and nays ordered.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

Rubio motion to proceed to the Senate passed version of H. Con. Res. 25 (Budget Resolution) and appoint Conferees. Further, if the Conference Report includes reconciliation instructions to increase the debt ceiling it will not be in order. Objected to by McCain.

S. 954 (Farm Bill).

Feinstein amend #923 (Prohibit the payment by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation of any portion of the premium for a policy or plan of insurance for tobacco). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal #95, Srikanth Srinivasan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-0.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 954 (Farm Bill).

Feinstein amend #923 (Prohibit the payment by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation of any portion of the premium for a policy or plan of insurance for tobacco). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 44-52.

Hagan amend #1031 (To authorize the use of the insurance fund to reduce fraud and maintain program integrity in the crop insurance program). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 94-0.

Durbin amend #953 (To limit the amount of premium subsidy provided by the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation on behalf of any person or legal entity with an average adjusted gross income in excess of \$750,000, with a delayed application of the limitation until completion of a study on the effects of the limitation). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 59-33.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations are considered en bloc:

Cal. #93 (Deborah Jones to be Ambassador to Libya).

Cal. #94 (James Knight to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad).

Cal. #105 (Michael O'Keefe to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia).

Cal. #106 (Robert Okun to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia).

Cal. #107 (Col. James McClain to be Brig. General in the Air Force).

Cal. #108 (Lt. Gen. David Goldfein to be Lt. General in the Air Force).

Cal. #109 (Col. Robert Bolton to be Brig. General in the Air Force).

Cal. #110 (Col. Andrew Armacost to be Brig. General in the Air Force).

Cal. #111 (Brig. Gen. John Wharton to be Major General in the Army).

Cal. #112 (Col. Gabriel Troiano to be Brig. General in the Army).

Cal. #113 (Col. Jeffrey Clark to be Brig. General in the Army).

Cal. #114 (Brig. General. James Adkins to be Major General in the Army).

Cal. #115 (4 Colonels to be Brig. Generals in the Army).

Cal. #116 (14 Brig. Generals to be Major Generals in the Army).

Cal. #117 (59 Colonels to be Brig. Generals in the Army).

Cal. #118 (2 Major Generals, 2 Brig. Generals in the Army).

Cal. #119 (Col. Richard Torres to be Brig. General in the Army).

Cal. #120 (Col. Michael Dillard to be Brig. General in the Army).

Cal. #121 (Col. Donald Jackson Jr. to be Brig. General in the Army).

Cal. #122 (Lt. Gen. William Grisoli to be Lt. General in the Army).

Cal. #123 (Col. John Cho to be Brig. General in the Army).
Cal. #124 (Col. Brian Alvin to be Brig. General in the Army).
Cal. #125 (5 Major Generals, 13 Brig. Generals with the exception of Col. Joseph Heck, in the Army).
Cal. #126 (Rear Admiral Terry Benedict to be Vice Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #127 (Rear Admiral Joseph Rixey to be Vice Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #128 (18 Captains to be Rear Admirals in the Navy).
Cal. #129 (Capt. Timothy White to be Rear Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #130 (Capt. Nancy Norton to be Rear Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #131 Capt. Robert Sharp to be Rear Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #132 Capt. Louis Cariello to be Rear Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #133 (Mark Fox to be Vice Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #134 (Vice Admiral Michelle Howard to be Vice Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #135 (Rear Adm. Ted Branch to be Vice Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #136 (Rear Adm. Sean Pybus to be Vice Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #137 Rear Adm. Raul Grosklags to be Vice Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #138 (Vice Adm. Scott Swift to be Vice Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #139 (Maj. Gen. Robert Ruark to be Lt. General).
Cal. #140 (Maj. Gen. Glenn Walters to be Lt. General).
And all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy).
Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

Cal. #11 (Mark Barnett to be a Judge of the US Court of International Trade). Confirmed by Voice Vote.
Cal. #12 (Claire Kelly to be a Judge of the US Court of International Trade). Confirmed by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 129 (Asian Pacific American Heritage Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 158 (Authorizing the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 17 (Adjournment Resolution). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

H.R. 3 (Northern Route Approval Act).

H.R. 271 (Resolving Environmental and Grid Reliability Conflicts Act of 2013).

The bills were read for the first time en bloc. Further readings were objected to and the bills will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

Unless the Senate receives a message from the House that it has adopted S. Con. Res. 17 (Adjournment Resolution), the Senate will convene for a pro forma session only on the following dates and times:

Friday, May 24, 2013 at 12:30 PM

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 12:00 PM

Friday, May 31, 2013 at 12:00 PM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, June 3, 2013 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 954 (Farm Bill). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the following amendments:

Moran amend #987 (To require the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation to carry out research and development regarding a crop insurance program for alfalfa).

Coons amend #1079 (To modify a provision relating to funding of local and regional food aid procurement projects).

The Senate adjourned at 6:32 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 954 (Farm Bill). At 4:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to S. Res. 65 (A resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation). There will be one hour of debate, followed by a vote at 5:00 PM on the resolution.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 1003 (Amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reset interest rates for new student loans). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

S. 1004 (Permit voluntary economic activities). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

H. R. 45 (Repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

McConnell unanimous consent request that the cloture motion filed on Executive Calendar #95, Srikanth Srinivasan to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia be vitiated and the Senate proceed to the consideration of the nomination at a time to be determined on Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Further that there be one hour of debate on the nomination, followed by a vote. Objected to by Reid.

Reid unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Executive Calendar #95, Srikanth Srinivasan at a time to be determined by the Leaders with one hour of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Objected to by McConnell.

S. 954 (Farm Bill).

Inhofe amend #960 (To repeal the nutrition entitlement programs and establish a nutrition assistance block grant program). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 36-60.

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc by unanimous consent:

Franken amend #992 (Grocery delivery for homebound seniors).

Vitter amend #1056 (End food stamp eligibility for convicted violent rapists, pedophiles and murderers).

Shaheen amend #925 (To reform the Federal Sugar Program). Laid aside.

S. Res. 65 (A resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation). Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution was agreed to by a vote of 99-0.

S. 954 (Farm Bill).

Shaheen amend #925 (To reform the Federal Sugar Program). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 45-54.

Sanders amend #965 (Permit states to require that any food, beverage, or other edible product offered for sale have a label on indicating that the food, beverage, or other edible product contains a genetically engineered ingredient). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

H. R. 258 (Fraudulent representations about having received military decorations or medals). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 23, 2013. There will be one hour of Morning Business. The senate will then proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar #95, Srikanth Srinivasan to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia and vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 954 (Farm Bill) and proceed to a vote on the Sanders amend #965 (Permit states to require that any food, beverage, or other edible product offered for sale have a label on indicating that the food, beverage, or other edible product contains a genetically engineered ingredient) with a 60 yea vote threshold required for adoption.

The Senate adjourned at 6:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 954 (Farm Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 22nd, the Senate will proceed to S. Res. 65 (A resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation). There will be one hour of debate, followed by a vote at 5:00 PM on the resolution.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 954 (Farm Bill).

The Senate observed a moment of silence at 12:00 Noon for the victims of the tornado in Oklahoma.

S. 954 (Farm Bill).

Cantwell amend #919 (To allow Indian tribes to participate in certain soil and water conservation programs). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 87-8.

Sessions amend #945 (To clarify eligibility criteria for agricultural irrigation assistance), as amended. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Gillibrand amend #931 (To strike a reduction in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, with an offset that limits crop insurance reimbursements to providers).

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

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

S. 954 (Farm Bill).

Gillibrand amend #931 (To strike a reduction in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, with an offset that limits crop insurance reimbursements to providers). Laid aside.

Roberts amend #948 (To improve and extend certain nutrition programs). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 40-58.

Gillibrand amend #931 (To strike a reduction in the supplemental nutrition assistance program, with an offset that limits crop insurance reimbursements to providers). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 26-70.

Sen. Murray asked Unanimous Consent request that H. Con. Res. 25, that the amendment which is at the desk, the text of S. Con. Res. 8 (The Budget Resolution), passed by the Senate, be inserted, that H. Con. Res. 25 be agreed to, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. Objected to by Sen. Paul.

Sen. Paul asked Unanimous Consent request that the Senator modify his request so that it not be in order for the Senate to consider a conference report that includes tax increases or reconciliation instructions to increase taxes or raise the debt limit. Objected to by Sen. McCain.

Sen. McCain asked Unanimous Consent request that that the original request by the Senator from Washington include two motions to instruct the conferees, one related to the debt limit and one related to taxes. Objected to by Sen. Paul.

S. 954 (Farm Bill).

Leahy amend #998 (To establish a pilot program for gigabit Internet projects in rural areas).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business until 6:30 PM.

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

S. 1003 (A bill to amend the Higher Education act of 1965, to reset interest rates for new student loans).

S. 1004 (A bill to permit voluntary economic activity).

H.R. 45 (An act to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010).

The second readings of the bills were objected to en bloc.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #95 (Srikanth Srinivasan, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia). The cloture vote will occur on Thursday, May 23, 2013.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 954 (Farm Bill). At 4:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to S. Res. 65 (A resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation). There will be one hour of debate, followed by a vote at 5:00 PM on the resolution.

The Senate adjourned at 6:35 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013

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 proceed to S. 954 (The Farm Bill). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations: Cal. #45 (Sheri Polster Chappell, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida) and Cal. #46 (Michael McShane, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the nominations.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 954 (Farm Bill).

Cantwell amend #919 (To allow Indian tribes to participate in certain soil and water conservation programs).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #45 (Sheri Polster Chappell to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). Yays and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 90-0.

Cal. #46 (Michael McShane to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Oregon). The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 309 (Congressional Gold Medal to the World War II members of the Civil Air Patrol). Harkin amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 149 (National Public Works Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 21st and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 954 (Farm Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

At 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 22nd, the Senate will proceed to S. Res. 65 (A resolution strongly supporting the full implementation of United States and international sanctions on Iran and urging the President to continue to strengthen enforcement of sanctions legislation). There will be one hour of debate, followed by a vote at 5:00 PM on the resolution.

The Senate adjourned at 7:07 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #91 (Ernest Moniz to be Secretary of Energy). The Senate will vote on the nomination at 2:00 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #91 (Ernest Moniz to be Secretary of Energy). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-0.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Sen. Murray asked Unanimous Consent request that H. Con. Res. 25, that the amendment which is at the desk, the text of S. Con. Res. 8 (The Budget Resolution), passed by the Senate, be inserted, that H. Con. Res. 25 be agreed to, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. Objected to by Sen. Lee.

Sen. Lee asked Unanimous Consent request that the Senator modify his request so that it not be in order for the Senate to consider a conference report that includes tax increases or reconciliation instructions to increase taxes or raise the debt limit. Objected to by Sen. Murray.

Sen. Lee asked Unanimous Consent request that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 133 (A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices) and that the resolution be agreed to. Sen. Blumenthal objected.

Sen. Blumenthal asked Unanimous Consent request that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 134 (A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that all incidents of abusive, unsanitary, or illegal health care practices should be condemned and prevented and the perpetrators should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law) and that the resolution be agreed to. Sen. Lee objected.

S. 982 (A bill to prohibit the corps of engineers from taking certain actions to establish a restricted area prohibiting public access to waters downstream). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate agreed to the following resolutions en bloc by unanimous consent:

S. Res. 145

S. Res. 146

S. Res. 147

S. Res. 148

S. Con. Res. 16 (Unveiling of statue of Fredrick Douglas). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 20, 2013 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to S. 954 (The Farm Bill). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations: Cal. #45 (Sheri Polster Chappell, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida) and Cal. #46 (Michael McShane, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the nominations.

The Senate adjourned at 6:08 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. There will be a period of Morning Business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013). The Senate will proceed with votes on the following: Coburn amend #815 (To stop Federal subsidies for ongoing beach renourishment from being extended to 65 years); Coburn amend #816 (To remove restrictions on projects the Infrastructure Deauthorization Commission may consider); Boozman amend #822 (To authorize the Secretary to participate in the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass program); Merkley amend #866 (To require the use of American iron, steel and manufactured goods for innovative financing pilot projects); Udall (NM) amend #853 (To establish a pilot program to assess the benefits of study and project acceleration); Hoeven amend #909 (To provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors in the United States); and following the disposition of the Hoeven amendment, the cloture motion will be withdrawn and the Senate will proceed to final passage of S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013), as amended.

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

The following bill received its second reading:
S. 953 (A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965).
Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013).

Coburn amend #815 (To stop Federal subsidies for ongoing beach renourishment from being extended to 65 years). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **43-53**.

Coburn amend #816 (To remove restrictions on projects the Infrastructure Deauthorization Commission may consider). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **35-61**.

Boozman amend #822 (To authorize the Secretary to participate in the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass program). The amendment was **agreed to by Voice Vote**.

Merkley amend #866 (To require the use of American iron, steel and manufactured goods for innovative financing pilot projects). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **60-36**.

Udall (NM) amend #853 (To establish a pilot program to assess the benefits of study and project acceleration). The amendment is **withdrawn**.

Hoeven amend #909 (To provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors in the United States), as modified. The amendment is agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013), as amended. The bill was read for a third time. **Final passage.** Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **83-14.**

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:
Cal. #40 (William Orrick III to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **56-41.**

Cal. #92 (Marilyn Tavenner to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **91-7.**

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 954 (Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2013).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 142 (National NPS Awareness Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 16, 2013 and will proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #91 (Ernest Moniz to be Secretary of Energy). The Senate will vote on the nomination at 2:00 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:39 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013). Unless an agreement is reached, the Senate will have a Cloture vote on S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013) at 12:00 Noon. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013).

The Senate adjourned from 12:35-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013).

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Baucus amend #847 (To modify a provision relating to Northern Rockies headwaters extreme weather mitigation).

Boxer amend #899 (To improve the bill), as modified.

Inhofe amend #895 (To clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma regarding the maintenance of the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in the State of Oklahoma).

Wicker amend #894 (Donald G. Waldon Lock and Dam).

Inhofe amend #867 (To allow the Secretary to accept and expend non-Federal amounts for repair, restoration or replacement of certain water resources project).

Boozman amend #872 (To improve planning and administration relating to water supply storage activities).

Thune amend #912 (To authorize the Secretary to assist Indian tribes in addressing shoreline erosion in the Upper Missouri River Basin).

Cornyn amend #880 (To deauthorize portions of the project for East Fork of Trinity River, Texas).

Murkowski amend #904 (To declare certain areas in Seward, Alaska, as nonnavigable waters of the United States for purposes of navigational servitude).

Klobuchar amend #884 (To require the closure of the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam if certain conditions are met).

Wyden amend #870 (To modify a provision relating to Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund prioritization), as modified.

Cochran amend #911 (To provide Crediting Authority for Federally Authorized Navigation Projects), as modified.

Carper amend #882 (To modify the allocation of funds to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, Delaware River Basin Commission, and the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin to fulfill equitable funding requirements of the respective interstate compacts of the Commissions).

Murkowski amend #903 (To authorize the Secretary to enter into deep draft port development partnerships), as modified.

Durbin amend #906 (To provide for a severe flooding and drought management study of the greater Mississippi River Basin), as modified.

Levin amend #893 (To provide for the policy relating to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund prioritization).

Collins amend #898 (To provide for the reopening of the Cape Arundel Disposal Site as a dredged material disposal site).

Cardin amend #861 (To improve a provision relating to project acceleration), as modified.

Brown amend #907 (To provide for future project authorizations).

Wyden amend #896 (To require the GAO to carry out a study evaluating the effectiveness of activities funded by the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund in maximizing economic growth and job creation in port communities).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

Under a Unanimous Consent request, at 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to up to three votes on the following amendments:

Inhofe amend #797 (To authorize a land exchange).

Barrasso amend #868 (To preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage.

Sanders amend #889 (To address restoration of certain properties impacted by natural disasters, and for other purposes). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage.

S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013).

Inhofe amend #797 (To authorize a land exchange). Agreed to by voice vote.

Barrasso amend #868 (To preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **52-44** (60 yea votes required).

Sanders amend #889 (To address restoration of certain properties impacted by natural disasters, and for other purposes). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **56-40** (60 yea votes required).

S. Res. 141 (Recognizing the goals of National Travel and Tourism Week). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 140 (Commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifices made by Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Officers killed or injured in the line of duty). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 15, 2013. There will be a period of Morning Business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013). The Senate will proceed with votes on the following: Coburn amend #815 (To stop Federal subsidies for ongoing beach renourishment from being extended to 65 years); Coburn amend #816 (To remove restrictions on projects the Infrastructure Deauthorization Commission may consider); Boozman amend #822 (To authorize the Secretary to participate in the America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass program); Merkley amend #866 (To require the use of American iron, steel and manufactured goods for innovative financing pilot projects); Udall (NM) amend #853 (To establish a pilot program to assess the benefits of study and project acceleration); Hoeven amend #909 (To provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors in the United States); and following the disposition of the Hoeven amendment, the cloture motion will be withdrawn and the Senate will proceed to final passage of S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013), as amended.

The Senate adjourned at 6:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. There will be no votes on Monday. Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion on S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013) and there will be a vote on the motion at 12:00, Noon on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, if needed.

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

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013). Unless an agreement is reached, the Senate will have a Cloture vote on S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013) at 12:00 Noon. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:16 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013). Votes are expected, but none scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013).

Sen. Murray asked Unanimous Consent request that H. Con. Res. 25, that the amendment which is at the desk, the text of S. Con. Res. 8 (The Budget Resolution), passed by the Senate, be inserted, that H. Con. Res. 25 be agreed to, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. Objected to by Sen. McConnell.

Sen. McConnell asked Unanimous Consent request that the Senator modify his request so that it not be in order for the Senate to consider a conference report that includes tax increases or reconciliation instructions to increase taxes or raise the debt limit. Objected to by Sen. Murray.

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

Cal. #39 (Shelly Dick to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana). The nomination was agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #41 (Nelson Roman to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-0.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013).

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc by unanimous consent:

Blunt amend #800 (Extreme weather events).

Sessions amend #811 (Tennessee Valley Authority) as modified.

Coburn amend #823 (Infrastructure Deauthorization Commission).

Warner amend #873 (Four Mile Run in Alexandria and Arlington, VA).

Sen. Reid made a unanimous consent request that at a time to be determined, the Senate proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. # 92 (Marilyn Tavenner to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services), that there be one hour of debate, and that the Senate then proceed to vote on the nomination. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the bill. Vote to occur on Tuesday, May 14 at 12:00, Noon.

Reid received unanimous consent that at a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to Executive Cal #40, William Orrick to be US District Judge for the Northern District of California with one hour of debate followed by a vote on the nomination.

Reid received unanimous consent that at a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to Executive Cal. #91, Ernest Moniz to be Secretary of Energy with three hours of debate followed by a vote on the nomination.

H. R. 360 (Award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Addy Mea Collins, Denise McNair, Carol Robertson and Cynthia Wesley). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 136 (A resolution recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and the Mutual Defense Treaty of 1953, and congratulating Park Geun-Hye on her election to the Presidency of the Republic of Korea). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 137 (Designating May 2013 as "Older Americans Month"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 138 (Congratulating the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of charter schools across the United States for their ongoing contributions to education, and supporting the ideals and goals of the 14th annual National Charter Schools Week, to be celebrated the week of May 5 through May 11, 2013). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 13, 2013. There will be a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. There will be no votes on Monday. Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion on S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013) and there will be a vote on the motion at 12:00, Noon on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, if needed.

The Senate adjourned at 5:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013). Votes are expected, but none scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013).

Sen. Murray asked Unanimous Consent request that H. Con. Res. 25, that the amendment which is at the desk, the text of S. Con. Res. 8 (The Budget Resolution), passed by the Senate, be inserted, that H. Con. Res. 25 be agreed to, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. Objected to by Sen. McConnell.

Sen. McConnell asked Unanimous Consent request that the Senator modify his request so that it not be in order for the Senate to consider a conference report that includes tax increases or reconciliation instructions to increase taxes or raise the debt limit. Objected to by Sen. Murray.

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

Cal. #39 (Shelly Dick to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana). The nomination was agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #41 (Nelson Roman to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-0.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 601 (Water Resources Development Act of 2013).

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc by unanimous consent:

Blunt amend #800 (Extreme weather events).

Sessions amend #811 (Tennessee Valley Authority) as modified.

Coburn amend #823 (Infrastructure Deauthorization Commission).

Warner amend #873 (Four Mile Run in Alexandria and Arlington, VA).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess at 10:30 AM for a joint meeting of Congress with the president of the Republic of Korea. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 601 (Provide for conservation of water and related resources). The following amendments will be the first amendments in order to the pending Boxer-Vitter amend #799 (Substitute amendment): Coburn amend #804 (Ammunition), Coburn amend #805 (Arm corps plants and guns), and Whitehouse amend #803 (Oceans). At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the amendments. The amendments will be subject to a 60-vote affirmative vote threshold. Upon disposition of the amendments, the Boxer-Vitter amend #799 (Substitute amendment) as amended if amended will be agreed to, and will be considered as original bill text for the purposes of further amendment.

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

S. 888 (To provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill will be placed on the calendar.

The Senate recessed at 9:58 AM for a joint meeting of Congress with the president of the Republic of Korea.

The Senate reconvened at 11:30 AM and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 601 (Provide for conservation of water and related resources).

Boxer-Vitter amend #799 (Substitute amendment).

Coburn amend #805 (To protect the rights of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects administered by the Secretary of the Army). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #804 (Ammunition). Withdrawn.

Whitehouse amend #803 (To create the National Endowment for the Oceans). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #805 (To protect the rights of individuals to bear arms at water resources development projects administered by the Secretary of the Army). Yeas and nays ordered with a 60-yea vote threshold. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **56-43**.

Whitehouse amend #803 (To create the National Endowment for the Oceans). Yeas and nays ordered with a 60-yea vote threshold. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **68-31**.

Boxer-Vitter amend #799 (Substitute amendment) as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent, and will be considered as original bill text for the purposes of further amendment.

Sen. Warner asked Unanimous Consent request that H. Con. Res. 25, that the amendment which is at the desk, the text of S. Con. Res. 8 (The Budget Resolution), passed by the Senate, be inserted, that H. Con. Res. 25 be agreed to, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. Objected to by Sen. McConnell.

Sen. McConnell asked Unanimous Consent request that the Senator modify his request so that it not be in order for the Senate to consider a conference report that includes tax increases or reconciliation instructions to increase taxes or raise the debt limit. Objected to by Sen. Murray.

S. 601 (Provide for conservation of water and related resources).

Brown amend #813 (To provide a multiagency effort to slow the spread of Asian carp in the Upper Mississippi and Ohio Valley basins and tributaries), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment, as modified, is agreed to by a vote of **95-0**.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Pryor amend #801 (To direct the administrator of the EPA to change the spill prevention, control and countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms), as modified.

Pryor amend #806 (To provide a work-in-kind credit).

Inhofe amend #835 (), as modified.

McCain amend #833 (To protect the American taxpayer by establishing metrics to measure the effectiveness of grants administered by the national levee safety program).

Murray amend #832 (To modify the definition of the term "cargo container").

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 622 (Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Reauthorization Act of 2013). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 32 (Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 126 (A resolution recognizing the teachers of the United States for their contributions to the development and progress of our country). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 9, 2013 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 601 (Provide for conservation of water and related resources). Votes are expected, but none scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 7:18 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Cal #42, David Medine to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board with up to one hour of debate. At 12:00, Noon, the Senate will vote on the nomination. The Senate will recess from 12:30 - 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to the Motion to Proceed to S. 601 (Provide for conservation of water and related resources). The Motion to Proceed will be agreed to and the Senate will proceed with consideration of the bill.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #42 (David Medine to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 52-45.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Sen. Murray asked Unanimous Consent request that H. Con. Res. 25, that the amendment which is at the desk, the text of S. Con. Res. 8 (The Budget Resolution), passed by the Senate, be inserted, that H. Con. Res. 25 be agreed to, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. Objected to by Sen. McConnell.

The Senate recessed from 12:42-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 601 (Provide for conservation of water and related resources). The Motion to Proceed is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 601 (Provide for conservation of water and related resources).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 601 (Provide for conservation of water and related resources).

Boxer-Vitter amend #799 (In Nature of a Substitute).

H.R. 1071 (National Baseball Commemorative Coin). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 127 (Anniversary of the Old Man in the Mountain in NH). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 130 (National Physical Education Week). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following bill was read for the first time:

S. 888 (A bill to provide end user exemptions from certain provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act and the Security Exchange Act of 1934).

The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 and will be in a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess at 10:30 AM for a joint meeting of Congress with the president of the Republic of Korea. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 601 (Provide for conservation of water and related resources). The following amendments will be the first amendments in order to the pending Boxer-Vitter amend #799 (Substitute amendment): Coburn amend #804 (Ammunition), Coburn amend #805 (Arm corps plants and guns), and Whitehouse amend #803 (Oceans). At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the amendments. The amendments will be subject to a 60-vote affirmative vote threshold. Upon disposition of the amendments, the Boxer-Vitter amend #799 (Substitute amendment) as amended if amended will be agreed to, and will be considered as original bill text for the purposes of further amendment.

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 5:30 PM. When the Senate resumes consideration of S. 743 (Marketplace Fairness Act) at 5:30 PM, all post-cloture time will be yielded back, the Durbin amendment #745 will be withdrawn and the Senate will proceed to vote in relation to the Enzi-Durbin amendment #741 (Of a perfecting nature). Upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate will proceed to vote on passage of the bill. Upon disposition of S. 743, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 601 (Provide for conservation of water and related resources).

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

Reid unanimous consent request that H. Con. Res. 25, that the amendment which is at the desk, the text of S. Con. Res. 8 (The Budget Resolution), passed by the Senate, be inserted, that H. Con. Res. 25 be agreed to, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. The unanimous consent request was withdrawn.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 743 (Marketplace Fairness Act). Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, all post-cloture time is yielded back.

Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, Durbin amend #745 is withdrawn.

Enzi-Durbin amend #741 (Of a perfecting nature). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 70-24.

Reid unanimous consent request that H. Con. Res. 25, that the amendment which is at the desk, the text of S. Con. Res. 8 (The Budget Resolution), passed by the Senate, be inserted, that H. Con. Res. 25 be agreed to, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate was objected to by Cruz.

S. 743 (Marketplace Fairness Act). The bill was read for a third time, as amended. Yeas and nays ordered on final passage. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 69-27.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 7, 2013. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Cal #42, David Medine to be Chairman and Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board with up to one hour of debate. At 12:00, Noon, the Senate will vote on the nomination. The Senate will recess from 12:30 - 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to the Motion to Proceed to S. 601 (Provide for conservation of water and related

resources). The Motion to Proceed will be agreed to and the Senate will proceed with consideration of the bill.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.