

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with Morning Business for two hours. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

S. 1963 (Regarding assistance to caregivers). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H.R. 3617 (Motor carrier safety and transportation). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

Reid unanimous consent request that when the Senate considers the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations), there be two hours of general debate on the Conference Report, if any points of order are raised against the Conference Report, then any motion to waive the point of order be debated, it be debated within the time limits provided for debate on the Conference Report. Upon the use or yielding back of time, the disposition of points of order, if the Motions to Waive are successful, then the Senate will vote on adoption of the Conference Report. The Unanimous Consent Request was agreed to.

The Senate will vote on adoption of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations) at 6:00 PM.

**Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations).** McCain point of order that the Conference Report violates the provisions of Rule 28. Feinstein motion to waive the relevant provisions of Rule 28. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to waive was agreed to by a vote of 60-40.

**Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations).** The Conference Report is adopted by a vote of 72-28.

**Motion to Proceed H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009).** Agreed to by Voice Vote.

**H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009).**

Baucus amend #2712 (Substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered. **Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture.**

Reid amend #2713 (Perfecting amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #2714 () to Reid amend #2713 (Perfecting amendment).

Reid amend #2715 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #2716 () to Reid amend #2715 ().

**Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009).**

Reid Motion to Commit the Bill with Instructions to report back with Reid amend #2714 ().

Reid amend #2718 to the instructions on the Motion to Commit. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #2719 () to Reid amend #2718 ().

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #477 (Regina Benjamin to be Surgeon General of the United States). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3606 (Amends the Truth in Lending Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Message from the House in regards to S. 1929 (Provides for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958), with an amendment. The Senate concurred with the amendment from the House by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1299 (Makes technical corrections to the laws effecting the U.S. Capital Police). Schumer amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 329 (National Principal's Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 30, 2009 and will be in a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes. The next Senate roll call vote will be at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 2, 2009 on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Baucus amend #2712 (Substitute amendment).

The Senate adjourned at 7:56 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for two hours. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009). Post-cloture debate time must be yielded back for the Senate to proceed to the bill today.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009).**  
Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc:  
Cal. #504, Gladys Commons, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #505, Christine H. Fox, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #506, Lt. Gen. Mark A. Welsh III to be a General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #507, Colonel Kelly J. Thomas to be Brigadier General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #508, Col. David L. Weeks to be Brigadier General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #509, Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell IV to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #510, Maj. Gen. Keith M. Huber to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #511, Thirty-three nominations, beginning with Brigadier General Joseph J. Anderson, and ending with Brigadier General Perry L. Wiggins to Major General in the Army (This does not include the nomination of Michael Walsh). Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #512, Vice Adm. David J. Dorsett to be Vice Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #513, Vice Adm. Robert S. Harward Jr. to be Vice Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #514, Vice Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. to be Vice Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #519, Capt. John S. Welch to be Rear Admiral in the Coast Guard. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #520, Seven nominations, beginning with Captain Daniel B. Abel, and ending with Captain Christopher J. Tomney to be Rear Admiral in the Coast Guard. Confirmed by voice vote.

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

S. Res. 326 (Celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 327 (Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month"). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following were considered en bloc:

S. 1963 (Regarding assistance to caregivers). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H. R. 3617 (motor carrier safety and transportation). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 29, 2009. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business for two hours. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009).

The Senate adjourned at 8:08 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Irene Berger to be a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia. The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:20 PM. Following the vote on the nomination, the Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 5:30 PM. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session to consider the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009) at 6:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

S. 1927 (Establish a moratorium on credit card interest rate increases). The bill was read for a second time. There was objection to further consideration. The bill was placed on the Senate calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #470, Irene Berger to be a U. S. District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia.**

At 12:33 PM, the Senate recessed for party caucuses.

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

**Cal. #470, Irene Berger to be a U. S. District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 96-0.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

**The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009)** was agreed to by a vote of 87-13.

S. Res. 324 (National Genome Treatment Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 325 (National Hispanic Media Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 28 and will be in a period of morning business for two hours. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009). Post-cloture debate time must be yielded back for the Senate to proceed to the bill tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business. There will be no Roll Call Votes during Monday's session. On Tuesday, October 27 following morning business, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Irene Berger to be a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia. The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 PM. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009).

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

S. 1858 (A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations and reports in electronic form). The bill was read for a second time. Further proceedings on the bill were objected to.

Reid unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009), that the following amendments be the only first-degree amendments in order except in the case where second-degree amendments and side-by-side amendments is indicated, that general debate time be limited to one hour equally divided, and debate time on any first-degree amendments be limited to 60 minutes equally divided: Reid-Baucus Substitute amendment, Baucus side-by-side amendment regarding home buyer tax credit, Isakson-Dodd amendment regarding home buyer tax credit, Bunning side-by-side amendment regarding home buyer tax credit, McDonnell amendment regarding tax relief, Johanns amendment regarding alternative substitute, and Corker-Warner amendment regarding TARP. That following disposition of these amendments, the bill as amended be read a third time and passed. McConnell objected.

McConnell unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009), that the following amendments be the only amendments in order: Reid-Baucus Substitute amendment, Baucus side-by-side amendment regarding home buyer tax credit, Isakson-Dodd amendment regarding home buyer tax credit, Bunning side-by-side amendment regarding home buyer tax credit, McDonnell amendment regarding tax relief, Johanns amendment regarding alternative substitute, and Corker-Warner amendment regarding TARP, Vitter amendment regarding Acorn, and Thune amendment regarding TARP sunset. Reid objected.

Reid unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009), that the bill be passed with no amendments. McConnell objected.

S. 1929 (Temporary extension of programs related to the Small Business Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 321 (Commemorating the Lives and work of Jesuit Fathers). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1927 (Provides a moratorium on credit card interest rate increases). First reading. Second reading objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Irene Berger to be a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia. The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:20 PM. Following the vote on the nomination, the Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 5:30 PM. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session to consider the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009) at 6:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 6:00 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2009**

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of Conference Report to accompany H. R. 2647 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill). There will be one hour of debate followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report at 11:30 AM.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Conference Report to accompany H. R. 2647 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to invoke cloture on the bill was agreed to by a vote of **64-35**.

The Cloture Vote on the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009) will occur at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, October 27.

**Conference Report to accompany H. R. 2647 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report was adopted by a vote of **68-29**.

H.R. 1209 (Establishment of the Medal of Honor). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1855 (Senate candidates to file designations in electronic form). The bill was read for the first time. Further proceedings on the bill were objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 26 and will be in a period of morning business. There will be no Roll Call Votes during Monday's session. On Tuesday, October 27 following morning business, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Irene Berger to be a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia. The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 PM. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009).

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with 2 hours of Morning Business. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #469, Roberto Lange to be US District Judge for the District of South Dakota. There will be 2 hours of debate followed by a vote on the nomination at 2:00 PM. Sen. Reid announced that he expects to follow that with a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed S. 1776 (Medicare Physicians Fairness Act).

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

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #469 (Roberto Lange to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Dakota). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 100-0.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed S. 1776 (Medicare Physicians Fairness Act).** The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 47-53.

**Conference Report to accompany H. R. 2647 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).**

S. Res. 315 (Regarding the death of Clifford Hanson, former Senator from the state of Wyoming). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 112 (Designating February 8, 2010, as Boy Scouts of America Day in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the largest youth scouting organization in the United States). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 318 (Supporting Lights On After School Programs). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 319 (Commemorating 40 years of membership by women in the national F.F.A. organization, and celebrating the achievements and contributions of female members of the National F.F.A. organization). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and considered the following nominations en bloc:

Cal. #132, William K. Sessions III, of Vermont, to be Chair of the United States Sentencing Commission. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #475, William E. Spriggs, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #476, Joseph A. Main, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #479, Jose Antonio Garcia, of Florida, to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #485, Marcia K. McNutt, of California, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #486, Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy. Confirmed by voice vote.

H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009). Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion on the Motion to Proceed to the bill.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 22, 2009. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of Conference Report to accompany H. R. 2647 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill). There will be one hour of debate followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report.

The Senate adjourned at 7:50 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for 90 minutes. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to the Conference Report to accompany H. R. 2892 (Homeland Security Appropriations Bill). A vote on adoption of the Conference Report is scheduled for 4:30 PM. If all debate time is yielded back, the vote could occur as early as 3:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Conference Report to accompany H. R. 2892 (Homeland Security Appropriations Bill).**

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

**Conference Report to accompany H. R. 2892 (Homeland Security Appropriations Bill).**  
Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report was adopted by a vote of 79-19.

**Conference Report to accompany H. R. 2647 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).**  
Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion on the Conference Report.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive session.

Cal. #132, William K. Sessions to be the Chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion on the Nomination.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 1818 (Amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship Environmental and Native American Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 21, 2009. The Senate will proceed with 2 hours of Morning Business. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #469, Roberto Lange to be US District Judge for the District of South Dakota. There will be 2 hours of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Sen. Reid announced that

he expects to follow that with a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed S. 1776 (Medicare Physicians Fairness Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:40 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009**

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 resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to the consideration of S. 1776 (Medicare Physicians Fairness Act of 2009). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1776 (Medicare Physicians Fairness Act of 2009).

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

Brown unanimous consent request that the Cloture Vote on the Motion to Proceed to the consideration of S. 1776 (Medicare Physicians Fairness Act of 2009) occur at a time to be determined with the concurrence of the two Leaders. The unanimous consent request was agreed to without objection.

S. 1739 (Providing lifesaving care for those with HIV/AIDS). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 621 (Commemorating the Centennial of the Establishment of the Girl Scouts of America). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 314 (National Character Counts Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 20 and will be in a period of morning business for 90 minutes. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2892 (Homeland Security Appropriations Bill). A vote on adoption of the Conference Report is scheduled for 4:30 PM. However, if debate time is yielded back the vote could occur as early as 3:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:30 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for two hours. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act). Upon completion of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183, the Majority Leader would like to reach agreements on the Conference Report to Accompany the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill and the Department of Defense Authorization Bill.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report is adopted by a vote of **80-17**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1776 (Medicare Provision Fairness Act). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Withdrawn by Sen. Reid. The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture at 5:30 PM on Monday, October 19, 2009.

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

Cal. #481, Brendan Johnson to be US Attorney for the District of South Dakota. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #482, Karen Loeffler to be US Attorney for the District of Alaska. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #483, Steven O'Donnell to be US Marshal for the District of Rhode Island. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 19, 2009. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to the consideration of S. 1776 (Medicare Physicians Fairness Act of 2009). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1776 (Medicare Physicians Fairness Act of 2009).

The Senate adjourned at 6:00 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act) at approximately 11:15 AM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

S. 1776 (Amends Title 18, U.S. Code to provide for the update under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule). The bill was read for the second time. Further proceedings on the bill were objected to.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act).** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture is agreed to by a vote of 79-17.

**Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act).**

The Senate recessed at 12:40 PM for party caucuses.

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

**Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act).**

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

Cal. #472 (David Cargill to be a US Marshall for the District of New Hampshire).

Cal. #473 (Tim Heaphy to be US Attorney General for the Western District of Virginia).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 692 (A bill to provide that claims of the United States to certain documents relating to Franklin Delano Roosevelt shall be treated as waived and relinquished in certain circumstances). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1694 (A bill to allow the funding for the interoperable emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 15 and will be in a period of morning business for two hours. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act). Upon completion of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 the Majority Leader would like to reach agreements on the Conference Report to Accompany the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill and the Department of Defense Authorization Bill.

The Senate adjourned at 8:20 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill). The first vote will occur at 5:30 PM on the motion to invoke cloture on the Committee Substitute Amendment to H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill). If cloture is invoked, the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill). Upon disposition of H.R. 2847, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act). If cloture is not invoked on the Committee Substitute Amendment to H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill), the cloture vote on the bill will be delayed to occur upon reconsideration. If at this time cloture is not invoked on the Substitute Amendment, then the cloture motion on the bill will be withdrawn. If cloture is not invoked on the Substitute Amendment to H.R. 2847, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 will occur one hour after the Senate convenes on Wednesday, October 14.

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

H.R. 3548 (An act to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008). The bill was read for the second time. Further proceedings were objected to.

H.R. 3590 (An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time Home buyers credit). The bill was read for the second time. Further proceedings were objected to.

S. 1772 (A bill to require that all legislative matters be available and fully scored by C.B.O.). The bill was read for the second time. Further proceedings were objected to.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

### **H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).**

Coburn amend #2631 (To redirect funding of the National Science Foundation toward practical scientific research). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2632 (To require public disclosure of certain reports). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2667 (To reduce waste and abuse at the Department of Commerce). Laid aside.

**Motion to invoke cloture on the Committee Substitute Amendment to H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).** Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was not agreed to by a vote of 57-37.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Message from the House of Representatives H.R. 1016 (Amends Title 38, U.S. Code to provide advanced appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs), with an amendment. The Senate concurs in the amendment by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1510 (Transfers statutory entitlements to pay and hours of work authorized by the District of Columbia Code for current members of the United States Secret Service). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 846 (Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Mohammad Unis). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 295 (National Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 313 (Red Ribbon Week 2009). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1776 (Amends Title 18, U.S. Code to provide for the update under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule). First reading. Second reading objected to and the bill is placed on the Calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #464 (Daniel Wuerful to be Comptroller of the Office of Management and Budget). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act) at approximately 11:15 AM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:16 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM for a pro forma session. The Senate will then adjourn until Tuesday, October 13 at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill). The first vote will occur at 5:30 PM on the motion to invoke cloture on the Committee Substitute Amendment to H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill). If cloture is invoked, the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill). Upon disposition of H.R. 2847, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act). If cloture is not invoked on the Committee Substitute Amendment to H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill), the cloture vote on the bill will be delayed to occur upon reconsideration. If at this time cloture is not invoked on the Substitute Amendment, then the cloture motion on the bill will be withdrawn. If cloture is not invoked on the Substitute Amendment to H.R. 2847, the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 will occur one hour after the Senate convenes on Wednesday, October 14.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a pro forma session.

The Senate adjourned at 10:01 AM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

### **H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).**

McCain amend #2626 (Eliminates funding for Public Telecommunications Facilities, Planning and Construction). Laid aside.

Begich amend #2646 (Allowing tribes located inside of certain boroughs in Alaska to receive Federal funds for their activities). Laid aside.

McCain amend #2626 (Eliminates funding for Public Telecommunications Facilities, Planning and Construction). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 33-64.

Bunning amend #2653 (To require that all legislative matters be available and fully scored by CBO 72 hours before consideration by any subcommittee or committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate). Mukulski point of order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

S. Res. 309 (Recognizing and celebrating the 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the entry of Nevada as a U.S. State). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

### **H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).**

Ensign amend #2648 (Provide additional funds for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program by reducing corporate welfare programs), as modified. Laid aside.

Ensign motion to recommit H.R. 2847 to the Appropriations Committee with instructions. Laid aside.

Shelby amend #2625 (To provide danger pay to Federal agents stationed in dangerous foreign field offices). Laid aside.

**Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2997 (Agriculture Appropriations Bill).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report was agreed to by a vote of 76-22.

### **H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).**

Ensign motion to recommit H.R. 2847 to the Appropriations Committee with instructions. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 33-65.

Reid motion to proceed to H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Act), that the Reid Substitute Amendment be agreed to, that the bill as amended be agreed to. Kyl objected.

**H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).**

Leahy amend #2642 (Include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits). Laid aside.

Graham amend #2669 (Prohibit the use of funds for the prosecution in Article III courts of the United States of individuals involved in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks). Laid aside.

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

P. N. 486 (Bartholomew Chilton, Commissioner, CFTC).

P. N. 620 (Edward Avalos, Under Secy Agriculture).

P. N. 831 (Edward Avalos, Member Board of Directors, CCC).

P. N. 789 (Jill Sommers, Commissioner, CFTC).

P. N. 817 (Ken Spearman, Member Farm Credit Adm Board).

P. N. 818 (Ken Spearman, Member Farm Credit Adm Board).

P. N. 296 (Scott O'Malia Commissioner, CFTC).

P. N. 1021 ( Harris Sherman Under Secy Agriculture).

P. N. 1022 (Harris Sherman Member Board of Directors, CCC).

Cal. 484 (Lt. General David Rodriguez). Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 310 (National Day on Writing). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3548 (An act to amend the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2008). The bill was read for the first time. Further proceedings were objected to.

H.R. 3590 (An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time Home buyers credit). The bill was read for the first time. Further proceedings were objected to.

S. 1772 (A bill to require that all legislative matters be available and fully scored by C.B.O.).

The bill was read for the first time. Further proceedings were objected to.

Reid filed cloture on the Committee Substitute Amendment to H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill). The cloture vote will occur on Tuesday, October 13 at 5:30 PM.

Reid filed cloture on **H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill)**.

Reid filed cloture on the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3183 (Energy & Water Appropriations Act). The cloture vote will occur following the disposition of H.R. 2847.

The Senate will convene on Friday, October 9 at 10:00 AM for a pro forma session. The Senate will then adjourn until Tuesday, October 13 at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill). The first vote on will occur at 5:30 PM on the motion to invoke cloture on the Committee Substitute Amendment to H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 9:20 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

### **H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).**

McCain amend #2629 (To prohibit use of funds appropriated under this Act for the purpose of preventing individuals, wholesalers, or pharmacists from importing certain prescription drugs). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #2644 (To provide that none of the funds made available in this Act may be used for collection of census data that does not include a question regarding status of U.S. citizenship).

Johanns amend #2393 (Prohibits any federal funds going to ACORN). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #2630 (Prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 642(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act). Laid aside.

Bunning amend #2653 (Requires that all legislative matters be available and fully scored by CBO 72 hours before consideration by any subcommittee or committee of the Senate or on the floor of the Senate). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #2630 (Prohibits funds from being used in contravention of section 642(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act). Menendez motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of 61-38.

Levin amend #2627 (Ensures adequate resources for resolving thousands of offshore tax cases involving hidden accounts at offshore financial institutions). Laid aside.

Durbin amend #2647 (Requires the Comptroller General to review and audit Federal funds received by ACORN), as modified. Laid aside.

The Senate convened to a period of Morning Business.

S. 942 (Prevents the abuse of government charge cards). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 728 (Amends Title 38, U.S. Code, enhancing veterans insurance benefits). Committee substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Akaka amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agree to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1037 (Pilot College Work Study Programs for Veterans Act of 2009). By Unanimous Consent, all after the enacting clause is stricken and the text of S. 728 (Veterans' Benefits Enhancement Act of 2009) is inserted in lieu thereof. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 308 (National Runaway Prevention Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #458 (Paul Fishman to be U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 8, 2009 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Thomas Perez to be an Assistant Attorney General. At 12:15 PM the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. If the motion to invoke cloture is agreed to all post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation of the nomination. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:15 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations). At 3:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote in relation to the pending amendments in the following order with the other provisions of the order of October 1, 2009, remaining in effect: Barrasso amend #2567, Franken amend# 2588, Bond amend #2596, Coburn amend #2565, Coburn amend #2566, Sanders amend #2601, Inhofe amend #2618, McCain amend #2580, McCain amend #2584, Inouye amend #2623, with a side by side from McCain amend #2560, McCain amend #2583, and Lieberman-Sessions amend #2616 as modified.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1751 (A bill to prohibit the federal government from awarding contracts, grants or other agreements to, providing any other federal funds to, or engaging in activities that promote the association of community organizations for reform now or any other entity which has been indicted for or convicted of violations of laws governing election administration or campaign financing). The bill was read for the second time. Further proceedings on the bill were objected to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #186 (Thomas Perez to be an Assistant Attorney General).** The motion to invoke cloture is vitiated by Unanimous Consent. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 72-22.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate recessed from 12:40-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations).**

Barasso amend#2567 (Prohibit the use of funds for the Center on Climate Change and National Security of the Central Intelligence Agency). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 38-60

Inhofe amend #2618 (Ensure sustainment, readiness, and acquisition of ammunition for all United States military services in order to meet long term peacetime and wartime requirements). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Franken amend #2588 (Prohibit the use of funds for any Federal contract with Halliburton Company, KBR, Inc., or any other contracting party if such contractor or a subcontractor at any tier under such contract requires mandatory arbitration clauses regarding certain claims). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **68-38**.

Bond amend #2596 (Limit the early retirement of tactical aircraft). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **91-7**.

Coburn amend #2565 (Ensure transparency and accountability by providing that each member of Congress and the Secretary of Defense has the ability to review \$1,500,000,000 in taxpayer funds allocated to the National Guard and Reserve components of the Armed Forces). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **28-70**.

Coburn amend #2566 (Restore \$166,000,000 for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations, by eliminating low-priority congressional directed spending items for all operation and maintenance accounts). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **25-73**.

Sanders amend #2601 (Make available from Overseas Contingency Operations \$20,000,000 for outreach and reintegration services under the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program). The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

McCain amend #2580 (Strike amounts available for procurement of C-17 aircraft in excess of the amount requested by the President in the budget for fiscal year 2010). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **30-68**.

Inouye amend #2623 (Provide full and open competition for congressionally directed spending items). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **77-21**.

McCain amend #2560 (Require that earmarks for for-profit entities be subject to full and open competition). The amendment was NOT agreed to by a voice vote.

McCain amend #2583 (Strike funding for the MARIAH Hypersonic Wind Tunnel Development Program). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **43-55**.

Lieberman-Sessions amend #2616 (Relating to the two-stage ground-based interceptor missile), as modified. The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

The Committee Substitute Amendment was agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Bingaman amend #2605 (Make available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force, \$5,000,000 to carry out evaluations and analyses of certain laser systems). Agreed to by voice vote.

**H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations).** The bill was read for a third time, as amended. The yeas and nays were ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 93-7.

The Senate requested a Conference with the House and appointed the following Conferees: Senators Inouye, Byrd, Leahy, Harkin, Dorgan, Durbin, Feinstein, Mikulski, Kohl, Murray, Specter, Cochran, Bond, McConnell, Shelby, Gregg, Hutchison, Bennett of Utah, and Brownback.

S. Res. 304 (Commemorating the canonization of Father Damian to sainthood). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res 305 (Support for the victims of recent natural disasters). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 306 (Designating the week of October 18 as "National Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Week"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 45 (Encouraging the Government of Iran to allow a reunion of 3 individuals held in Iran with their families). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 7, 2009. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 7:34 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill). There will be no votes during Monday's session. Sen. Reid entered a unanimous consent agreement to limit amendments on H. R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations) and vote on final passage of the bill on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

### **H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill).**

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

Cal. #463 (Richard Serino to be Deputy Administrator, FEMA).

Cal. #465 (George Cohen to be Federal Mediation and Conciliation Director).

Cal. #466 (Alexa Posny to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitation Services).

Cal. #467 (Brenda Dann-Messier to be Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 251 (Amend the Communications Act of 1934 to permit targeted interference with mobile radio services within prison facilities). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3663 (An act to amend title 18 of the Social Security Act, to delay the date on which the accreditation requirement under the Medicare program applies to suppliers of durable medical equipment at our pharmacies). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 178 (Sense of Congress that we reaffirm the historic ties between the U.S. and the Netherlands by recognizing the quadricentennial celebration). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 302 (Raising the awareness of the need for crime prevention in communities across the country). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1751 (A bill to prohibit the federal government from awarding contracts, grants or other agreements to, providing any other federal funds to, or engaging in activities that promote the association of community organizations for reform now or any other entity which has been indicted for or convicted of violations of laws governing election administration or campaign financing). The bill was read for the first time. Further proceedings on the bill were objected to.

The Senate will convene on Tuesday, October 6 at 10:00 AM and will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Thomas Perez to be an Assistant Attorney General. At 12:15 PM the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. If the motion to invoke cloture is agreed to all post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will

proceed to vote on confirmation of the nomination. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:15 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations). At 3:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote in relation to the pending amendments in the following order with the other provisions of the order of October 1, 2009, remaining in effect: Barrasso amend #2567, Franken amend# 2588, Bond amend #2596, Coburn amend #2565, Coburn amend #2566, Sanders amend #2601, Inhofe amend #2618, McCain amend #2580, McCain amend #2584, Inouye amend #2623, with a side by side from McCain amend #2560, McCain amend #2583, and Lieberman-Sessions amend #2616 as modified.

The Senate adjourned at 6:20 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for 90 minutes. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume the consideration of H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

### **H. R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations).**

McCain amend #2575 (Provide testimony before Congress on the additional forces required in the War in Afghanistan). Laid aside.

Levin amend #2593 (Relating to hearings on the strategy and resources of the U.S. with respect to Afghanistan and Pakistan). Laid aside.

There will be two roll call votes on McCain amend #2575 and Levin amend #2593 at approximately 2:00 PM.

Coburn amend #2569 (To restore \$294,000,000 for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations by accounting for the August 2009 Congressional Budget Office economic assumptions and by reducing funding for congressionally directed spending items for low-priority research and development projects). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2563 (To require public disclosure of certain reports). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2565 (Providing that each member of Congress and the Secretary of Defense has the ability to review \$1,500,000,000 in taxpayer funds allocated to the National Guard and Reserve components of the Armed Forces). Laid aside.

Kaufman amend #2578 (To provide for continuing support of certain civilian-military training for civilians deploying to Afghanistan) as modified. Laid aside.

Barrasso amend #2567 (To prohibit the use of funds for the Center on Climate Change and National Security of the CIA). Laid aside.

Levin amend #2593 (Relating to hearings on the strategy and resources of the U.S. with respect to Afghanistan and Pakistan). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **60-39**.

McCain amend #2575 (Provide testimony before Congress on the additional forces required in the War in Afghanistan). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 40-59.

The following amendments are considered en bloc:

Franken amend #2588 (Prohibits the use of funds for any Federal contract with Halliburton Company, KBR Inc, or any of their subsidiaries or affiliates or any other contracting party if such contractor or a subcontractor at any tier under such contract requires that employees or independent contractors sign mandatory arbitration clauses regarding certain claims).

Bond amend #2596 (Limits the early retirement of tactical aircraft).

Coburn amend #2585 (Restores funds for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations by accounting for the August 2009 Congressional Budget Office economic assumptions and by reducing funding for congressionally directed spending items for low-priority research and development projects).

Coburn amend #2566 (Restores \$166,000,000 for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations by eliminating low-priority congressionally directed spending items for all operations and maintenance accounts).

Laid aside.

Kyl amend #2608 (Appropriates an additional \$900,000,000 for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund). Laid aside.

Shelby amend #2594 (Requires reports on certain elements of the ballistic missile defense system). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Sanders amend #2617 (Requires a report on Federal contract funding). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Sanders amend #2559 (Makes available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army \$12,000,000 for the peer-reviewed Gulf War Illness Research Program of the Army).

Sanders amend #2601 (Makes available \$20,000,000 from the Overseas Contingency Operations for outreach and reintegration services under the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program).

Laid aside.

Brownback amend #2598 (Acknowledges a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the U.S.). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Byrd amend #2571 (Requires a report on the use by the Department of Defense of live primates in training programs relating to chemical and biological agents). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Chambliss amend #2621 (Sense of the Senate on Joint STARS reengining). Agreed to by voice vote.

Casey amend #2592 (Ensure that work under contracts under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program complies with certain standards). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #2617 (Require a report on Federal contracting fraud). Laid aside.

Lieberman amend #2616 (Relating to the two-stage ground-based interceptor missile). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Coburn amend #2563 (Require public disclosure of certain reports). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2585 (Restore certain funds for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations by accounting for the August 2009 Congressional Budget Office economic assumptions and by reducing funding for congressionally directed spending items for low-priority research and development projects). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sanders amend #2617 (require a report on Federal contracting fraud). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sanders amend #2559 (Make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army \$12,000,000 for the peer-reviewed Gulf War Illness Research Program of the Army.). Agreed to by voice vote.

Reid amend #2562 (Sense of Congress on expanding the mission of the Nevada Test Site and to require a report). Agreed to by voice vote.

Kyl amend #2568 (Make available from amounts available for the Office of the Secretary of Defense \$250,000 for the declassification of the 2001 nuclear posture review). Agreed to by voice vote.

Nelson amend #2614 (Make available from Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, \$15,000,000 for implementation of the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

Hagain amend #2615 (No funding for claims filed regarding water contamination at Camp Lejeune, north Carolina unless certain conditions are met). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2569 (Restore \$294,000,000 for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations by accounting for the August 2009 Congressional Budget Office economic assumptions and by reducing funding for congressionally directed spending items for low-priority research and development project). Amendment was withdrawn.

Casey amend #2592 (ensure that work under contracts under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program complies with certain standards.). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 42 (Acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller from the people of Alabama). Agreed to by voice vote.

S Con Res 43 (Authorizing the use of the Capitol Rotunda). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 298 (Recognizing Filipino-American History Month in October 2009). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 299 (Support for the goals and ideals of "National Infant Mortality Awareness Month 2009"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 300 (Supporting the goals and ideals of "Fire Prevention Week" and the work of firefighters). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 5, 2009. There will be a period of Morning Business until 4:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of H. R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill). There will be no votes during Monday's session. Sen. Reid entered a unanimous consent agreement to limit amendments on H. R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations) and vote on final passage of the bill on Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

The Senate adjourned at 9:01 PM.