

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

The Senate will convene at 1:45 PM for a Pro Forma Session only.

The Senate convened for a Pro Forma Session.

The Senate will convene on Monday October 3, 2011 at 2:00 PM. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 3:30 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to the consideration of S. 1619 (Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to debate the following nominations en bloc; Cal. #113, Henry Floyd to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Cal. #171, Nannette Brown to be U. S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Cal. #172, Nancy Torresen to be U. S. District Judge for the District of Maine, Cal. #173, William Kuntz, II to be U. S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Cal. #184, Marina Marmolejo to be U. S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas and Cal. #357, Jennifer Zipps to be U. S. District Judge for the District of Arizona. Upon conclusion of the debate, the nominations of Brown, Torresen, Kuntz, II Marmolejo and Zipps will be confirmed by unanimous consent. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two votes. The first vote will be on Executive Calendar # 113, Henry Floyd to be U. S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. The second vote will be on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the consideration of S. 1619 (Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act).

The Senate adjourned at 1:46 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

The Senate will convene at 3:30 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 2608 (Vehicle for Continuing Resolution and FEMA Funding). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur with the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2608 with an amendment #656 (Continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011 and disaster relief for fiscal years 2011 and 2012).

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 2608 (Vehicle for Continuing Resolution and FEMA Funding) with Reid amend #656 (Continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011 and disaster relief for fiscal years 2011 and 2012). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur with an amendment. Yeas and nays ordered with a 60 yea vote threshold. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 54-35.

Reid amend #656 (Continuing Appropriations for fiscal year 2011 and disaster relief for fiscal years 2011 and 2012). The amendment was withdrawn.

Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 2608 (Vehicle for Continuing Resolution and FEMA Funding) with Reid amend #665 (Continuing Appropriations for fiscal year 2011). Yeas and nays ordered with a 60 yea vote threshold. The Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H. R. 2608, with Reid amendment #665, was agreed to by a vote of 79-12.

H. R. 2017 (Appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security).

Reid amend #666 (Continuing Appropriations through Tuesday, October 4, 2011). The amendment is agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 2017 (Appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security). The bill was read for a third time, as amended. The bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1619 (Provide for identification of misaligned currency). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the Bill. The vote will occur at approximately 5:30 PM on Monday, October 3, 2011.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent to proceed on Monday, October 3, 2011 at 4:30 PM to an Executive Session to debate the following nominations en bloc:

Cal. #113, Henry Floyd to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Cal. #171, Nannette Brown to be U. S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Cal. #172, Nancy Torresen to be U. S. District Judge for the District of Maine.

Cal. #173, William Kuntz, II to be U. S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Cal. #184, Marina Marmolejo to be U. S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.

Cal. #357, Jennifer Zipps to be U. S. District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Further, that upon use of all debate time on Monday, October 3, 2011, the Senate will confirm the nominations of Brown, Torresen, Kuntz, II, Marmolejo and Zipps by unanimous consent.

The Confirmation of Floyd will be voted on at 5:30 PM on Monday, October 3, 2011.

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent to proceed not before October 11, 2011 to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc:

Cal. #250, Jane Triche-Milazo to be U. S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Cal. #251, Alison Nathan to be U. S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Cal. #252, Susan Hickey to be U. S. District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.

Cal. #253, Katherine Forrest to be U. S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Further, that at a time to be determined by the Leadership, the Senate will proceed to votes on all of the nominations in order.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

PN 541, Mark D. Acton to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

PN 542, Robert Taub to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #281, Thomas Countryman to be an Assistant Secretary of State. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #324, Constance Barker to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #325, Robert Zimmer to be a Member of the National Science Board. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #326, Arnold Stancell to be a member of the national Science Board. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #327, Walter Barrows to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #328, Charles Korsmo to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring October 13, 2011. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #329, Charles Korsimo to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring October 13, 2017 (Reappointment). Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #330, John Yopp to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring October 13, 2011. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #331, John Yopp to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring October 13, 2017 (Reappointment). Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #332, Marcos Galindo to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring April 17, 2014. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #333, Maria Rengifo-Ruess to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring February 4, 2014. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #334, Robert Granger to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National board for Education Sciences. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #335, Anthony Bryk to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education sciences. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #336, Matan Koch to be a member of the National Council on Disability. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #343, S. Roy Woodall, Jr. to be a member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #347, S. Amanda Marshall to be U. S. Attorney for the District of Oregon. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #348, John Bales to be U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #349, Kenneth Magidson to be U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #350, Robert Pitman to be U. S. Attorney for the Western District of Texas. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #351, Sarah Saldana to be U. S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #352, Edward Spooner to be U. S. Marshal for the Northern District of Florida. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #362, John Heffern to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the U. S to the Republic of Armenia. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #368, Maurice Foley to be a Judge of the U. S. Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment). Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #369, Juan Vasquez to be a Judge of the U. S. Tax Court for a term of fifteen years (Reappointment). Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #370, Joseph Gale to be a Judge of the U. S. Tax Court for a term of fifteen years (Reappointment). Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #404, David Barlow to be U. S. Attorney for the District of Utah. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

The Following treaties were considered en bloc:

Treaty Doc. 110-23, Investment Treaty with Rwanda. The Resolution of Ratification was agreed to by division vote.

Treaty Doc. 111-6, Mutual Assistance Treaty with Bermuda. The Resolution of Ratification was agreed to by division vote.

H. R. 2005 (Reauthorize the Combating Autism Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1280 (Amend the Peace Corps Act). The bill was agreed to by voice vote, as amended by a substitute amendment.

S. J. Res. 22 (Grant the consent of Congress to an amendment to the compact between the states of Missouri and Illinois, providing that bonds issued by the State Development Agency may mature in not to exceed 40 years). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res. 81 (Directing the Clerk of the House to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2608). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 275 (Designating Oct. 30, 2011 as a "National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Programs Workers Day"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 283 (Designating the year of 2011 as the "International Year of Chemistry"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 284 (Designating September 23, 2011 as "National Falls Prevention Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage the prevention of falls among older adults). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

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The Senate adjourned at 9:39 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business. There are no votes scheduled at this time.

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

The House Message with respect to H.R. 2608 (Continuing Resolution) is considered laid before the Senate.

Reid Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2608 (Continuing Resolution).

Reid Motion to Table the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2608 (Continuing Resolution). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table the Motion to Concur is agreed to by a vote of 59-36.

Reid Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2608 with an amendment #656 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2608 with an amendment #656 ().

Reid 2nd degree amendment #657 to Reid #656 ().

Reid Motion to Refer the House message to the Senate appropriations committee with instructions to report back with amendment #658 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #659 () to the instructions of the motion to refer with an amendment #658 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #660 () to Reid amend #659 ().

Senator Reid asked Unanimous Consent that the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2608 with an amendment #656 () be agreed to. Objected to by Senator McConnell.

The Senate will vote at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 26, 2011 on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur with an amendment #656 ().

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 2646 (Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act of 2011). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2943 (Short-Term TANF Extension Act). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Con. Res. 27 (Honoring the service of Sergeant First Class Leroy Author Petry). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 29 (Authorizing the use of the Rotunda of the United States Capitol). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 248 (National Brain Aneurism Awareness Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 273 (Congratulating the Nunaka Valley Little League junior girls softball team on their performance in the Junior League Softball World Series).

S. Res. 261 (National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 276 ().

S. Res. 277 ().

S. Res. 278 ().

S. Res. 279 ().

S. Res. 280 ().

S. Res. 281 ().

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1619 (To provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, and for other purposes). Second reading. Further readings were objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

PN 924 (567 nominations in the Public Health Service received by the Senate on September 8, 2011, beginning with Aysha Z. Akhtar and ending with Mykah N. Wynter). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

- Cal. #371 (Ashton Carter to be Deputy Sec. of Defense).
 - Cal. #372 (Cal. Timothy Leahy to be Brigadier General, US Air Force).
 - Cal. #373 (Capt. Rebecca McCormick-Boyle to be Rear Admiral, US Navy).
 - Cal. #374 (Capt. Raquel Bono to be Rear Admiral, US Navy).
 - Cal. #375 (Maj. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas to be Lt. General, US Air Force).
 - Cal. #376 (Maj. Gen. Patricia Horoho to be Lt. General, US Army).
 - Cal. #377 (Rear Admiral Douglas Venlet to be Rear Admiral, US Navy).
 - Cal. #378 (Rear Admiral David Johnson to be Rear Admiral, US Navy).
 - Cal. #379 (Rear Admiral Donald Gaddis to be Rear Admiral, US Navy).
 - Cal. #381 (Capt. Mark Whitney to be Rear Admiral, US Navy).
 - Cal. #382 (Capt. Cindy Jones to be Rear Admiral, US Navy).
 - Cal. #383 (Maj. Gen. Judith Fedder to be Lt. General, US Air Force).
 - Cal. #384 (Maj. Gen. Michael Flynn to be Lt. General, US Army).
 - Cal. #385 (Brig. Gen. Scott Hanson to be Major Gen., US Air Force).
 - Cal. #386 (Maj. Gen. Clyde Moore, II to be Lt. General, US Air Force).
 - Cal. #387 (Vice Admiral Cecil Haney to be Admiral, US Navy).
 - Cal. #388 (Col. Robert Thomas to be Brig. General, US Army Reserve).
 - Cal. #389 (Brig. Gen. Allyson Solomon to be Maj. General, US Air Force Reserves).
 - Cal. #390 (Col. Gary Keefe to be Brig. General, US Air National Guard).
 - Cal. #391 (3 Cols. to be Brig. Generals, US Air National Guard).
 - Cal. #392 (4 Brig. Generals to be Maj. Generals, US Air National Guard).
 - Cal. #393 (Maj. Gen. James Terry to be Lt. General, US Army).
 - Cal. #394 (Maj. Gen. William Grisoli to be Lt. General, US Army).
 - Cal. #395 (Brig. Gen. Margaret Boor to be Maj. General, US Army Reserves).
 - Cal. #396 (Col. Raphael Peart to be Brig. General, US Army National Guard).
 - Cal. #397 (Brig. Gen. Terry Haston to be Maj. General, US Army National Guard).
 - Cal. #398 (Rear Admiral Michael Rogers to be Vice Admiral, US Navy).
 - Cal. #399 (Rear Admiral Frank Pandolfe to be Vice Admiral, US Navy).
 - Cal. #400 (Cols. to be Brig. Generals, US Air National Guard).
 - Cal. #401 (Maj. Gen. Raymond Mason to be Lt. General, US Army).
 - Cal. #402 (Maj. General Terry Wolff to be Lt. General, US Army).
- All nominations placed at the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy. Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 282 (Authorize testimony in a legal case). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:30 PM on Monday, September 26, 2011 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House Message with respect to H.R. 2608 (Vehicle for Continuing Resolution and FEMA Funding). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur with the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2608 with an amendment #656 ().

The Senate adjourned at 3:59 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and proceeded with a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2832 (G.S.P and Trade Adjustment Assistance). The Senate will then proceed with five hours of debate on the following amendments; Thune amend #650 (Require a report on the consequences of failing to act on trade agreements), Rubio amend #651 (Limit eligibility for trade adjustment assistance to workers who are laid off because of an increase in imports from, or a shift in production to, a country with which the United States has a free trade agreement in effect), Cornyn amend #634 (Provide Taiwan with critically needed United States-build multirole fighter aircraft to strengthen its self-defense capacity against the increasing military threat from China) and the Casey amend #633 (Substitute Amendment). Those will be the only amendments in order to H. R. 2832 (G.S.P and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill). At a time to be determined by Senate Leadership, the Senate will proceed with five votes on the four amendments and final passage of the bill. All five votes will be subject to a 60 yea vote threshold for adoption and passage. Sen. Reid announced that upon conclusion of consideration of H. R. 2832, the Senate will await action by the House on the Continuing Resolution regarding funding for fiscal year 2012.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2832 (G.S.P and Trade Adjustment Assistance)

Casey amend #633 (Substitute amendment).

Cornyn amend #634 (Provide Taiwan with critically needed United States-build multirole fighter aircraft to strengthen its self-defense capacity against the increasing military threat from China). Laid aside.

Rubio amend #651 (To limit eligibility for trade adjustment assistance to workers who are laid off because of an increase in imports from, or shift in production to, a country in which the United States has a free trade agreement in effect). Laid aside.

Thune amend #650 (Require a report on the consequences of failing to act on trade agreements).

At 4:30 PM, there will be up to five roll call votes on the following: Thune amend #650, Rubio amend #651, Cornyn amend #634, Casey substitute amend #633, and final passage of H. R. 2832 (G.S.P and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill).

Rubio amend #651 (To limit eligibility for trade adjustment assistance to workers who are laid off because of an increase in imports from, or shift in production to, a country in which the United States has a free trade agreement in effect). The amendment will be subject to a 60 yeas vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 34-62.

Thune amend #650 (Require a report on the consequences of failing to act on trade agreements). The amendment will be subject to a 60 yeas vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 44-52.

Cornyn amend #634 (Provide Taiwan with critically needed United States-built multirole fighter aircraft to strengthen its self-defense capacity against the increasing military threat from China). The amendment will be subject to a 60 yeas vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 48-48.

Casey amend #633 (Substitute Amendment). The amendment will be subject to a 60 yeas vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 69-28.

H. R. 2832 (G.S.P and Trade Adjustment Assistance) as amended. The bill will be subject to a 60 yeas vote threshold for passage. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill as amended passed by a vote of 70-27.

The Senate recessed at 6:55 PM subject to the call of the chair.

The Senate reconvened at 8:21 PM.

S. 1619 (A bill to provide for identification of misaligned currency and require action to correct the misalignment). The bill was read for the first time.

H.R. 2883 (Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Friday, September 23, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business. There are no votes scheduled at this time. The Senate will wait for the House of Representatives to take action on the Continuing Resolution.

The Senate adjourned at 8:23 PM.

The Senate

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of H.R. 2832 (G.S.P. and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill). At 12:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following amendments: Hatch amend #641 (To make the effective date of the amendments expanding the trade adjustment assistance program contingent on the enactment of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, the United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act, and the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act) and McCain amend #625 (To extend Trade Adjustment Assistance as in effect before the enactment of the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance of 2009). Both amendments are subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2832 (G.S.P. and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill).

Casey amend #633 (Substitute amendment).

McCain amend #625 (To extend Trade Adjustment Assistance as in effect before the enactment of the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance of 2009). Laid aside.

Hatch amend #641 (To make the effective date of the amendments expanding the trade adjustment assistance program contingent on the enactment of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, the United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act, and the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 44-54.

McCain amend #625 (To extend Trade Adjustment Assistance as in effect before the enactment of the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance of 2009). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 46-53.

Hatch amend #642 (Modify the eligibility requirements for trade adjustment assistance). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 40-57.

Kyl amend #645 (Repeal trade adjustment assistance for firms). Yeas and nays. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43-54.

S. Con. Res. 17 (Sense of Congress regarding Taiwan). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 633 (Prevent Fraud in Small Business Contracting). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 22, 2011. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2832 (G.S.P and Trade Adjustment Assistance). The Senate will then proceed with five hours of debate on the following amendments; Thune amend #650 (Require a report on the consequences of failing to act on trade agreements), Rubio amend #651 (Limit eligibility for trade adjustment assistance to workers who are laid off because of an increase in imports from, or a shift in production to, a country with which the United States has a free trade agreement in effect), Cornyn amend #634 (Provide Taiwan with critically needed United States-build multirole fighter aircraft to strengthen its self-defense capacity against the increasing military threat from China) and the Casey amend #633 (Substitute Amendment). Those will be the only amendments in order to H. R. 2832 (G.S.P and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill). At a time to be determined by Senate Leadership, the Senate will proceed with five votes on the four amendments and final passage of the bill. All five votes will be subject to a 60 yea vote threshold for adoption and passage. Sen. Reid announced that upon conclusion of consideration of H. R. 2832, the Senate will await action by the House on the Continuing Resolution regarding funding for fiscal year 2012.

The Senate adjourned at 7:13 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will adopt the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2832 (G.S.P. and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill) and will begin consideration of the bill. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:30 PM, Sen. Heller (R-NV) will be recognized to offer his maiden speech as a U.S. Senator.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2832 (G.S.P. and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill). Motion to Proceed agreed to by a previous Unanimous Consent agreement.

H.R. 2832 (G.S.P. and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill).

Casey amend #633 (Substitute amendment).

McConnell amend #626 (To provide trade promotion authority for the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and for other trade agreements). Laid aside.

Menendez unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to S. 1094 (Combating Autism Reauthorization Act), and that the bill be read a third time and passed. DeMint objected.

Coburn unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to S. 1094 (Combating Autism Reauthorization Act), the Coburn amendment be agreed to, and that the bill as amended be read a third time and passed. Menendez objected.

The Senate recessed at 12:47 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

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

H.R. 2832 (G.S.P. and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill).

Casey amend #633 (Substitute amendment).

McConnell amend #626 (To provide trade promotion authority for the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and for other trade agreements), as modified. Laid aside.

Hatch amend #641 (To make the effective date of the amendments expanding the trade adjustment assistance program contingent on the enactment of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, the United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement

Implementation Act, and the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #169 (John Andrew Ross to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Cal. #170 (Timothy Cain to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 99-0.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

McConnell amend #626 (To provide trade promotion authority for the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and for other trade agreements), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 45-55.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of H.R. 2832 (G.S.P. and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill). At 12:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following amendments: Hatch amend #641 (To make the effective date of the amendments expanding the trade adjustment assistance program contingent on the enactment of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, the United States-Columbia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act, and the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act) and McCain amend #625 (To extend Trade Adjustment Assistance as in effect before the enactment of the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance of 2009). Both amendments are subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2832 (Trade Adjustment Assistance). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

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

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2832 (G.S.P. and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **84-8**.

S. Res. 271 (Honoring the late Senator Charles Percy of Illinois). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will adopt the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2832 (G.S.P. and Trade Adjustment Assistance Bill) and will begin consideration of the bill. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:30 PM, Sen. Heller (R-NV) will be recognized to offer his maiden speech as a U.S. Senator.

The Senate adjourned at 6:35 PM as a further mark of respect to the late Senator Charles Percy of Illinois.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes on Friday. The next roll call vote will be at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 19, 2011.

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

H.R. 2587 (Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act). Second reading. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2832 (Trade Adjustment Assistance). Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 19, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2832 (Trade Adjustment Assistance). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate adjourned at 11:17 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973 and the legislative vehicle for FEMA funding). The filing deadline for first degree amendments to H.J. Res. 66 is 1:00 PM today. If an agreement is not reached, the Senate will hold two cloture votes on H.J. Res. 66 on Friday, September 16, 2011. Majority Leader Reid announced he hopes to reach an agreement to complete consideration of H.J. Res. 66 and H.R. 2887 (FAA Reauthorization/Highway Extension bill) during today's session of the Senate.

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

H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973 and the legislative vehicle for FEMA funding).

Reid unanimous consent request that the Motion to Commit with the exception of the Reid substitute amend #602 be withdrawn, and for Coburn amend #610 and Paul amend #613 to be the only amendments in order to the Reid substitute amend #602. Further, that at 4:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to up to three roll call votes on the following: Coburn amend #610 (to save at least \$7 billion by consolidating duplicative or overlapping government programs), Paul amend #613 (to offset the disaster relief appropriations by rescinding amounts for foreign aid programs) and Reid substitute amend #602, as amended, if amended. Further, that each amendment be subject to a 60-vote threshold. If the Reid substitute amendment, as amended, if amended, is agreed to, H.J. Res. 66 will be agreed to unanimous consent. If the Reid substitute amendment does not receive 60 votes, the cloture motion will be withdrawn and H.J. Res. 66 will be returned to the calendar. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

Coburn 2nd Degree amend #610 (Save Federal money by consolidating some duplicative and overlapping Government programs) to Reid amend #602 (Substitute Amendment). Laid aside.

Paul 2nd Degree amend #613 (Offset the disaster relief appropriations by rescinding amounts for foreign assistance programs) to Reid amend #602 (Substitute Amendment). Laid aside.

Coburn motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 2887 (FAA Reauthorization/Highway Extension bill) with a Coburn amendment regarding a four month FAA extension be agreed to. Objected to by Sen. Reid.

Coburn motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 2887 (FAA Reauthorization/Highway Extension bill) with the Coburn amendment regarding the repeal of the 10% enhancement mandate be agreed to. Objected to by Sen. Reid.

Coburn motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 2887 (FAA Reauthorization/Highway Extension bill) with a Coburn amendment regarding a six month surface transportation extension that repeals the 10% enhancement mandate be agreed to. Objected to by Sen. Reid.

Reid motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 2881 (FAA Reauthorization/Highway Extension bill) with one Coburn amendment (subject to a 60 vote threshold), Paul amendment (subject to a 60 vote threshold) and an additional Paul amendment (subject to a 60 vote threshold). Additionally, after two hours of debate on the amendments there be votes on all amendments and final passage was objected to by Sen. Coburn.

H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973 and the legislative vehicle for FEMA funding).

Coburn 2nd Degree amend #610 (Save Federal money by consolidating some duplicative and overlapping Government programs) to Reid amend #602 (Substitute Amendment). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous agreement, the amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 54-45.

Paul 2nd Degree amend #613 (Offset the disaster relief appropriations by rescinding amounts for foreign assistance programs) to Reid amend #602 (Substitute Amendment). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous agreement, the amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 20-78.

Reid amend #602 (Substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous agreement, the amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 62-37.

H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973 and the legislative vehicle for FEMA funding), as amended. Final passage. Under a previous order, the resolution is agreed by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2887 (Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011).

The following amendments were introduced en bloc:

Paul amend #621 (Limits the amount authorized to be expended from the Highway Trust Fund in any fiscal year to the amount anticipated to be deposited into the Highway Trust Fund in that fiscal year).

Paul amend #622 (Decreases the authorizations of appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration to fiscal year 2008 levels).

Paul amend #621 (Limits the amount authorized to be expended from the Highway Trust Fund in any fiscal year to the amount anticipated to be deposited into the Highway Trust Fund in that fiscal year). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous agreement, the amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 14-84.

Paul amend #622 (Decreases the authorizations of appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration to fiscal year 2008 levels). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous agreement, the amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 36-61.

H.R. 2887 (Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011). Final passage. Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous agreement, the amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage. The bill is passed by a vote of 92-6.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 268 (Relative to the death of the Honorable Malcolm Wallop, Former Senator from the State of Wyoming). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #358 (Wendy Sherman to be an Under Secretary of State). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 269 (National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2587 (Protecting Jobs From Government Interference Act). First reading. Further readings were objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 16, 2011 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes on Friday. The next roll call vote will be at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 19, 2011.

The Senate adjourned at 8:06 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

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 post cloture debate on the Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973 and the legislative vehicle for FEMA funding). Sen. Durbin announced that the Senate may consider the FAA Reauthorization bill and the Highway Extensions bill, if possible.

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

The following bills were read for a second time en bloc:

S. 1549 (Provides tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs).

H.R. 2832 (To extend the Generalized System of Preferences).

H.R. 2887 (Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011).

Further readings of the bills were objected to and the bills are placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973 and the legislative vehicle for FEMA funding).

Reid unanimous consent request that all post-cloture debate on the Motion to Proceed be yielded back, and that the Senate proceed to H.J. Res. 66. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973 and the legislative vehicle for FEMA funding).

Reid amend #602 (In the Nature of a Substitute). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #603 (perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #602 (In the Nature of a Substitute). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #604 to Reid amend #603. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #605 (language proposed to be stricken by amendment #602) to Reid amend #602 (In the Nature of a Substitute). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #606 to Reid amend #605. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid filed cloture on Reid amend #602 (In the Nature of a Substitute).

Reid filed cloture on H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973 and the legislative vehicle for FEMA funding).

Motion to commit H.J. Res. 66 to the Finance Committee with Instructions to report back with the following amendment numbered 607. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #608 to the Instructions on the Motion to Commit H.J. Res. 66. Yeas and nays ordered.

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

Mary B. DeRosa to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Frank E. Loy to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Kendrick B. Meek to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

The nominations were confirmed en bloc by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 267 (Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 15, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973 and the legislative vehicle for FEMA funding). The filing deadline for first degree amendments to H.J. Res. 66 is 1:00 PM on Thursday, September, 15, 2011. If an agreement is not reached, the Senate will hold two cloture votes on H.J. Res. 66 on Friday, September 16, 2011. Majority Leader Reid announced he hopes to reach an agreement to complete consideration of H.J. Res. 66, the FAA Reauthorization bill and the Highway Extensions bill during Thursday's session of the Senate.

The Senate adjourned at 7:13 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

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 the Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973).

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

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

Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973). The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill. The yeas and nays are ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill was agreed to by a vote of 61-38.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #128, Mara Rudman to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development. The nomination was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Sen. Res. 256 (Designating the week of October 2, 2011 as "National Nurse Managed Health Clinic Week"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 262 (Designating the week beginning on September 12, 2011 as "National Health Information Technology Week"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 263 (Designating the week beginning September 11, 2011 as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 264 (Designating September 12, 2011 as "National Day of Encouragement"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 265 (Honoring the lifetime achievements of E. Thom Rumberger). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following bills and resolutions were considered en bloc:

S 1549 (Provide tax relief for American workers and businesses and for other purposes). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H. R. 2832 (Extend the system of preferences and for other purposes). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H. R. 2887 (Extension of air surface transportation programs and for other purposes). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene 9:30 AM on Wednesday, September 14, 2011. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume post cloture debate on the Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973 and the legislative vehicle for FEMA funding). Sen. Durbin announced that the Senate may consider the FAA Reauthorization bill and the Highway Extensions bill, if possible.

The Senate adjourned at 6:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 12, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 66. Following the vote at approximately 5:50 PM, Senators will gather on the East Front Steps of the Capitol for a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion is not agreed to by a vote of 53-33. Under a previous order, a Motion to reconsider is entered.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 5:58 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM on Friday, September 9, 2011. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during Friday's session. The next roll call vote will occur not before 5:00 PM on Monday, September 12, 2011.

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

Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973).

S. 1239 (Fallen Heroes of 9/11 Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 12, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of the Burmese Freedom and Democracies Act of 1973). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 66. Following the vote at approximately 5:50 PM, Senators will gather on the East Front Steps of the Capitol for a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

The Senate adjourned at 12:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill). There will be five hours of debate followed by a vote of the following amendments: Sessions amend #600 (To strike the provision relating to the calculation of the 60-day period for application of patent term extension), Cantwell amend #595 (To establish a transitional program for covered business method patents), Coburn amend #599 (To amend the provision relating to funding the Patent and Trademark Office by establishing a US Patent and Trademark Office Public Enterprise Fund). After disposition of these amendments, the Senate will then proceed to vote on final passage of the bill. At approximately 6:30 PM, Senators will proceed to the House of Representatives to receive a Joint Address to Congress from President Obama. Following the President's speech, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 25 (Relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit).

S. J. Res 26 (Expressing the sense of Congress that Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner no longer holds the confidence of Congress or of the people of the United States). The resolution was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the resolution was placed on the calendar.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill)

Sessions amend #600 (To strike the provision relating to the calculation of the 60-day period for application of patent term extension). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 47-51.

Cantwell amend #595 (To establish a transitional program for covered business method patents). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 13-85 and one present vote.

Coburn amend #599 (To amend the provision relating to funding the Patent and Trademark Office by establishing a US Patent and Trademark Office Public Enterprise Fund), as modified. Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of 50-48.

H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill). The bill was read for a third time as amended. The yeas and nays on final passage were ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 89-9.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

H. Con. Res. 67 (Authorize the use of Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Con. Res. 28 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to award the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the 100th Infantry Battalion, 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the Military Intelligence of the US Army in recognition of the dedicated service during World War II). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 259 (Designating September 9, 2011 as “National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. res. 260 (Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Shenandoah National Park). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

At 6:13 PM, the Senate recessed, subject to the call of the Chair.

At 6:30 PM, the Senate reconvened.

The Senate proceeded as a body to the House of Representatives to conduct a Joint Session to receive an address from the President of the United States.

S. J. Res. 25 (Relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit). Sen. Reid made a Motion to Proceed to the resolution. Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Proceed. The Motion to proceed to the resolution was not agreed to by a vote of 45-52.

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM on Friday, September 9, 2011. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during Friday’s session. The next roll call vote will occur not before 5:00 PM on Monday, September 12, 2011.

The Senate adjourned at 8:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:30 PM, as if in morning business, there will be 30 minutes for tributes to the late Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon. All time during adjournment, recess and morning business will count toward post-cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249. Sen. Durbin said he expects the Senate to begin consideration of the Patent Reform Bill during Wednesday's session.

H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003). The bill was read for a second time. Further proceedings were objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).

At 12:35 PM, the Senate recessed for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened and resumed a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill). The remaining time post-cloture is yielded back by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).

H. Con. Res. 74 (Providing for a Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 219 (National Celiac Disease Awareness Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 258 (Supporting the designation of a National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S.J. Res. 26 (Sense of the Congress that Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner no longer holds the confidence of Congress or the people of the United States). The resolution is read for the first time. Further readings were objected to and the resolution is placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 8, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill). There will be five hours of debate followed by a vote of the following amendments: Sessions amend #600 (To strike the provision relating to the calculation of the 60-day period for application of patent term extension), Cantwell amend #595 (To establish a transitional program for covered business method patents), Coburn amend #599 (To amend the provision relating to funding the Patent and Trademark Office by establishing a US Patent and Trademark Office Public Enterprise Fund). After disposition of these amendments, the Senate will then proceed to vote on final passage of the bill. Senators will proceed to the House of Representatives to receive a Joint Address to Congress from President Obama. Following the President's speech, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 25 (Relating to the disapproval of the President's exercise of authority to increase the debt limit).

The Senate adjourned at 8:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #109 (Bernice Bouie Donald to be United States Circuit Judge for the 6th Circuit). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Immediately following the judicial nomination vote, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #109 (Bernice Bouie Donald to be United States Circuit Judge for the 6th Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 96-2.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 93-5.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 257 (Relative to the death of Mark O. Hatfield, former Senator from Oregon). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.J. Res. 66 (Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003). Agreed to by unanimous consent

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday September 7, 2011 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:30 PM, as if in morning business, there will be 30 minutes for tributes to the late Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon. All time during adjournment, recess and morning business will count toward post-cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249. Sen. Durbin said he expects the Senate to begin consideration of the Patent Reform Bill during Wednesday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 6:53 PM under the provisions of Senate Resolution 257 as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM for a Pro Forma session.

The Senate convened at 10:00 AM for a Pro Forma session and adjourned at 10:01 AM.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #109 (Bernice Bouie Donald to be United States Circuit Judge for the 6th Circuit). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Immediately following the judicial nomination vote, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1249 (Patent Reform Bill).