

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will hold a series of roll call votes:

- Cal. #456 (Alejandro Mayorkas to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security). Confirmation.
- Cal. #459 (John Koskinen to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue). Motion to Invoke Cloture.
- Cal. #459 (John Koskinen to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue). Confirmation.
- Cal. #382 (Brian Davis to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). Motion to Invoke Cloture.
- Cal. #382 (Brian Davis to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). Confirmation.
- Cal. #452 (Janet Yellen to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System). Motion to Invoke Cloture.

If cloture is invoked on the Yellen nomination, the Senate will vote on confirmation at a time to be determined on Monday, January 6, 2014.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader Remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #456 (Alejandro Mayorkas to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 54-41.

Cal. #459 (John Koskinen to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 56-39.

Cal. #459 (John Koskinen to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 59-36.

Cal. #382 (Brian Davis to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination was agreed to by a vote of 56-36-2 present.

Cal. #382 (Brian Davis to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 68-26.

Cal. #452 (Janet Yellen to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination was agreed to by a vote of 59-34.

The confirmation vote on Cal. #452 (Janet Yellen to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System) will occur at a time to be determined on Monday, January 6, 2014.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Sen. Durbin filed cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1845 (Unemployment Compensation Insurance Extension).

Schumer asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. 1882 (A bill to extend the exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits), and that the bill be read three times and passed. Sen. Hatch objected.

Sen. Hatch asked unanimous consent that Sen. Schumer's request be modified to refer S. 1882 (A bill to extend the exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits) to the Finance Committee so that it can be properly considered in regular order. Sen. Schumer objected.

Durbin unanimous consent that all the nominations received during the 113th Congress, first session remain in status quo notwithstanding the provision of Rule XXXI, paragraph VI of the Standing Rules of the Senate was objected to by Graham

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #460, Brig. Gen. Paul S. Dwan to be Major General in the Air Force. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #461, Brigadier Generals Catherine Chilton, Stayce Harris, William Waldrop and Tommy Williams to be Major General in the Air Force. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #462, Col Josef Schmid to be Brigadier General in the Air Force. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #463, Colonels Talentino Angelosante, James Barkley, Thomas Clark, Michael Cole, Samuel Mahoney, Brett McMullen, Jose Monteagudo, Randall Ogden, and Stephen Vautrain to be Brigadier General in the Air Force. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #464, Col Stephen Rader to be Brigadier General in the Air Force. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #465, Col Michael McGuire to be Brigadier General in the Air Force. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #466, Maj. Gen. John Raymond to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #467, Brigadier General Charles Flynn to be Major General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #468, Lt. Gen. David Perkins to be General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #469, Colonels James Iacocca, Daniel Mitchell and Kurt Sonntag to be Brigadier Generals in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #470, Col. Anthony Hall to be Brigadier General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #471, Col Paul Wilson to be Brigadier General, Judge Advocate Generals Corps in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #472, Maj. Gen. Robert Ferrell to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #473, Lt. Gen. Joseph Anderson to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #474, Rear Adm. (Ih) Rebecca McCormick-Boyle to be Rear Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #475, Vice Adm. Michelle Howard to be Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #476, Adm. Mark Ferguson to be Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #477, Rear Adm. Joseph Mulloy to be Vice Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

All nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army and Navy. Confirm all the nominations by unanimous consent. .

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

PN #877, Captian Francis Pelkowski to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half) in the Coast Guard. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

PN #878, Captians Meredith L. Austin, Peter W. Gautier, Michael J. Haycock, James M. Heinz, Kevin E. Lunday, Todd A. Sokalzuk, Paul F. Thomas to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half) in the Coast Guard. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3343 (An act to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act and so forth). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3487 (An act to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S Res 75 (Condemning the Government of Iran). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

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

S Res 325 (National Toy Week).

S Res 326 (Congratulating NCAA Division II Men's Soccer Champions).

S Res 327 (Congratulating Major League Cup 2013 Soccer Champions).

S. Con. Res. 30 (Providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and adjournment of the House of Representatives). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

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

S. 1859 (Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions).

S. 1881 (Expands sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran).

Further consideration of the bills was objected to. The bills were placed on the Calendar.

The following bill was read for the first time.

H.R. 2019 (An act to eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions).

The following items indefinitely postponed:

H. Con. Res. 72

H. Res. 219

Sen Durbin asked unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it convene for pro forma sessions on the following dates and times and following each session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session unless the Senate receives a message from the House that it has adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 30 (The adjournment resolution):

Tuesday, December 24, 2013 at 12 Noon.

Friday, December 27, 2013 at 12 Noon.

Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at 12 Noon.

Friday, January 3, 2014 at 11:45 AM.

Further, Sen. Durbin asked unanimous consent that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, January 3, 2014, it reconvene on Monday, January 6, 2014. If the Senate receives a message that the House has adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution 30, the Senate will reconvene for a pro forma business session only on Friday, January 3, 2014 at 11:45 AM.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, January 6, 2014. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1845 (Unemployment Compensation Insurance Extension). At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #452 (Janet Yellen to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Yellen nomination. Following the confirmation vote, the Senate will resume a Legislative Session and will vote on Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1845 (Unemployment Compensation Insurance Extension).

The Senate adjourned at 1:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a Legislative Session. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). Votes are possible, but are unscheduled. If all post-cloture time is used a vote on adoption of the House Message with respect to H. R. 3304 will occur at approximately 11:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1356 (Amend the work force investment Act of 1998).

S. 1859 (Certain tax extensions). Reid Motion to Proceed to the bill and passed was objected to by McConnell.

McConnell motion to withdraw the multiple pending motions to invoke cloture on nominations and following the disposition of the Defense Bill, the Senate proceed to H. R. 2668 (House passed revenue measure) and the text of S. 1859 (Certain tax extensions) be the first amendment in order and the Majority and Minority sides be recognized to offer amendments in an alternating fashion was objected to by Reid.

House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). Motion to concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment.

The Senate will recess from 12:45 PM - 2:15 PM.

The Senate recessed at 12:45 PM.

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

House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). Motion to concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment.

Reid Motion to Proceed to S. 1845 (Unemployment Compensation Insurance Extension) and pass the bill was objected to by Cornyn.

Cornyn Motion to lay aside pending cloture motions on nominations and proceed to the consideration of S. 1845 (Unemployment Compensation Insurance Extension) was objected to by Reed.

House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). Motion to concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment.

Cornyn motion to lay aside the pending motion and move to concur in the amendments to the House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization) with Cornyn amend #2602 (Provide for the award of medals for members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense who were killed or wounded in an attack perpetrated by a homegrown violent extremist who was inspired or motivated by a foreign terrorist organization) objected to by Levin.

House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). Motion to concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment. Cornyn Motion to table the Motion to concur. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was not agreed to by a vote of 45-55.

House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). Motion to concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment.

The cloture motions were withdrawn on the following nominations:

Cal. #455 (Sloan Gibson to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs).

Cal. #445 (Sarah Sewall to be an Under Secretary of State).

Cal. #371 (Michael Conner to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior).

Cal. #457 (Sarah Raskin to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury).

Cal. #356 (Jessica Wright to be Under Secretary of Defense).

Cal. #189 (Richard Engler to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board).

House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). Motion to concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur is agreed to by a vote of 84-15.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #456 (Alejandro Mayorkas to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion is agreed to by a vote of 55-45.

Cal. #456 (Alejandro Mayorkas to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H. Con. Res. 71 (Corrections to the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3304). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2319 (Clarifies certain provisions of the Native American Veterans Mobile Establishment Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 623 (Provides for the conveyance of certain property located in Anchorage, Alaska). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 767 (Amends the Energy Policy Act of 2005). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1614 (Requires certificates of citizenship and other federal documents to reflect name and date of birth determinations made by a state court). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following bills were read en bloc:

S. 1859 (Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions).

S. 1881 (Expands sanctions imposed with respect to Iran and to impose additional sanctions with respect to Iran).

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

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Friday, December 20th. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a series of roll call votes:

Cal. #456 (Alejandro Mayorkas to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security). Confirmation.

Cal. #459 (John Koskinen to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue). Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Cal. #459 (John Koskinen to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue). Confirmation.

Cal. #382 (Brian Davis to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Cal. #382 (Brian Davis to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). Confirmation.

Cal. #452 (Janet Yellen to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System). Motion to Invoke Cloture.

If cloture is invoked on the Yellen nomination, the Senate will vote on confirmation at a time to be determined on Monday, January 6, 2014.

The Senate adjourned at 12:21 AM on Friday, December 20, 2013.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur on the House Message to accompany H. J. Res 59 (Budget Agreement). All time during adjournment counted toward post-cloture. No votes are scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

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

S. 1845 (A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits and for other purposes).

S. 1846 (A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012).

Further consideration of the bills was objected to en bloc. The bills were placed on the calendar.

House Message to accompany H. J. Res 59 (Budget Agreement).

Sen. Reed asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to S. 1797 (A bill to extend unemployment insurance benefits for one year), be read a third time and passed. Sen. Cornyn asked Unanimous Consent that the Senator amend his request so the Senate withdraw all of the pending cloture motions on executive nominations and the Senate then proceed to S. 1797 (A bill to extend unemployment insurance benefits for one year), and that amendments are allowed to be offered in alternating fashions between Democrats and Republicans. Reed objected to amend his request. Cornyn objected to the original Reed request.

House Message to accompany H. J. Res 59 (Budget Agreement).

Sen. Sanders asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to S. 944 (Veterans Health and Benefits Improvement Act of 2013), that the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to, and the bill as amended be read a third time and passed. Objected to by Sen. Coburn.

House Message to accompany H. J. Res 59 (Budget Agreement). Motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H. J. Res. 59. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of 64-36.

House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). Motion to concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the H. R. 3304. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the motion to concur was agreed to by a vote of 71-29.

House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). Motion to concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the H. R. 3304.

H. R. 1402 (Extend certain expiring provisions of law). The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 316 (Supporting the goals and ideals of “American Diabetes Month”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 324 (Sense of the Senate with the respect to the tragic shooting of employees of the TSA at Los Angeles International Airport on November 1, 2013). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 19, 2013 and will proceed with a Legislative Session. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). Votes are possible, but are unscheduled. If all post-cloture time is used a vote on adoption of the House Message with respect to H. R. 3304 will occur at approximately 11:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with respect to H. J. Res. 59 (Budget Agreement).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1356 (Amend the work force investment Act of 1998).

House Message to accompany H. J. Res 59 (Budget Agreement). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of 67-33.

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

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

House Message to accompany H. J. Res 59 (Budget Agreement).

Sessions asked unanimous consent to set aside the pending motion so that he may offer a motion to concur with amendment number 2573, which is filed at the desk. Murray objected.

Sessions Motion to Table the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H. J. Res 59 (Budget Agreement). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was not agreed to by a vote of 46-54.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 3588 (Community Fire Safety Act of 2013). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 947 (A bill to ensure access to certain information for financial service industry regulators and for other purposes). The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1847 (A bill to provide for the re-designation of the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies as the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies). The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent.

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

S. 1845 (A bill to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits and for other purposes).

S. 1846 (A bill to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012).

The second readings were objected to en bloc.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur on the House Message to accompany H. J. Res 59 (Budget Agreement). All time during adjournment will count post-cloture. No votes are scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will proceed with Morning Business until 5:30 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of Cal. #406, Anne W. Patterson to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs) and immediately vote on confirmation of the nomination. Upon disposition of the Patterson nomination, the Senate will immediately vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #450, Jeh Charles Johnson to be Secretary of Homeland Security. If cloture is invoked on the Johnson nomination, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Sen. Reid announced his intention to proceed to the consideration of the Budget Agreement on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 and the Department of Defense Authorization Bill on Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

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

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #406, Anne W. Patterson to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 78-16.

Cal. #450, Jeh Charles Johnson to be Secretary of Homeland Security. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 57-37.

Cal. #450, Jeh Charles Johnson to be Secretary of Homeland Security. All post-cloture time yielded back by Unanimous Consent. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 78-16.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Reid Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #456 (Alejandro Mayorkas to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed is agreed to by a vote of 53-38.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #456 (Alejandro Mayorkas to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security).

Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #459 (John Koskinen to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed is agreed to by a vote of 55-37.

Cal. #459 (John Koskinen to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #382 (Brian Davis to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #382 (Brian Davis to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #452 (Janet Yellin to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #452 (Janet Yellin to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #455 (Sloan Gibson to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #455 (Sloan Gibson to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #445 (Sarah Sewall to be an Under Secretary of State). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #445 (Sarah Sewall to be an Under Secretary of State). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #371 (Michael Conner to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #371 (Michael Conner to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #457 (Sarah Raskin to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #457 (Sarah Raskin to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #356 (Jessica Wright to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #356 (Jessica Wright to be Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #189 (Richard Engler to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #189 (Richard Engler to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board). Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 322 (To authorize the printing of a collection of the rules of the Committees of the Senate). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 17, 2013. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with respect to H. J. Res. 59 (Budget Agreement).

The Senate adjourned at 8:16 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM for a legislative session only. Sen. Reid is expected to file cloture on the House Message to accompany H. J. Res. 59 (Budget Agreement) and also on the House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). On Monday, December 16, 2013, the Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will proceed with an Executive Session. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of Cal. #406, Anne W. Patterson to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs) and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 PM. Upon disposition of the Patterson nomination, the Senate will immediately vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #450, Jeh Charles Johnson to be Secretary of Homeland Security. If cloture is invoked on the Johnson nomination, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Sen. Reid announced his intention to proceed to the consideration of the Budget Agreement on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 and the Department of Defense Authorization Bill on Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

House Message to accompany H. J. Res. 59 (Budget Agreement). Reid Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the bill. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment.

Reid Motion to concur with Reid amend #2547 (Of a perfecting nature). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2548 (Of a perfecting nature) to the instruction of Reid amend #2547 (Of a perfecting nature).

Reid motion to refer the House Message to the bill to the Committee on Budget with instructions to report back with the following amendment #2549 (Of a perfecting nature). Yea and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2550 (Of a perfecting nature) to the instructions on the motion to refer with Reid amend #2549 (Of a perfecting nature). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd Degree amend #2551 (Of a perfecting nature to Reid amend #2550 (Of a perfecting nature)).

House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). Reid Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to the bill. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture Motion on the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment.

Reid Motion to concur with Reid amend #2552 (Of a perfecting nature). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2553 (Of a perfecting nature) to the instructions of Reid amend # 2552 (Of a perfecting nature).

Reid motion to refer the House Message to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back with Reid amend #2554 (Of a perfecting nature). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2555 (Of a perfecting nature) to the instructions to the motion to refer. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd Degree amend #2556 (Of a perfecting nature) to Reid amend #2555 (Of a perfecting nature).

S. 1824 (Amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to exempt certain pipe fittings and fixtures that contain brass). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

On Monday, December 16, 2013, the Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will proceed with Morning Business until 5:30 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of Cal. #406, Anne W. Patterson to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs) and immediately vote on confirmation of the nomination. Upon disposition of the Patterson nomination, the Senate will immediately vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #450, Jeh Charles Johnson to be Secretary of Homeland Security. If cloture is invoked on the Johnson nomination, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Sen. Reid announced his intention to proceed to the consideration of the Budget Agreement on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 and the Department of Defense Authorization Bill on Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

The Senate adjourned at 1:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with an Executive Session. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of Cal. #233, Cornelia T. L. Pillard to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia. If all post-cloture time is used, a vote on confirmation of the nomination will occur at 1:00 AM on Thursday, December 12, 2013.

The Senate convened and proceeded to with a Legislative Session.

S. 1797 (Provide for the Extension of certain unemployment benefits). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

The Legislative Day continued into Thursday, December 12, 2013.

Cal. #233, Cornelia T. L. Pillard to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 51-44.

Cal. #378, Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 57-39

Cal. #378, Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 54-41.

The Senate conducted a Live Quorum.

Cal. #330, Elizabeth Wolford to be a US District Judge for the Western District of New York. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 55-41.

Cal. #330, Elizabeth Wolford to be a US District Judge for the Western District of New York. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 70-29.

Cal. #347 Landya B. McCafferty to be US District Judge for the District of New Hampshire. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 58-40-1 present.

Reid Unanimous Consent request for Senate Committees to meet during Today's session of the Senate was agreed to.

Schumer unanimous consent request that if the Senate receives H. R. 3548 (Improving Trauma Care Act of 2013) from the House and the bill is identical to the Senate bill, it be read three times and passed was agreed to.

Cal. #347 Landya B. McCafferty to be US District Judge for the District of New Hampshire. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 79-19.

Cal. #361, Patricia M. Wald to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 57-41.

Cal. #361, Patricia M. Wald to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 57-41.

The Senate conducted a Live Quorum.

Cal. #348, Brian Morris to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 57-40.

The Senate proceed to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3547 (Extend certain Space Launch Liability Provisions). The Nelson amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill as amended passed by unanimous consent.

The Senate resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #348, Brian Morris to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 75-20.

The Senate conducted a Live Quorum.

Cal. #349, Susan P. Watters to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 58-39.

Cal. #349, Susan P. Watters to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 77-19.

The Senate conducted a Live Quorum.

Cal. #358, Deborah Lee James to be Secretary of the Air Force. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of 58-39.

The Legislative Day continued into Friday, December 13, 2013.

Cal. #358, Deborah Lee James to be Secretary of the Air Force. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 79-6.

Cal. #444, Heather Anne Higginbottom to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 51-34.

Cal. #444, Heather Anne Higginbottom to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

Reid unanimous consent request that if cloture is invoked on the Patterson nomination (at 12:00 PM today), the vote on confirmation of the Patterson nomination will occur at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 16, 2013. Further, the Senate will then proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Johnson nomination and, if invoked, the Senate immediately proceed to a vote on confirmation of the Johnson nomination was agreed to.

Reid unanimous consent request that when the Senate completes its business today (Friday), it adjourn until 1:00 PM on Sunday, December 15, 2013 for Legislative Business only was agreed to.

Cal. #444, Heather Anne Higginbottom to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 74-17.

Cal. #406, Anne W. Patterson to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 54-36.

Cal. #406, Anne W. Patterson to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs). Yeas and nays ordered.

S. Res. 299 (Congratulating the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee on the celebration of its 100th Anniversary). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 263 (Designating the week of September 23 – September 29, 2013 as “National Estuaries Week”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 320 (Designating December 14, 2013 as “Wreaths Across America Day”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 321 (Honoring the life, accomplishments and legacy of Nelson Mandela and expressing condolences on his passing). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1824 (Exempt the Safe Drinking Water Act for fixtures that contain brass). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H. R. 3458 (Fallen Firefighters Assistance Tax Clarification Act of 2013). The Senate having received from the House the bill, it is considered read three times and passed under a previous order.

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM on Sunday, December 15, 2013 for a legislative session only. Sen. Reid is expected to file cloture on the House Message to accompany H. J. Res. 59 (Budget Agreement) and also on the House Message to accompany H. R. 3304 (Department of Defense Authorization). On Monday, December 16, 2013, the Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will proceed with an Executive Session. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of Cal. #406, Anne W. Patterson to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs) and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 PM. Upon disposition of the Patterson nomination, the Senate will immediately vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #450, Jeh Charles Johnson to be Secretary of Homeland Security. If cloture is invoked on the Johnson nomination, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Sen. Reid announced his intention to proceed to the consideration of the Budget Agreement on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 and the Department of Defense Authorization Bill on Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

The Senate adjourned at 2:11 PM.

Cal. #406, Anne W. Patterson to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs). Yeas and nays ordered.

Cal. #450, Jeh Charles Johnson to be Secretary of Homeland Security. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. (30 hours).

Cal. #450, Jeh Charles Johnson to be Secretary of Homeland Security. Yeas and nays ordered.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Leader remarks. At 10:15 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on confirmation of Cal. #327 (Patricia Millett to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1356 (A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #327, Patricia Millett to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 56-38.

Motion to Proceed to the Motion to Reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Cal. #209, Melvin Watt to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of 54-42.

Motion to Reconsider the cloture vote on Cal. #209, Melvin Watt to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of 54-42.

McConnell Point of Order that nominations are fully debatable under the Rules of the Senate unless three-fifths of the Senate voted to bring debate to a close. The ruling of the Chair is that under the precedent set by the Senate on November 21, 2013, cloture on nominations other than those to the Supreme Court of the US is invoked by majority vote. **McConnell motion to Appeal the Ruling of the Chair.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Ruling of the Chair was sustained by a vote of 51-45.

Cal #209, Melvin Watt to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 57-40.

Cal. #209, Melvin Watt to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

The Senate recessed from 12:31-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM and resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #209, Melvin Watt to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 57-41.

Motion to proceed to the reconsideration of the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Cal. #233, Cornelia T. L. Pillard, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of 54-44.

Motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on Cal. #233, Cornelia T. L. Pillard to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Reconsider was agreed to by a vote of 54-44.

Motion to invoke cloture on Cal. #233, Cornelia T. L. Pillard to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia. Yeas and nays ordered. Cloture was invoked by a vote of 56-42.

Cal. #233, Cornelia T. L. Pillard to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia.

Reed motion to proceed to S. 1797 (Extend unemployment insurance) was objected to by Hoeven.

H. R. 2922 (Extend certain authority). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 2871 (Amend US Code). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 315 (Authorize the Production of Records). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1797 (Provide for the Extension of certain unemployment benefits). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 and will proceed with an Executive Session. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of Cal. #233, Cornelia T. L. Pillard to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia. If all post-cloture time is used, a vote on confirmation of the nomination will occur at 1:00 AM on Thursday, December 12, 2013.

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business for two hours. At 4:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1197 (A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to resume post-cloture debate on Cal. #327 (Patricia Millett to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Millett nomination.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 1356 (A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998).

The following bills were read for the second time en bloc.

S. 1774 (A bill to reauthorize the Fire Marshalls Act of 1988 for one year.

S. 1775 (A bill to approve the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response programs and activities of the Department of Defense).

H.R. 1965 (An act to streamline and ensure onshore energy permitting).

H.R. 2728 (An act to recognize states' authority to regulate oil and gas operations and promote American security development and job creation).

Further consideration of the bills was objected to en bloc. The bills were placed on the calendar.

The confirmation vote on Patricia Millett to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia was postponed until the morning of Tuesday, December 10, 2013. The vote will occur immediately after the Senate convenes (Time TBD).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1197 (A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense).

Sen. Schumer asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3626 (To extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years), the Nelson-Schumer amendment the desk be agreed to, and the bill as amended be read three times and passed. Sen. Grassley objected.

Sen. Grassley asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3626 (To extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years), and the bill be read three times and passed. The unanimous consent request was agreed to and the bill passed.

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #378 (Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission). The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid filed cloture on the nomination on Cal. #378(Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission).

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. The Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. # 330 ((Elizabeth A. Wolford, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York). The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid filed cloture on the nomination of Cal. # 330 ((Elizabeth A. Wolford, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York).

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. The Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #347 (Landya B. McCafferty, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire). The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid filed cloture on Cal. #347 (Landya B. McCafferty, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire).

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. The Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #361 (Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2019). The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid filed cloture on Cal. #361 (Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term expiring January 29, 2019).

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. The Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #348 (Brian Morris, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana). The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid filed cloture on Cal. #348 (Brian Morris, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana).

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. The Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #349 (Susan P. Watters, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana). The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid filed cloture on Cal. #349 (Susan P. Watters, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana).

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. The Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #358 (Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force). The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid filed cloture on Cal. #358 (Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force).

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. The Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #444 (Heather Anne Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources). The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid filed cloture on Cal. #444 (Heather Anne Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources).

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. The Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #406 (Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State). The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid filed cloture on Cal. #406 (Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State).

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. The Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #450 (Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security). The Motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid filed cloture on Cal. #450 (Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security).

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. Following Leader remarks at approximately 10:15 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on confirmation of Cal. #327 (Patricia Millett to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:46 PM.