

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with Morning Business until 2:00 PM.

The Senate will then proceed to votes on confirmation of the following nominations:

Cal. #928, Pamela Pepper to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Cal. #930, Brenda Sannes to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Cal. #1032, Madeline Arleo to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Cal. #1033, Wendy Beetlestone to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Cal. #1034, Victor Bolden to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Upon conclusion of the confirmation vote on Bolden on Thursday, the Senate will proceed to votes (expected voice votes) on the following nominations:

Cal. #955, James D. Pettit to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United State of America to the Republic of Moldova.

Cal. #1054, Pamela Spratlen to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Cal. #639, Tamara Ashford to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Cal. #641, L. Paige Marvel to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment).

Cal. #999, Cary Pugh to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Cal. #998, Ramin Toloui to be a Deputy Under-Secretary of the Treasury.

Cal. #1028, Lisa Mensah to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

Cal. #953, George Krol to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Cal. #696, Luis Moreno to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Jamaica.

Cal. #540, Donald Lu to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Albania.

Cal. #962, Brent Hartley to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #928, Pamela Pepper to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **95-0**.

Cal. #930, Brenda Sannes to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 96-0.

Cal. #1032, Madeline Arleo to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #1033, Wendy Beetlestone to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #1034, Victor Bolden to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 49-46.

Cal. #955, James D. Pettit to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United State of America to the Republic of Moldova. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #1054, Pamela Spratlen to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #639, Tamara Ashford to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #641, L. Paige Marvel to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment). Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #999, Cary Pugh to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #998, Ramin Toloui to be a Deputy Under-Secretary of the Treasury. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #1028, Lisa Mensah to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #953, George Krol to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kazakhstan. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #696, Luis Moreno to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Jamaica. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #540, Donald Lu to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Albania. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #962, Brent Hartley to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #1008, Robert M. Speer to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Executive Calendar #892, Noah, Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina was agreed to by unanimous consent. Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by unanimous consent. Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Executive Calendar #631, Colleen Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary was agreed to by unanimous consent. Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by unanimous consent. Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Executive Calendar #772, Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of HUD was agreed to by unanimous consent. Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by unanimous consent. Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Executive Calendar #918, Robert Adler, of DC, to be Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Safety Commission was agreed to by unanimous consent. Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by unanimous consent. Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Executive Calendar #1069, Charlotte, of DC, to be Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission was agreed to by unanimous consent. Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by unanimous consent. Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Executive Calendar #2067, P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal employment Opportunity Commission was agreed to by unanimous consent. Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

By consent, the cloture votes on the Mamet and Bell nominations will occur at 5:30 pm on Monday, December 1 and, if cloture is invoked, the confirmation vote will occur at 10:30 am on

Tuesday, December 2. The Senate will continue to work on an agreement to consider the remaining nominations listed above in a timely fashion. If no agreement cannot be reached, the Senate will process the nominations in the regular order, which is one at a time, with up to 8 hours for debate equally divided prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. The regular order is outlined in Tuesday's vote schedule.

The Senate confirmed the following nominations en bloc by unanimous consent.

Cal. #663

Cal. #671

Cal. #672

Cal. #923

All nominations placed on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 669 (An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life). Harkin substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4067 (An act to for the Extension of the Enforcement Instruction on supervision requirements for outpatient therapy pick services therapeutic access in small rural hospitals through 2014). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5441 (An act to amend the federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the armed forces of the United States). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5728 (An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and title 17, United States code, to extend expiring provisions relating to the retransmission of signals of television, broadcast stations, and for other purposes). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 580 (Expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 583 (Designating November 30, 2014, as Drive Safer Sunday). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 588 (Recognizing the access to hospitals and other health care providers for patients in rural areas is essential to the survival and success of communities). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 589 (Honoring the life of Thomas Menino. Mayor of Boston, Massachusetts, from 1993 to 2014). Agreed to by unanimous consent. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 590 (Recognizing National Native American Heritage Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S.J. Res. 112 (Appointing the day for the convening of the First Session of the 114th Congress). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res. 119 (Providing for conditional adjournment for the House of Representatives and recess or adjournment of the Senate). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, December 1, 2014 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and vote on the following:

Cloture on Executive Calendar #892, Noah, Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina

Cloture on Executive Calendar #631, Colleen Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary.

On Tuesday, December 2, 2014, the Senate will vote on the following at 10:30 AM:

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #892, Noah, Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to Argentina

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #631, Colleen Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary

Unless an agreement is reached, following the confirmation of the Bell nomination, the Senate process the nominations in the regular order, which is one at a time, with up to 8 hours for debate equally divided prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Cloture on Executive Calendar #772, Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of HUD. Followed by up to 8 hours for debate equally divided.

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #772, Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of HUD.

Cloture on Executive Calendar #918, Robert Adler, of DC, to be Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Safety Commission. Followed by up to 8 hours for debate equally divided.

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #918, Robert Adler, of DC, to be Commissioner of the Consumer Protection Safety Commission

Cloture on Executive Calendar #1069, Charlotte, of DC, to be Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Followed by up to 8 hours for debate equally divided.

Confirmation of Executive Calendar #1069, Charlotte, of DC, to be Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Followed by up to 8 hours for debate equally divided.

Cloture on Executive Calendar #2067, P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel of the Equal employment Opportunity Commission

The Senate adjourned at 7:22 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on the following:

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #928, Pamela Pepper to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #930, Brenda Sannes to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1032, Madeline Arleo to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1033, Wendy Beetlestone to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1034, Victor Bolden to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

The Senate will then proceed to vote on the following nominations (expected to be voice votes):

Cal. #596, Jon M. Holladay to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture.

Cal. #699, Maureen Elizabeth Cormack to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Cal. #957, Allan P. Mustard to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Turkmenistan.

Cal. #1044, Earl Robert Miller to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Botswana.

Cal. #1045, Judith Beth Cefkin to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu.

Cal. #1056, Robert T. Yamate to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Union of the Comoros.

Cal. #966, Michele Sison to be the Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations and the Deputy Representative of the United States in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Cal. #967, Michele Sison to be Representative of the United States to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations.

The Senate convened at 9:30 AM and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #928, Pamela Pepper to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 58-39.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #930, Brenda Sannes to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 55-42.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1032, Madeline Arleo to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 56-40.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1033, Wendy Beetlestone to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 58-38.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1034, Victor Bolden to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 51-44.

The Senate recessed Subject to the Call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened and resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #596, Jon M. Holladay to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #699, Maureen Elizabeth Cormack to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #957, Allan P. Mustard to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Turkmenistan. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #1044, Earl Robert Miller to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Botswana. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #1045, Judith Beth Cefkin to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, and Tuvalu. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #1056, Robert T. Yamate to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Union of the Comoros. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #966, Michele Sison to be the Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations and the Deputy Representative of the United States in the Security Council of the United Nations. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #967, Michele Sison to be Representative of the United States to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States to the United Nations. Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res 584 (Commending Gerald Linnell for his service to the United States Senate). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 20, 2014 and will proceed with Morning Business until 2:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to votes on confirmation of the following nominations:

Cal. #928, Pamela Pepper to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Cal. #930, Brenda Sannes to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

Cal. #1032, Madeline Arleo to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Cal. #1033, Wendy Beetlestone to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Cal. #1034, Victor Bolden to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Upon conclusion of the confirmation vote on Bolden on Thursday, the Senate will proceed to votes (expected voice votes) on the following nominations:

Cal. #955, James D. Pettit to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United State of America to the Republic of Moldova.

Cal. #1054, Pamela Spratlen to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Cal. #639, Tamara Ashford to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Cal. #641, L. Paige Marvel to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment).

Cal. #999, Cary Pugh to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Cal. #998, Ramin Toloui to be a Deputy Under-Secretary of the Treasury.

Cal. #1028, Lisa Mensah to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

Cal. #953, George Krol to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Cal. #696, Luis Moreno to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Jamaica.

Cal. #540, Donald Lu to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Albania.

Cal. #962, Brent Hartley to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Slovenia.

The Senate adjourned at 7:13 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Leader remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 2280 (A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches, and will then resume debate on S. 2280. Unless time is yielded back, at approximately 6:15 PM the Senate will proceed with five roll call votes on the following:

Final passage of S. 2280 (A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline). Requires a 60 yeas vote threshold to pass.

Confirmation of Cal. #856, Leslie Joyce Abrams to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

Confirmation of Cal. #857, Mark Howard Cohen to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Confirmation of Cal. #858, Eleanor L. Ross to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2685 (USA FREEDOM Act of 2014). There will be 30 minutes of debate prior to the cloture vote.

Upon disposition of the Ross nomination, and before the Cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to the USA FREEDOM ACT, the Senate will voice vote the following nominations:

Cal. #927, Leslie Barrett to be U.S. Ambassador to Paraguay.

Cal. #954, Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat to be U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Cal. #1047, James Peter Zumwat to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Cal. #1048, Craig Allen to be U.S. Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Cal. #1052, William Roebuck to be U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

S. 2280 (A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline). Laid aside.

The Senate recessed for Party Caucuses.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 2280 (A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline). FINAL PASSAGE. The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous order, the bill requires a 60-yeas vote threshold for passage. The bill was not agreed to by a vote of **59-41**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Confirmation of Cal. #856, Leslie Joyce Abrams to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **100-0**.

Confirmation of Cal. #857, Mark Howard Cohen to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Confirmation of Cal. #858, Eleanor L. Ross to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #927, Leslie Barrett to be U.S. Ambassador to Paraguay. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #954, Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat to be U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #1047, James Peter Zumwat to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #1048, Craig Allen to be U.S. Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #1052, William Roebuck to be U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain. The nomination is confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2685 (USA FREEDOM Act of 2014). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was not agreed to by a vote of **58-42**.

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #928, Pamela Pepper to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.
Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #930, Brenda Sannes to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York. Motion to Invoke Cloture.

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

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #1032, Madeline Aleo to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey. Motion to Invoke Cloture.

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

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #1033, Wendy Beetlestone to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Motion to Invoke Cloture.

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

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #1034, Victor Bolden to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut. Motion to Invoke Cloture.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 577 (Permitting the collection of clothing, toys, food, and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes in Senate buildings). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned at 8:18 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 5:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to votes on:

Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to accompany S. 1086 (Reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #856, Leslie Joyce Abrams to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #857, Mark Howard Cohen to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #858, Eleanor L. Ross to be US District judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

The Senate convened at 2:00 PM and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to accompany S. 1086 (Reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of 88-1.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #856, Leslie Joyce Abrams to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 68-28.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #857, Mark Howard Cohen to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 67-29.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #858, Eleanor L. Ross to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 66-29

Cal. #1050 (Barbara Leaf to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates). Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #898 (Theodore Osius III to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam).
Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #961 (Erica Barks Ruggles to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda). Confirmed
by voice vote.

**Cal. #533 (Karen Clark Stanton to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-
Leste).** Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2 (American Energy Solutions for Lower Costs and More American Jobs Act). The bill was
read a second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 18, 2014. Following any Leader
remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 2280 (A bill to approve the Keystone XL
Pipeline). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus
lunches, and will then resume debate on S. 2280. Unless time is yielded back, at approximately
6:15 PM the Senate will proceed to up to five roll call votes on the following:

Final passage of S. 2280 (A bill to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline). Requires a 60 yeas
threshold to pass.

Confirmation of Cal. #856, Leslie Joyce Abrams to be US District Judge for the Middle District
of Georgia.

Confirmation of Cal. #857, Mark Howard Cohen to be US District Judge for the Northern
District of Georgia.

Confirmation of Cal. #858, Eleanor L. Ross to be US District Judge for the Northern District of
Georgia.

Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2685 (USA FREEDOM Act of 2014).

Upon disposition of the Ross nomination, and before the Cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed
to the USA FREEDOM ACT, the Senate will voice vote the following nominations:

Cal. #927, Leslie Barrett to be U.S. Ambassador to Paraguay.

Cal. #954, Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat to be U.S. Ambassador to the People's Republic of
Bangladesh.

Cal. #1047, James Peter Zumwat to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Cal. #1048, Craig Allen to be U.S. Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam.

Cal. #1052, William Roebuck to be U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Senate adjourned at 7:28 PM under the provisions of S. Res. 579, as a further mark of
respect to the memory of the late Howard Green.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2014

The Senate will convene at 2:15 PM. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to votes on confirmation of Cal. #853, Randolph Moss to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia, confirmation of Cal. #855 Leigh Martin May, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia and the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to accompany S. 1086 (Reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader Remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #853, Randolph Moss to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **54-45**.

Cal. #855, Leigh Martin May to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **99-0**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to accompany S. 1086 (Reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **96-1**.

H. R. 4 (Make revisions to Federal Law to improve the conditions necessary for economic growth and job creation). 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.

H. R. 2 (Act to remove Federal Government obstacles to production of more domestic energy). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to. 2:00 PM on Monday, November 17, 2014. Morning business until 5:30 PM. Motion to concur and vote. 4 votes

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, November 17, 2014 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 5:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to votes on: Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to accompany S. 1086 (Reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #856, Leslie Joyce Abrams to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #857, Mark Howard Cohen to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #858, Eleanor L .Ross to be US District judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with Morning Business. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on cloture on Cal. #853, Randolph Moss to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia and cloture on Cal. #855 Leigh Martin May, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. If cloture is invoked on the nominations, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations at 2:15 PM on Thursday, November 13, 2014.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 2609 (Marketplace and Internet Tax Fairness Act). Laid aside.

Cal. #856, Leslie Joyce Abrams to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #857, Mark Howard Cohen to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #858, Eleanor L. Ross to be US District judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2685 (Uniting and Strengthening America by Fulfilling Rights and Ensuring Effective Discipline Over Monitoring Act of 2014). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill.

Landrieu requested unanimous consent that on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 2280 (Approval of the Keystone XL Pipeline Project) with six hours of debate on the bill, followed by a vote on final passage of the bill with a 60 yeas vote threshold. Cornyn asked to modify by requesting that if the Senate passes S. 2280 and has received from the House a bill that is identical to the Senate bill, then the House bill be read three times and passed. Both the underlying Landrieu request and the Cornyn modification were agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #853, Randolph Moss to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 53-45.

Cal. #855 Leigh Martin May, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote 67-30.

S. Res. 576 (Support for the designation for “National Day on Writing”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 4 (Make revisions to Federal law). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:15 PM on Thursday, November 13, 2014. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to votes on confirmation of Cal. #853, Randolph Moss to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia, confirmation of Cal. #855 Leigh Martin May, to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia and the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to accompany S. 1086 (Reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990).

The Senate adjourned at 7:52 PM.