

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #268, Gayle Smith to be Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

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

S. 2329 (A bill to prevent the entry of extremists into the United States under the refugee program, and for other purposes). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #268, Gayle Smith to be Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

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

Cal. #387 (To be Rear Admiral in the Coast Guard: Peter Brown, Scott Buschman, Michael McAllister, June Ryan, Joseph Vojvodich).

Cal. #388 (To be Brigadier General in the Air Force: Col. Robert Becklund).

Cal. #390 (To be Major General in the Army: Brigadier Gen. Arlen Royalty).

Cal. #391 (Capt. Michelle Skubic to be Rear Admiral in the Navy).

All nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army and Navy were confirmed en bloc by unanimous consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 1698 (Treatment of Certain Payments in Eugenics Compensation Act). The bill was read a third time and passed by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 322 (Recognizing the 60th anniversary of the refusal of Rosa Parks to give up her seat on a bus on December 1, 1955). The resolution was passed by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #268, Gayle Smith to be Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 79-7.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 1, 2015. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will be in Morning Business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. Currently there are no votes scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 6:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

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 H. R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016). No votes are currently scheduled.

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

H.R. 3762 (Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015). The bill was read for the second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill will be placed on the calendar.

Cruz asked unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to S. 247 (Expatriate Terrorist Act) and that the bill be read three times and passed. Durbin objected.

Cruz asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. 2302 (A bill to temporarily restrict the admission to the United States of refugees from countries containing terrorist-controlled territory) and that the bill be read three times and passed. Durbin objected.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016).

At 2:00 PM today, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on the following nominations:

Cal. #366 (Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be U.S. Ambassador to Libya).

Cal. #367 (Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan). Expected voice vote.

Cal. #368 (Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman). Expected voice vote.

Cal. #369 (Deborah R. Malac, of Virginia, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda). Expected voice vote.

Cal. #370 (Lisa J. Peterson, of Virginia, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland). Expected voice vote.

Cal. #371 (H. Dean Pittman, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique). Expected voice vote.

H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016).

Collins amend #2812 (In Nature of a Substitute). For purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Cornyn asked unanimous consent to call up his amendment #2844 (Direct the Secretary of Transportation to expedite benefit-to-cost ratio determinations for airport sponsors that applied for entry into the Contract Tower Program before the date of the enactment of this Act). Paul objected.

Paul asked unanimous consent to call up his amendment #2843 (To prohibit the use of funds appropriated by this Act to assist refugees or asylees from certain designated countries). Collins objected.

Inhofe asked unanimous consent to call up his amendment #2820 (To express the sense of Congress that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration should continue evaluating the benefits of all-digital cylindrical technology and other technologies to be incorporated into the multi-function phased array radar) as modified. Paul objected.

The Senate is in a period of Morning Business.

The Cloture Motion on Collins amend #2812 (In the nature of a substitute) is **withdrawn** by Unanimous Consent.

The Cloture Motion on H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016) is **withdrawn** by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 3996 (Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2015, Part II). The bill passed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #366 (Peter William Bodde, of Maryland, to be U.S. Ambassador to Libya). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **95-0**.

Cal. #367 (Elisabeth I. Millard, of Virginia, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Tajikistan). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #368 (Marc Jonathan Sievers, of Maryland, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #369 (Deborah R. Malac, of Virginia, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Uganda). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #370 (Lisa J. Peterson, of Virginia, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #371 (H. Dean Pittman, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate received a Message from the House that it passed H.R. 4038 (American SAFE Act of 2015).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Execution Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #379 (Rear Admiral Kurt Hinrichs to be Rear Admiral, Director of the Coast Guard Reserve).

Cal. #380 (Derek Tai-Ching Kan to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors).

Cal. #381 (Capt. Andrew McKinley to be Rear Admiral in the Coast Guard Reserve).

Cal. #382 (6 Captains to be Rear Admirals in the U.S. Coast Guard).

All nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Coast Guard.

Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The following nominations were considered, en bloc:

Cal. #136 (Shelly Lowe to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities).

Cal. #194 (Steven Wellner to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia).

Cal. #195 (William Nooter to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia).

Cal. #321 (Juan Carlos Iturregui to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation).

Cal. #322 (Luis Viada to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation).

Cal #323 (Diane Rodriguez to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts).

Cal. #324 (Francine Berman to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities).

Cal. #338 (Patricia Limerick to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities).

Cal. #344 (Ann Barr to be Inspector General, U.S. Agency for International Development).

Cal. #376 (Victoria Lipnic to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission).

Cal. #377 (Michael Michaud to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training).

Confirmed, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1550 (Program Management Improvement Accountability Act). Ernst amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Committee substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2328 (Reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 319 (Drive Safer Sunday). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 95 (Conditional adjournment resolution). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Message to Accompany S. 599 (Improving Access to Emergency Psychiatric Care Act) that the bill be passed with an amendment. Senate McConnell Motion to Concur. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 314 (National Entrepreneurs Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4038 (American SAFE Act of 2015). The bill was read for the first time. A second reading was objected to, and the bill will be read for a second time on the next Legislative Day. McConnell asked that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the bill be placed on the calendar as if read for a second time. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2329 (To prevent the entry of extremists into the United States under the refugee program).
First reading.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, November 30th. The Senate will be in a period of Morning Business until 5pm. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #268, Gayle Smith to be Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:34 PM pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 95 (Conditional adjournment resolution).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of H. R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016). No votes are currently scheduled.

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

S. 2288 (A bill to prohibit members and staff of the Federal Reserve System from lobbying for or against legislation). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

House Message to accompany S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015).

McConnell filed cloture on the Compound Motion to go to Conference with respect to S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015).

Compound Motion to go to Conference on S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Compound Motion to Go to Conference. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 91-6.

Compound Motion to go to Conference on S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015). The Motion was agreed to by **voice vote**.

H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016).

Collins amend #2812 (In Nature of a Substitute). For purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Reed amend #2813 (Technical correction). Laid aside.

Sen. McConnell received unanimous consent that at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 30, 2015, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of Cal. #268, Gayle Smith to be Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development. There will be 30 minutes of debate, followed by a vote on the nomination.

Blunt motion to proceed to S. Res. 325 (Expressing support for the goals of both National Adoption Day” and “National Adoption Month”) and agree to the resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016).

Collins amend #2812 (In Nature of a Substitute). For purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Reed amend #2813 (Technical correction).

McCain amend #2809 (To require the Administrator of the FAA to review certain decisions to grant categorical exclusions for Next Generation flight procedures and to consult with the airports at which such procedures will be implemented). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Mikulski amend #2817 (To provide that the Secretary of Transportation shall have sole authority to appoint Federal Directors to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Wicker amend #2812 (To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to increase the minimum length limitation for a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination from 28 to 33 feet if such a change would not negatively impact public safety). Agreed to by voice vote.

At 5:05 PM, the Senate recessed subject to the Call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 6:25 PM.

H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016).

McConnell filed cloture on Collins amend #2812 (In Nature of a Substitute).

McConnell filed cloture on H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and confirmed all Foreign Service nominations on the Secretary's Desk by unanimous consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 282 (American Diabetes Month).

S. Res. 318 (Authorize deposition testimony and representation in Carowind Management, LLC). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3762 (Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 19, 2015 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R.

2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016). No votes are currently scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 6:53 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 17th and will observe a moment of silence for the victims of the Paris attacks. The Senate will then be in a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will recess for lunches from 12:30-2:15 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a moment of silence for the victims of the Paris attacks.

The Senate proceeded to a Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res 24 (Providing for Congressional disapproval under Chapter 8 of Title 5, US Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency).
Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S.J. Res. 24 (Providing for Congressional disapproval under Chapter 8 of Title 5, US Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency).

The Senate recessed at 1:17 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate convened and resumed a Legislative Session.

S.J. Res. 24 (Providing for Congressional disapproval under Chapter 8 of Title 5, US Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency). Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution was agreed to by a vote of 52-46.

Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 23 (Providing for Congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, U.S. Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed"). The Motion to proceed to the bill was agreed to by a voice vote.

S. J. Res. 23 (Providing for Congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, U.S. Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed"). Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution was agreed to by a vote of 52-46.

H. R. 2297 (Preventing Hezbollah from gaining access to financial institutions). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2288 (Prohibiting members and staff of the Federal Reserve from lobbying activities). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 and will proceed with one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of H. R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016). No votes are currently scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #141, LaShann Hall to be the US District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #141, LaShann Hall to be the U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 93-1.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations, 2016).

McConnell filed Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2577 (Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations, 2016).

S. Res. 313 (Condemning the terrorist attacks in Paris). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 17th and will observe a moment of silence for the victims of the Paris attacks. The Senate will then be in a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:07 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations). At 11:00 AM, the Chair will lay before the Senate the House Message to accompany S. 1356 (Legislative vehicle for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016). Sen. McCain will be recognized to offer a Motion to Concur in the House amendment, there will then be 20 minutes of debate before a vote on the Motion to Concur. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader Remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations). Laid aside.

Lee motion to proceed to S. Res. 312 () and agree to the bill was objected to by Murray.

Murray to proceed to S. Res. 37 () and agree to the bill was objected to by Lee.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations). Laid aside.

House Message to accompany S. 1356 (Legislative vehicle for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016). McCain Motion to Concur in the House amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of 91-3.

H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations).

Kirk amend #2763 (In Nature of a Substitute). For the purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

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

Moran amend #2774 (Prohibit the use of funds to pay for the transfers or relocations of senior executives of the Department of Veterans Affairs).

Murkowski amend #2775 (Require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report evaluating the implementation by the Department of Veterans Affairs of section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014).

Murkowski amend #2776 (Require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the provision of health care to veterans in Alaska through the use of non-Department of Veterans Affairs health care providers).

Blumenthal amend #2779 (Require that amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for medical and prosthetic research are used to ensure the provision of gender appropriate prosthetics and to conduct research related to toxic exposure).

Blumenthal amend #2781 (Require that amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for medical supplies and equipment are used to procure gender appropriate prosthetics).

Toomey amend #2785 (Prohibit the use of funds to carry out Fast Letter 13-10 or create or maintain certain patient record-keeping systems).

Sullivan amend #2786 (Require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report on the recruitment and retention of health care providers by the Department of Veterans Affairs).

Sullivan amend #2787 (Require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the implementation by the Department of Veterans Affairs of section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 in rural areas).

Collins amend #2788 (Require a report on the use of social security numbers by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the plans of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to discontinue such use).

Cornyn amend #2789 (Require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on wait times for medical appointments at the South Texas Veterans Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs).

Bennet amend #2795 (Require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the impact of combat service on suicide rates and other mental health issues among members of the Armed Forces and veterans).

Durbin amend #2794 (Modify the amounts appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs for medical services and medical and prosthetic research).

Boxer amend #2798 ().

Brown amend #2801 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Kirk amend #2764 (To clarify the term “congressional defense committees”). Withdrawn.

Kirk amend #2763 (In Nature of a Substitute). For the purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran’s Affairs Appropriations) as amended. Final passage. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill as amended passed by a vote of **93-0**.

House Message to accompany H.R. 22 (DRIVE Act).

McConnell Motion to disagree to the amendment of the House, agree to the request from the House for a conference and authorize the presiding officer to appoint conferees with respect to the House Message to accompany H.R. 22 (DRIVE Act).

McConnell filed cloture on the motion to disagree to the amendment of the House, agree to the request from the House for a conference and authorize the presiding officer to appoint conferees with respect to the House Message to accompany H.R. 22 (DRIVE Act).

- At 2:45 PM today, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the compound motion to go to conference with respect to the House Message to accompany H.R. 22 (DRIVE Act).
- If cloture is invoked, the Senate will agree to the compound motion to go to conference by unanimous consent.
- Wicker will be recognized to offer a Motion to Instruct Conferees, there will be up to four minutes of debate equally divided and the Senate will then vote on the Motion to Instruct Conferees.
- Upon disposition of the Wicker Motion to Instruct Conferees, Blumenthal will be recognized to offer a Motion to Instruct the Conferees, there will be up to four minutes of debate equally divided and the Senate will then vote on the Motion to Instruct Conferees.

The Senate recessed at 1:40 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

House Message to accompany H.R. 22 (DRIVE Act).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Compound Motion to go to Conference with the House on H.R. 22 (DRIVE Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture is agreed to by a vote of **82-7**.

The Compound Motion to go to Conference with the House on H.R. 22 (DRIVE Act) was **agreed to by unanimous consent**.

Wicker Motion to Instruct Conferees (relative to truck sizes). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **56-31**.

Blumenthal Motion to Instruct Conferees (relative to rail safety). The Motion to Instruct was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate names the following Conferees: Senators Inhofe, Thune, Hatch, Murkowski, Fischer, Barrasso, Cornyn, Boxer, Brown, Nelson, Wyden, Durbin, and Schumer.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 1203 (21st Century Veterans Benefits Delivery Act). Isakson amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Substitute amend agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2262 (SPACE Act of 2015). Cruz amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2280 (Promotes pro bono legal services as a critical which way to empower survivors of domestic abuse). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The Senate considered the following nominations, en bloc:

PN 643, Foreign Service nominations (101) beginning with Jennifer Amos and ending with Holly Wielkoszewski.

PN 800, Foreign Service nominations (127) beginning with Kreshnik Alikaj and ending with Brett Ziskie.

PN 877, Foreign Service nominations (404) beginning with Jason Kalbfleisch and ending with Stuart Hatcher.

Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 302 (Sense of the Senate in support of Israel and in condemnation of the Palestinian Terror Attacks). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, November 16th and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #141, LaShann Hall to be the US District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 PM under the provisions of H.Con. Res. 92.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will resume consideration of H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on Cal. #334 (Scott Allen, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development). Following Leader Remarks on Tuesday November 10, 2015, the Chair will lay before the Senate the House Message to accompany S. 1356 (Legislative vehicle for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016). Sen. McCain will be recognized to offer a Motion to Concur in the House amendment and there then be 20 minutes equally divided before a vote on the Motion to Concur.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations).

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #334 (Scott Allen, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 83-1.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations).

Kirk amend #2763 (In Nature of a Substitute). For the purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Shaheen amend #2772 (Require the Comptroller General of the U.S. to conduct audits relating to the timely access of veterans to hospital care, medical services, and other health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs). Agreed to by voice vote.

Heller amend #2766 (Prohibit the use of funds to transfer amounts from the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund to any other account in the Treasury of the U.S.). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1004 (Amend Title 36 US Code to encourage a nationwide observance of two minutes of silence each Veteran's Day). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations). At 11:00 AM, the Chair will lay before the Senate the House Message to accompany S. 1356 (Legislative vehicle for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016). Sen. McCain will be recognized to offer a Motion to Concur in the House

amendment, there will then be 20 minutes of debate before a vote on the Motion to Concur. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2685 (Department of Defense Appropriations, 2015). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Proceed to Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2685 (Department of Defense Appropriations, 2015).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2685 (Department of Defense Appropriations, 2015). The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill was not agreed to by a vote of 51-44. Sen. McConnell withdrew the Motion to Proceed to the bill.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations). Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Proceed. The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of 93-0.

H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations).

Kirk amend #2763 (In Nature of a Substitute). For the purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Kirk amend #2764.

Shaheen asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the following bills en bloc, and that the Senate pass the bills en bloc:

S. 552 (Small Business Investment Capital Company Act of 2015).

S. 966 (CREED Act of 2015).

Toomey objected.

Toomey asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the following bills en bloc, and that the Senate pass the bills en bloc:

S. 552 (Small Business Investment Capital Company Act of 2015).

S. 966 (CREED Act of 2015) with a Toomey amendment.

Shaheen objected.

S. Res. 303 (National Nurse Managed Health Clinic Week). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Con. Res. 24 (Vice President Richard Cheney Portrait Unveiling). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 307 (National Native American Heritage Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 308 (National Day on Writing). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 309 (Relative to the death of Senator Fred Thompson). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Con. Res. 29 (Providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday November 9, 2015 and, following Leader Remarks, will resume consideration of H.R. 2029 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on Cal. #334 (Scott Allen, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development). Following Leader Remarks on Tuesday November 10, 2015, the Chair will lay before the Senate the House Message to accompany S. 1356 (Legislative vehicle for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016). Sen. McCain will be recognized to offer a Motion to Concur in the House amendment and there then be 20 minutes equally divided before a vote on the Motion to Concur.

The Senate adjourned at 5:53 PM under the provisions of S. Res. 309 (Relative to the death of Senator Fred Thompson).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 22 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the EPA relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act). The Senate will vote on passage of the resolution at 12:00 Noon.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 2232 (Requires the full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve Banks by the Comptroller General of the United States). The bill was read for a second time. Further reading was objected to, and the bill is placed on the calendar.

S.J. Res. 22 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the EPA relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act). The resolution was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution passed by a vote of 53-44.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2685 (Department of Defense Appropriations, 2015).

Cruz asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. 2193 (Kate's Law), and that the bill be read three times and passed. Reid objected.

S. Res. 305 (Commending and congratulating the Kansas City Royals on their 2015 World Series victory). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 306 (Designating the week of November 2, 2014 as "National Apprenticeship Week"). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 5, 2015. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2685 (Department of Defense Appropriations, 2015). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Proceed to Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2685 (Department of Defense Appropriations, 2015).

The Senate adjourned at 6:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1140 (Federal Water Quality Protection Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. There will be a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1140 (Federal Water Quality Protection Act) at 2:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1140 (Federal Water Quality Protection Act).

The Senate recessed at 12:37 PM for the weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 1140 (Federal Water Quality Protection Act). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. Cloture was not invoked by a vote of 57-41. The Motion to Proceed is **withdrawn**.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2685 (Department of Defense Appropriations, 2015).

McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 22 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the EPA relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act). Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Proceed to the resolution. The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of 55-43.

S. J. Res. 22 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the EPA relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act).

S. Res. 304 (Small Business Saturday). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2232 (Requires the full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve Banks by the Comptroller General of the United States). The bill was read for the first time. Further readings were objected to and the bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 4th and will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 22 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the

EPA relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act). The Senate will vote on passage of the resolution at 12:00 Noon.

The Senate adjourned at 7:18 PM.