

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, December 18th and will be in a period of Morning Business. Votes are expected.

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

House Message to Accompany H.R. 2029 (Omnibus and Tax Extenders bill).

McConnell Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House Amendments to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2029 (Omnibus and Tax Extenders bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 72-26.

McConnell Motion to Table the First House Amendment (Omnibus) to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2029 (Omnibus and Tax Extenders bill). The Motion to Table was not agreed to by a vote of 31-67.

Manchin raised a Budget Point of Order. **Wyden Motion to Waive the Budget Act with respect to H.R. 2029 (Omnibus and Tax Extenders bill).** The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was agreed to by a vote of 73-25.

Motion to Concur in the House Amendments to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2029 (Omnibus and Tax Extenders bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of 65-33.

S. 2425 (A bill to amend Titles 18 and 19 of the Social Security Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1321 (An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S 2152 (A bill to establish a comprehensive United States Government policy). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 338 (Congratulating Townsend University on the 150th anniversary of the founding of the university). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 339 (Congratulating the University of Iowa, College of Law, for 150 years of outstanding service to the state of Iowa, the country, and the world). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

McConnell filed Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2232 (Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2015).

S. 1115 (GONE Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 342 (Congratulating the Women's Volleyball Team of Wheeling Jesuit University on winning the Division I National Championship).

H. Con. Res. 104 (Providing for the Sine Die adjournment of the First Session of the 114th Congress). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4188 (Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2015). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2434 (A bill to provide that any Executive Action that infringes on the powers and duties of Congress under Section 86 article 1 of the Constitution of the United States or on the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States has no force or effect and to prohibit the use of funds for certain purposes). The bill was read for the first time). The bill was read for the first time.

The Senate recessed at 3:36 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 4:21 PM.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The Senate confirmed the following nominations en bloc by voice vote:

Cal. #438, Patrick Joseph Murphy, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

Cal. #432, Shoshana Miriam Lew, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation.

Cal. #424, Carlos J. Torres, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps.

Cal. #383, Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey.

Cal. #332 and #333, David Malcolm Robinson to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization/Assistant Secretary of State.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S.1893 (Mental Health Awareness and Improvement Act), with committee-reported substitute, Murkowski, and Lee amendments. The bill as amended passed by unanimous consent.

The Senate stands adjourned pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 104 (Adjournment Resolution). On Monday, January 4, 2016, the Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon for a pro forma session only with no business conducted. The Senate will next convene on Monday, January 11th, 2016 at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM.

Under the provisions of H. Con. Res.104, the Senate stands adjourned Sine Die at 4:24 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 6:00 PM. No votes are scheduled at this time.

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

By unanimous consent, when the Senate receives a Message from the House to accompany H.R. 2029 (House Message on Omnibus and Tax Extenders), the Majority Leader will be recognized to make a Motion to Concur in the House amendments. Up to 4 roll call votes are expected on the following:

1. Cloture on the House Message (includes both Omnibus and tax amendments from the House)
2. Possible Motion to Table the first House amendment (Omnibus appropriations)
3. Possible Motion to Waive Budget Points of Order (if raised)
4. Passage of the Motion to Concur with both House amendments

These votes will happen Friday, December 18, 2015.

H.R. 2576 (TSCA Modernization Act of 2015). Inhofe substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

PN 645 (Robert Salerno to be Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia).

PN 424 (Darlene Soltice to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia).

The nominations were confirmed, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. Con. Res. 102 (Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.J. Res. 76 (Appointing the date of the convening of the 2nd Session of the 104th Congress). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 227 (Strengthening Education through Research Act). Alexander substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 148 (Condemning the government of Iran state sponsored persecution). Kirk amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The resolution, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 515 (International Megan's Law to Prevent Child Exploitation and Other Sexual Crimes Through Advanced Notification of Traveling Sex Offenders). Committee substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Corker amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2261 (Rural ACO Provider Equity Act of 2015). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4246 (To exempt for an additional four year period from the application of the means test presumption of abuse under Chapter 7). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 284 (Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act). Committee amendment withdrawn. Cardin substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, December 18th and will be in a period of Morning Business. Votes are expected.

The Senate adjourned at 7:17 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 6:00 PM. No votes are scheduled at this time.

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

S. 238 (Eric Williams Correctional Officer Protection Act of 2015). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 3594 (Federal Perkins Loan program temporary extension). Alexander substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

H.J. Res.78 (Continuing resolution through December 22, 2015). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

H.R. 3831 (Securing Fairness In Regulatory Timing Act of 2015). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S.Res.310 (Condemning violence against women by ISIS). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 189 (A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 25th anniversary of democracy in Mongolia). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 320 (A resolution congratulating the people of Burma on their commitment to peaceful elections).

S. Res. 326 (A resolution celebrating the 135th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the United States and Romania).

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

Cal. #269, Thomas O. Melia, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Cal. #433, Gabriel Camarillo, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

Cal. #435, Marcel John Lettre, II, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

Cal. #436, Vice Adm. Kurt W. Tidd to be Admiral in the Navy.

Cal. #437, Thomas Edgar Rothman, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016.

PN 892, Steven Michael Haro, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 17, 2015 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 6:00 PM. No votes are scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 6:52 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 15th and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

The Senate recessed from 12:19-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and resumed a period of Morning Business.

S. 571 (Amend the Pilates Bill of Rights to facilitate appeals). Agreed to by voice vote as amended by a Feinstein amendment and the Committee Substitute.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered En Bloc:

Cal. #378, Anthony Coscia to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #380, Derek tai-Ching Kan to be Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #427, Dana Boente to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia for the term of four years. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #428, Robert Capers to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #429, John Fishwick, Jr. to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia for the term of four years. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. 430, Emily Rice to be U.S. Attorney for the District of New Hampshire for the term of four years. Confirmed by voice vote.

At a time to be determined by the Senate Leaders, the following nominations will be considered with 30 minutes of debate, followed by a vote on the confirmation of the nominations:

Cal. #305, Wilhelmina Wright to be a U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Cal. #306, John Vazquez to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Cal. #360, Rebecca Ebinger to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa.

Cal. #361, Leonard Strand to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.

Sen. McConnell announced the intention to have the nominations considered prior to the President's Day recess.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 336 (Honoring the Portland Timbers as the champions of Major League Soccer in 2015). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. There will be a period of Morning Business until 6:00 PM. No votes are scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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 the following nominations, with votes beginning at 5:30 PM:

Cal. #393 – Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army. (roll call vote expected)

Cal. #394 – John Conger to be a Principal Deputy Under-Secretary of Defense. (voice vote expected)

Cal. #395 – Stephen P. Welby to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. (voice vote expected)

Cal. #396 – Franklin R. Parker to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy. (voice vote expected)

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #393 – Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 45-34.

Cal. #394 – John Conger to be a Principal Deputy Under-Secretary of Defense. Confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #395 – Stephen P. Welby to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. Confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #396 – Franklin R. Parker to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 2044 (Prohibits the use of certain clauses in form contracts). Thune substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, passed by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2270 (Bill Frank, Jr.) The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 334 (Penn State Women's Soccer Team). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 15th and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 6:34 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM for the all Senators briefing.

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

H.R. 2250 (Vehicle for 5 day Continuing Resolution).

McConnell amend (Text of H.J. Res. 75). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2250 (Vehicle for 5 day Continuing Resolution), as amended. The bill, as amended, is passed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate recessed from 3:06 PM until 4:30 PM for an all-Senators briefing.

The Senate reconvened at 4:30 PM and resumed a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following amendments were considered En Bloc:

Cal. #397, Lt. Gen. John E. Wissler to be Lieutenant General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #398, Rear Adm. Clinton F. Faison, III to be Vice Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #399, Maj. Gen. Nadja Y. West to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #400, Col. Edward E. Hildreth, III to be Brigadier General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #401, The following to be Brigadier General in the Army: Colonel Jennifer G. Buckner, Colonel Sean A. Gainey, Colonel David T. Isaacson and Colonel Patrick B. Roberson. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #402, The Following to be Brigadier General in the Air Force: Blake A. Gettys and Karen E. Mansfield. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #403, The following to be Brigadier General in the Air Force: Todd M. Branden, Mark A. Crosby, Fermin A. Rubio. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #404, The following to be Brigadier General in the Air Force: Col. David M. Bakos, Col. Vance C. Bateman, Col. Sandra L. Best, Col. Jeffrey C. Bozard, Col. William D. Bunch, Col. Rafael Carrero, Col. Larry K. Clark, Col. Kevin D. Clotfelter, Col. Marshall C. Collins, Col. James N. Cox, Col. Jason R. Cripps, Col. Christopher S. Croxton, Col. Francis N. Detorie, Col. Ruben Fernandez-Vera, Col. John T. Ferry, Col. John E. Flowers, Col. Michael J. Francis, Col. Vincent R. Franklin, Col. Clay L. Garrison, Col. Kevin J. Heer, Col. Dana A. Hessheimer, Col. Gene W. Hughes, Jr., Col. James T. Johnson, Col. Gregory F. Jones, Col. Marshall L. Kjelvik, Col. James R. Kriesel, Col. Ronald S. Lambe, Col. Andrew J. MacDonald, Col. Stephen J.

Maher, Col. Matthew J. Manifold, Col. Maren McAvoy, Col. Gregory S. McCreary, Col. Stephen B. Mehring, Col. Jessica Meyeraan, Col. Billy M. Nabors, Col. Jeffrey L. Newton, Col. Peter Nezamis, Col. Patrick R. Renwick, Col. Stephen M. Ryan, Col. Peter R. Schneider, Col. Gregory N. Schnulo, Col. Greg A. Semmel, Col. Ray M. Shepard, Col. Marc A. Sicard, Col. Paul R. Silvestri, Col. Christopher A. Stratmann, Col. Peter F. Sullivan, Jr., Col. Tami S. Thompson, Col. Joseph B. Wilson and Col. Gregory S. Woodrow in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #405, Brig. Gen. Edward P. Maxwell to be Major General. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #406, The following to be Major General in the Air Force: Brig. Gen. Robert C. Bolton, Brig. Gen. Charles W. Chappuis, Jr., Brig. Gen. Dawne L. Deskins, Brig. Gen. Timothy L. Frye, Brig. Gen. Paul D. Jacobs, Brig. Gen. Mark E. Jannitto, Brig. Gen. Ronald W. Solberg, Brig. Gen. James K. Vogel, Brig. Gen. William L. Welsh and Brig. Gen. Wayne A. Zimmet. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #407, Maj. Gen. John D. Bansemer to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #408, Col. Russell A. Muncy to be Brigadier General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #409, Col. Patricia N. Beyer to be Brigadier General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #410, Col. Christopher W. Lentz to be Brigadier General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #411, The following to be Brigadier General in the Air Force: Col. Lee Ann T. Bennett. Col. Richard M. Casto. Col. Jonathan M. Ellis, Col. James J. Fontanella, Col. John P. Healy, Col. Daniel J. Heires, Col. Robert A. Huston, Col. William R. Kountz, Jr., Col. Albert V. Lupenski, Col. Tyler D. Otten, Col. Russell P. Reimer, Col. Harold E. Rogers, Jr. and Col. Tracey A. Siems. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #412, Brig. Gen. John C. Thomson, III to be Major General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #413, Brig. Gen. Sylvia R. Crockett to be Major General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #414, The following to be Brigadier General in the Air Force: Col. Kenneth T. Bibb, Jr., Col. Angela M. Cadwell, Col. Martin A. Chapin, Col. James R. Cluff, Col. Charles S. Corcoran, Col. Sean M. Farrell, Col. Chad P. Franks, Col. Alexis G. Grynkewich, Col. Timothy D. Haugh, Col. Christopher D. Hill, Col. Eric T. Hill, Col. Samuel C. Hinote, Col. William G. Holt, II, Col. Linda S. Hurry, Col. Matthew C. Isler, Col. Kyle J. Kremer, Col. John C. Kubinec, Col. Douglas K. Lamberth, Col. Lance K. Landrum, Col. Jeannie M. Leavitt, Col. William J. Liquori, Jr., Col. Michael J. Lutton, Col. Corey J. Martin, Col. Tom D. Miller, Col. Richard G. Moore, Jr., Col. James D. Peccia, III, Col. Heather L. Pringle, Col. Michael J. Schmidt, Col. James R. Sears, Jr., Col. Daniel L. Simpson, Col. Mark H. Slocum, Col. Robert S. Spalding, III, Col. William A. Spangenthal, Col. Edward W. Thomas, Jr., Col. John T. Wilcox, II and Col. Michael P. Winkler. Confirmed by voice vote.

All nominations on the Secretary's Desk. Agreed to by voice vote. Confirmed by voice vote.

PN 714, Richard Capel Howorth to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2020. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #385, Cherry Ann Murray, Director of Office of Science, Department of Energy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #392, Eric Eberhard Member of Board of Trustees Udall Foundation. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #426, Darryl DePriest Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 142 (Child Nicotine Poisoning). Nelson amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 993 (Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health). Franken amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 209 (Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act). Barrasso amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill as amended was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2308 (Church Plan Clarification). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2693 (Phyllis E. Galente Arboream). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2393 (SCRA Foreclosure extension). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 333 (Direct the Senate legal counsel). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 14th and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. #393 – Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army. (roll call vote expected)

Cal. #394 – John Conger to be a Principal Deputy Under-Secretary of Defense. (voice vote expected)

Cal. #395 – Stephen P. Welby to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. (voice vote expected)

Cal. #396 – Franklin R. Parker to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy. (voice vote expected)

The Senate adjourned at 6:32 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 9th and will resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015). At 10:45 AM, all post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will vote on passage of the Conference Report.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Conference Report to accompany S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015). Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report was adopted by a vote of **85-12**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate recessed from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate reconvened at 2:00 PM.

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

Executive Calendar #415 (Catherine Ebert-Gray, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Vanuatu).
Executive Calendar #416 (G. Kathleen Hill, of Colorado, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Malta).

Executive Calendar #417 (John D. Feeley, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Panama).

Executive Calendar #418 (Eric Seth Rubin, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Bulgaria).

Executive Calendar #419 (Kyle R. Scott, of Arizona, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Serbia).

Executive Calendar #420 (Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ecuador).

Executive Calendar #422 (Jean Elizabeth Manes, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of El Salvador).

Executive Calendar #423 (Linda Swartz Tagliatela, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines).

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2820 (Stem Cell Therapeutic Research Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 317 (Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the American Visionary Art Museum). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

By unanimous consent, on Monday, January 11, 2016, at 5:00 PM the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nomination: Executive Calendar #213 (Luis Felipe Restrepo to be US Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, December 10, 2016 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM for the all Senators briefing.

The Senate adjourned at 5:54 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. The Senate will immediately proceed to the consideration of the Conference Report to accompany S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015). There will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report at 11:30 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Conference Report to accompany S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015). Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **84-12**. By unanimous consent, a vote of adoption of the Conference Report will occur on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 10:45 AM.

The Senate recessed for Party Caucuses.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Conference Report to accompany S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015). The Senate is in post-cloture debate.

S. 1719 (National Family Caregiving strategy). Substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 207 (Recognizing the threats to the freedom to the press and expression around the world). Casey amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 331 (Wreaths Across America Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The injunction of secrecy was removed from Treaty Doc. 114-4 (Treaty with Jordan on mutual legal assistance and criminal matters). Read for first time referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 9th and will resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015). At 10:45 AM, all post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will vote on passage of the Conference Report.

The Senate adjourned at 6:26 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #214, Travis McDonough to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #214, Travis McDonough to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Laid aside.

S. 2359 (A bill to restore second amendment rights in the District of Columbia). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #214, Travis McDonough to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **89-0**.

Cal. #373, Kenneth Ward for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #374, Linda Etim to be an Assistant Administrator of the U. S. Agency for International Development. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The Senate will immediately proceed to the consideration of the Conference Report to accompany S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015). There will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report at 11:30 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume H. R. 3762 (Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015). Under a unanimous consent agreement, all debate time will expire at 1:30 PM. It is expected that the Senate will then begin a "vote-a-rama" on amendments to the reconciliation bill and final passage.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3762 (Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015).

Murray amend #2876 (To ensure that this Act does not increase the number of uninsured women or increase the number of unintended pregnancies by establishing a women's health care and clinic security and safety fund). Enzi Motion to Table. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table is agreed to by a vote of **54-46**.

Johnson amend #2875 (To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **56-44**.

Brown amend #2883 (To maintain the 100% FMAP for the Medicaid expansion population). Enzi raised budget point of order. Brown Motion to Waive the point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion is not agreed to by a vote of **45-55**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Collins amend #2885 (To strike Section 101). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **48-52**.

Casey amend #2893 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for married couples who are both employed and have young children). Enzi raised budget point of order. Casey Motion to Waive the point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **46-54**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Heller amend #2882 (To strike the reinstatement of the tax on employee health insurance premiums and health plan benefits). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **90-10**.

Shaheen amend #2892 (To improve mental health and substance use prevention and treatment). Enzi Point of Order. Shaheen Motion to Waive. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion is not agreed to by a vote of **47-52**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Cornyn amend #2912 (Relative to delaying gun sales to suspected terrorists and provisions on sanctuary cities). Reid raised a budget point of order. Cornyn Motion to Waive. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **55-44**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Feinstein amend #2910 (To increase public safety by permitting the Attorney General to deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists). Enzi raised a budget point of order. Feinstein Motion to Waive. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **45-54**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Grassley amend #2914 (To address gun violence, improve the availability of records to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, address mental illness in the criminal justice system, and end straw purchases and trafficking of illegal firearms). Durbin Point of Order. Grassley Motion to Waive. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion is not agreed to by a vote of **53-36**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Manchin amend #2908 (To protect Second Amendment rights, ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the National Instant Background Check System, and provide a responsible and consistent background check process). Grassley raised a budget point of order. Manchin Motion to waive the budget point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **48-50**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Bennet amend #2907 (To provide additional amounts to the Department of Veterans Affairs to increase the access of veterans to care and improve the physical infrastructure of the Department of Veterans Affairs and to impose a fair share tax on high-income taxpayers). Enzi raised a budget point of order. Bennet Motion to waive. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **47-52**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Paul amend #2899 (To prevent the entry of extremists into the United States under the refugee program). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea threshold for passage. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **10-89**.

McCain amend #2884 (To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to allow for the personal importation of safe and affordable drugs from approved pharmacies in Canada). The amendment is **withdrawn**.

Cardin amend #2913 (To extend the special rule for seniors relating to the income level for deduction of medical expenses). The amendment is **not agreed to by Voice Vote**.

Coats amend #2888 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the special rule for seniors relating to the income level for deduction of medical care expenses). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **60-39**.

Paul amend #2915 (DC concealed carry program). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea threshold. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **54-45**.

McConnell amend #2916 (Substitute amendment). Murray Point of Order. Enzi Motion to Waive the budget point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **52-47**.

Reid amend #2917 (To strike the reinstatement of the tax on employee health insurance premiums and health plan benefits). The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Baldwin amend #2919 (To ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage). Enzi Point of Order. Baldwin Motion to waive the budget point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **45-54**. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Murphy amend #2918 (To protect victims of violence or disease, veterans, workers who have lost their health insurance and their jobs, and other vulnerable populations from the repeal of the advanced premium tax credit). Enzi Point of Order. Murphy Motion to waive. The Motion is not agreed to by a vote of **46-53**. Yeas and nays ordered. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

McConnell amend #2916 (Substitute amendment), as amended. The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

McConnell amend #2874 (In the nature of a substitute), as amended. The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

H.R. 3762 (Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015), as amended. The bill was read for a third time. **Final passage.** Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **52-47**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the **Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 22 (Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015)**. Flake raised a Point of Order that the scope exceeds the scope of the Conference to H.R. 22. Inhofe Motion to Waive the Point of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **75-22**.

Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 22 (Surface Transportation Reauthorization and Reform Act of 2015). Yeas and nays ordered. The conference report is subject to a 60-yea threshold for passage. The conference report passed by a vote of **83-16**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Chair laid before the Senate the Conference Report to Accompany S. 1177 (Every Child Achieves Act of 2015).

McConnell Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report.

S. 2359 (To restore second amendment rights in the District of Columbia). 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.

S. 2032 (Bison National Mammal of the US). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, December 7th and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #214, Travis McDonough to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 9:53 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3762 (Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader Remarks.

H.R. 427 (Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2015). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3762 (Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015).

McConnell amend #2874 (In the nature of a substitute). For the purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Murray amend #2876 (To ensure that this Act does not increase the number of uninsured women or increase the number of unintended pregnancies by establishing a women's health care and clinic security and safety fund). Laid aside.

Johnson amend #2874 (To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to ensure that individuals can keep their health insurance coverage). Laid aside.

S. Res. 324 (Designating December 3, 2015 as "National Phenylketonuria Day"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 325 (Permitting the collection of clothing toys, food and housewares during the holiday season for charitable purposes). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, December 3, 2015. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume H. R. 3762 (Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015). Under a unanimous consent agreement, all debate time will expire at 1:30 PM. It is expected that the Senate will then begin a "vote-a-rama" on amendments to the reconciliation bill and final passage.

The Senate adjourned at 6:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. 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 convened and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate recessed until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM and resumed a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3762 (Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015). The Motion is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

H.R. 3762 (Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015).

McConnell amend #2874 (Substitute amendment).

H.R. 427 (Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2015). The bill is read for a 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 9:30 AM on Wednesday, December 2nd. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3762 (Provides for reconciliation).

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.