

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM and will resume consideration of S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act). At 12:00 noon tomorrow, the Senate will vote on Crapo amend #3021 (nuclear energy technologies) and at 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on Schatz amend #2965 (advanced research projects). Additional votes are possible during tomorrow's session of the Senate.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

Murkowski amend #2953 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Barrasso amend #3017 (To expand the authority of awarding technology prizes by the Secretary of Energy to include a financial award for separation of carbon dioxide from dilute sources) as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Shaheen amend #2968 (To clarify the definition of the term "smart manufacturing"). Agreed to by voice vote.

Crapo amend #3021(nuclear energy technologies). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **87-4**.

Markey amend #2982 (energy production/crude report). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **62-29**.

Schatz amend #2965 (advanced research projects). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **55-37**.

The following amendments were considered, en bloc:

Barrasso amend #3029 (To provide for the modernization of the energy policy for Indian tribal land).

Baldwin amend #2984 (To include water and wastewater treatment facilities among energy-intensive industries and to expand the role of the institution of higher education-based industrial research and assessment centers).

Wyden amend #3001 (To modify a provision relating to national goals for geothermal production and site identification).

Capito amend #3063 (To require a study of the feasibility of establishing an ethane storage and distribution hub in the United States).

Daines amend #3020 (To provide for the reinstatement of the license for the Gibson Dam project).

Hirono amend #3067 (To modernize certain terms relating to minorities).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #449 (Lt. Gen. Anthony Brock to be Lt. General, Air Force).

Cal. #450 (Col. James Dienst to be Brig. General, Air Force).

Cal. #451 (Col. John Degoes & Col. Mark Koeniger to be Brig. General, Air Force).

Cal. #452 (8 Brig. Generals to be Major Generals, Air Force).

Cal. #453 (Col. Paige Hunter to be Brig. General, Air Force).

Cal. #454 (Col. Thomas Owens II to be Brig. General, Air Force).

Cal. #455 (Col. Robert Michnowicz to be Brig. General, Army).

Cal. #456 (Col. Jeffrey Coggin to be Brig. General, Army).

Cal. #457 (Col. Kevin Wulforth to be Brig. General, Army).

All nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.
Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 350 (Alabama Crimson Tide 2016 football national champions). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 351 (National School Choice Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 352 (30th Anniversary of the loss of the Challenger space shuttle).

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, February 1st and following Leader remarks will resume consideration of S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act). The next roll call vote is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, February 2nd.

The Senate adjourned at 7:06 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2016

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act) for debate only. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus lunches. At 5:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session for a 5:30 PM roll call vote on confirmation of the Exec. Cal. #306 (John Michael Vazquez, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

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

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

S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

Murkowski amend #2953 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original text during its consideration.

Cassidy amend #2954 (To provide certain increases in, and limitations on, the drawdown and sales of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #306 (John Michael Vazquez, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **84-2**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The following amendments have been made pending to S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act):

Shaheen amendment #2968 (smart manufacturing definition).
Murkowski amendment #2963 (bulk power system reliability).
Barrasso amendment #3017 (technology prizes).
Markey amendment #2982 (energy production/crude report).
Crapo amendment #3021 (nuclear energy technologies).
Schatz amendment #2965 (advanced research projects).

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM on Thursday, January 28, 2016 and will resume consideration of S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

At 12:00 noon tomorrow, the Senate will vote on Crapo amend #3021 (nuclear energy technologies) and at 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on Schatz amend #2965 (advanced research projects). Additional votes are possible during tomorrow's session of the Senate.

The Senate adjourned at 7:25 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

The Senate convened at 10:00 AM for a pro forma session only, with no business conducted.

S. 2464 (To implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and preborn human person). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings of the bill were objected to, and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 11:00 AM. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act) for debate only. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus lunches. At 5:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session for a 5:30 PM roll call vote on confirmation of the Exec. Cal. #306 (John Michael Vazquez, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey).

The Senate adjourned at 10:10 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 21, 2016. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Veto Message on S.J. Res. 22 (WOTUS). At 10:30 AM the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Veto Message on S.J. Res. 22 (WOTUS).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will then recess until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will convene and proceed to a Legislative Session to consider the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 4038 (American SAFE Act of 2015). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 4038 (American SAFE Act of 2015) at 2:30 PM.

Veto message to accompany S.J. Res 22 (Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned from 12:26-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 4038 (American SAFE Act of 2015). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed is not agreed to by a vote of 55-43.

Veto message to accompany S.J. Res 22 (Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act). McConnell files cloture on the veto message. The cloture vote will occur at 10:30 AM Thursday, January 21st. If cloture is not invoked, the veto message will be indefinitely postponed.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #440 Lisa S. Disbrow, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S.607 (Five year extension rural community hospital). The Grassley amendment was agreed to. The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2422 (Seismic Safety and Construction Authorization Act). The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Con. Res. 28 (Creation of Joint Inaugural Committee). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Con. Res. 29 (Use of Emancipation Hall). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S.J. Res. 29 (To authorize the use of the United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and its associated forces). The Joint Resolution was read for the first time. The second reading was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 21, 2016. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Veto Message on S.J. Res. 22 (WOTUS). At 10:30 AM the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Veto Message on S.J. Res. 22 (WOTUS).

The Senate adjourned at 6:37 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

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 an Executive Session to consider Cal. #305, Wilhelmina Wright to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #305, Wilhelmina Wright to be a U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota.
Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **58-36**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 20th and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will then recess until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will convene and proceed to a Legislative Session to consider the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 4038 (American SAFE Act of 2015). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 4038 (American SAFE Act of 2015) at 2:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:23 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM for a pro forma session only. The Senate will then adjourn until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 19th 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. #305, Wilhelmina Wright to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Pro Forma session.

The Senate will convened at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 19th 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. #305, Wilhelmina Wright to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

The Senate adjourned at 11:00 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for the weekly caucus lunches. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2232 (Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2015). At 8:20 PM, the Senate will proceed as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives for the President's State of the Union Address, scheduled to start at 9:00 PM.

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

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 2232 (Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2015). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed was not agreed to by a vote of 55-34. The Motion to Proceed is **withdrawn**.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 4038 (American SAFE Act of 2015). McConnell Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture to the Motion to Proceed at 2:30 PM on Wednesday, January 20th.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 345 (North Dakota State University football team). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate recessed until 8:25 PM

The Senate will next convene on Friday, January 15th at 11:00 AM for a pro forma session only. The Senate will then adjourn until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 19th 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. #305, Wilhelmina Wright to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

The Senate stands in recess until 8:25 PM, where Senators will convene and walk as a body to the House of Representatives to attend the President's State of the Union address.

The Senate convened at 8:25 PM and walked as a body to the House of Representatives to attend the President's State of the Union address.

The Motion to Adjourn was agreed to at 10:18 PM. The Senate will next convene on Friday, January 15th at 11:00 AM for a pro forma session only. The Senate will then adjourn until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 19th 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. #305, Wilhelmina Wright to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Luis Felipe Restrepo to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, with thirty minutes for debate equally divided. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

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

The Chair laid before the Senate the President's Veto Message to S.J. Res. 23 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units"). The Veto Message was held at the desk.

The Chair laid before the Senate the President's Veto Message to S.J. Res. 24 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units"). The Veto Message was held at the desk.

S. 2434 (Separation of Powers Restoration and Second Amendment Protection Act). 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. #213 (Luis Felipe Restrepo to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 82-6.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 343 (Relative to the death of former Senator Dale Bumpers). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10 AM on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 and will be in a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for the weekly caucus lunches. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2232 (Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2015). At a time to be determined, the Senate will recess and will proceed as a body to the House Chamber for the President's State of the Union, scheduled to start at 9:00 PM.



The Senate adjourned at 6:46 PM as a further remark of respect for the late Senator Dale Bumpers.