

SUNDATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011). At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. 509 (Gregg Costa to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas).

Cal. 510 (David Guaderrama to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas).

There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by votes on the two nominations. Upon the conclusion of the votes, the Senate will resume a Legislative Session and the Majority Leader will be recognized.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. #509 (Gregg Costa to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-2.

Cal. #510 (David Guaderrama to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas). The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011).

Reid unanimous consent request that the Committee-Reported Substitute amendment be withdrawn, the Leahy Substitute amendment #2093 be the pending amendment, and the only amendments in order to the Leahy Substitute amendment be following:

Klobuchar amend #2094

Cornyn amend #2086

Hutchison amend #2095

Each amendment will be subject to a 60-affirmative vote for passage. At 3:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the amendments. Upon disposition of the amendments, the Leahy Substitute amendment will be agreed to by unanimous consent, and the Senate will proceed to a vote on final passage of S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011). The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

Cornyn amend #2086 (To amend title 18 of the United States Code and other provisions of law to strengthen provisions of the Violence Against Women Act and improve justice for crime victims). Laid aside.

Hutchison amend #2095 (In the nature of a substitute). Laid aside.

Klobuchar amend #2094 (To provide Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs). The amendment is subject to a 60-affirmative vote for passage. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 57-41.

Cornyn amend #2086 (To amend title 18 of the United States Code and other provisions of law to strengthen provisions of the Violence Against Women Act and improve justice for crime victims). The amendment is subject to a 60-affirmative vote for passage. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 50-48.

Hutchison amend #2095 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is subject to a 60-affirmative vote for passage. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 36-63.

Leahy amend #2093 (In the nature of a substitute) Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011). The bill was read a third time, as amended. The yeas and nays were ordered. The bill was adopted by a vote of 68-31.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2343 (Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act of 2012). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill. The vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture will occur at 12:00, Noon on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #263 Jane D. Hartley – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #502, Adam E. Namm - to be Ambassador of the US of America to the Republic of Ecuador. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #566, Michael T. Scuse – to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #567, Michael T. Scuse – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #572, Mark William Lippert – to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, vice Wallace C. Gregson, resigned. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #624, to be Lieutenant General — Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick.

Cal. #653, James T. Ryan – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2013. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #654, James Timberlake – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2014. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #656, Mary B. Verner – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2012. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #657, Mary B. Verner – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2015. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #658, Susan A. Maxman – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2012. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #659, Susan A. Maxman – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2015. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #666, Tony Hammond—to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 14, 2012. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #667, Mark A. Robbins—to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2018. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #668, Adam Gamoran—to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015. (Reappointment). Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #669, Judith D. Singer—to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2014. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #670, Hirokazu Yoshikaw—to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #671, David James Chard—to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2015. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #672, Bonnie L. Bassler—to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation for a term expiring May 10, 2016. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #673, Deborah S. Delisle—to be Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #683, to be Brigadier General—Col. Donald S. Wenke. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #684, to be Lieutenant General—Lt. Gen. Burton M. Field. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #685, to be Lieutenant General—Maj. Gen. Bruce A. Litchfield. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #686, to be Lieutenant General—Lt. Gen. Charles R. Davis. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #687, to be Lieutenant General—Maj. Gen. Salvatore A. Angelella. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #688, to be Lieutenant General—Maj. Gen. James F. Jackson. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #689, to be Lieutenant General—Maj. Gen. Andrew E. Busch. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #690, to be Brigadier General—Colonel Robert P. White. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #691, to be Brigadier General—Col. Steven Ferrari Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #692, to be Brigadier General—Col. Kristin K. French; and Col. Walter E. Piatt. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #693, to be General—Lt. Gen. Dennis L. Via. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #694, to be Brigadier General—Col. Todd A. Plimpton Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #695, to be Lieutenant General—Maj. Gen. Patricia E. McQuiston. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #696, to be Lieutenant General—Maj. Gen. Raymond P. Palumbo. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #697, to be Lieutenant General—Lt. Gen. Robert P. Lennox. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #698, to be Lieutenant General—Maj. Gen. Robert B. Brown Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #699, to be Lieutenant General—Maj. Gen. Jeffrey W. Talley. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #700, to be Rear Admiral (lower half)—Capt. Eric C. Young. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #701, to be Rear Admiral—Rear Adm. (lh) Terry B. Kraft. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #702, to be Rear Admiral—Rear Adm. (lh) Bryan P. Cutchen. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #703, to be Rear Admiral—Rear Adm. (lh) Jonathan W. White. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #704, to be Rear Admiral—Rear Adm. (lh) Richard P. Breckenridge; Rear Adm. (lh) Walter E. Carter, Jr.; Rear Adm. (lh) Craig S. Faller; Rear Adm. (lh) James G. Foggo, III; Rear Adm. (lh) Peter A. Gumataotao; Rear Adm. (lh) John R. Haley; Rear Adm. (lh) Patrick J. Lorge; Rear Adm. (lh) Michael C. Manazir; Rear Adm. (lh) Samuel Perez, Jr.; Rear Adm. (lh) Joseph W. Rixey; Rear Adm. (lh) Kevin D. Scott; Rear Adm. (lh) James J. Shannon; Rear Adm. (lh)

Thomas K. Shannon; and Rear Adm. (lh) Herman A. Shelanski. All confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #705, to be Vice Admiral—Vice Adm. Mark I. Fox. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

All Nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

H.R.298 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 East Whitestone Boulevard in Cedar Park, Texas, as the "Army Specialist Matthew Troy Morris Post Office Building"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R.1423 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 4th Avenue Southwest in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as the "Specialist Micheal E. Phillips Post Office"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R.2079 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10 Main Street in East Rockaway, New York, as the "John J. Cook Post Office"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R.2213 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 801 West Eastport Street in Iuka, Mississippi, as the "Sergeant Jason W. Vaughn Post Office"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R.2244 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 67 Castle Street in Geneva, New York, as the "Corporal Steven Blaine Riccione Post Office"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R.2660 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 North Holderrieth Boulevard in Tomball, Texas, as the "Tomball Veterans Post Office"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R.2767 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8 West Silver Street in Westfield, Massachusetts, as the "William T. Trant Post Office Building"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R.3004 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 260 California Drive in Yountville, California, as the "Private First Class Alejandro R. Ruiz Post Office Building"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R.3246 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15455 Manchester Road in Ballwin, Missouri, as the "Specialist Peter J. Navarro Post Office Building"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R.3247 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1100 Town and Country Commons in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Matthew P. Pathenos Post Office Building"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R.3248 (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 South 5th Street in Saint Charles, Missouri, as the "Lance Corporal Drew W. Weaver Post Office Building"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S.Res.419 (A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States during Public Service Recognition week). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S.Res.441 (Expressing support for the designation of May 2012 as National Youth Traffic Safety Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S.Res.442 (Celebrating the 140th anniversary of Arbor Day). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S.Res.443 (Honoring the life and legacy of Auxiliary Bishop Agustín Román). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S.Res.444 (Designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2012, as "National Physical Education and Sport Week"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S.Res.445 (Expressing support for the designation of May 1, 2012, as "Silver Star Service Banner Day"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Con.Res.43 (To provide for the conditional adjournment of the Senate and House of Representatives over until May 7, 2012). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

If the Senate does not receive a message from the House that it has adopted S.Con.Res.43, the Senate will convene on the following dates at the following times for pro forma sessions only, with no business conducted:

Monday, April 30, at 10:30 AM

Thursday, May 3, at 8:30 AM

The Senate will next convene to do business at 2:00 PM on Monday May 7, 2012 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S.2343 (Stop Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act). At 4:30pm, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the following items: Cal #508, Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of CA, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit; Cal. #568 Kristine Gerhard Baker, of AR, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas; Cal. #569 John Z. Lee, IL, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. There will be 60 minutes of debate, followed by up to three roll call votes on the Nguyen, Baker and Lee nominations. It is possible the Baker and Lee nominations will be confirmed by voice vote. Additionally, on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 12:00 PM, there will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S.2343 (Stop Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act)

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011). At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of roll call votes on S. 1789 (Postal Reform Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011).

S. 1789 (Postal Reform Act).

The Senate proceeded to a series of votes on amendments to S. 1789 (Postal Reform Act). All amendments are subject to a 60-affirmative vote threshold.

Manchin amend #2079 (To extend the moratorium on the closing and consolidation of postal facilities or post offices, stations, or branches). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43-53.

Paul amend #2026 (performance-based pay for postal workers). Withdrawn.

Bingaman amend #2076 (To require that State liaisons for States without a district office are located within their respective States). The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.

Paul amend #2027 (To require the closing of post offices in the Capitol Complex). The amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.

Cardin amend #2040 (prohibit closing of postal facility if nearest facility is 50 yards away). Withdrawn.

Paul amend #2028 (To establish a pilot program to test alternative methods for the delivery of postal services). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 35-64.

Carper amend #2065 (adjust first class mail stamp rate). The amendment is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Paul amend #2029 (To require the Postal Service to take into consideration the impact of regulations when developing a profitability plan), as modified. The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Carper amend #2066 (To appropriately limit the compensation of executives of the Postal Service). The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Paul amend #2039 (To prohibit employees of the United States Postal Service from engaging in collective bargaining). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 23-76.

Casey amend #2042 (To maintain current delivery time for market-dominant products). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 44-54.

Paul amend #2038 (end monopoly on first class mailbox use). The amendment is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Landrieu amend #2072 (To determine the impact of certain postal facility closures or consolidations on small businesses). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

DeMint amend #2046 (To provide protections for postal workers with respect to their right not to subsidize union nonrepresentational activities). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a Unanimous Consent order, the amendment requires 60-yea votes for passage. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 46-53.

McCaskill amend #2030 (To improve the workers compensation provisions). The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Pryor amend #2036 (To express the Sense of the Senate with respect to the closing and consolidation of postal facilities and post offices). The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Rockefeller amend #2073 (Medicare coordination), as modified. The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Coburn amend #2059 (close unprofitable facilities). The amendment is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Rockefeller amend #2074 (To improve the Postal Service Health Benefits Program), as modified. The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Schumer amend #2050 (To maintain all current door delivery point services). The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Warner amend #2071 (To require reporting regarding retirement processing and modernization), as modified. The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Tester amend #2032 (To appropriately limit the pay of Postal Service executives). The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Lieberman amend #2000 (Substitute amendment), as modified and amended. The amendment is agreed to under a previous Unanimous Consent order.

S. 1789 (Postal Reform Act), as amended. The bill is read for a third time. **Final Passage.** Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, the bill is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for passage. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of 62-37.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011). The Motion to Proceed was adopted by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 437 (Congratulation the Boston College men's ice hockey team on their National Championship). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 438 (National Safe Digging Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2366 (). Under a Unanimous Consent request, the bill has been considered read twice and the bill is placed on calendar.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, April 26, 2012 and will resume consideration of S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011). At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. 509 (Gregg Costa to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas).

Cal. 510 (David Guaderrama to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Texas).

There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by votes on the two nominations. Upon the conclusion of the votes, the Senate will resume a Legislative Session and the Majority Leader will be recognized.

The Senate adjourned at 6:34 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011). At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution providing for Congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation election procedures). At 12:30 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011). The Senate will recess from 12:50 PM until 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution providing for Congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation election procedures). If the Vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36 fails, the Senate will proceed to a series of votes intended to complete action on S. 1789 (Postal Reform Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 4348 (Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II). The text of S. 1813 (Surface Transportation Bill) is inserted. The bill as amended was read for a third time and **passed by unanimous consent.** Under a previous order, the Senate insists on its amendment, requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses and the Chair appoints the following conferees: Senators Boxer, Baucus, Rockefeller, Durbin, Johnson (SD), Schumer, Nelson (FL), Menendez, Inhofe, Vitter, Hatch, Shelby, Hutchison, and Hoeven.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011).

Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution providing for Congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation election procedures).

Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011).

The Senate recessed from 1:00-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened and resumed a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution providing for Congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation election procedures). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion is not agreed to by a vote of 45-54.

S. 1789 (Postal Reform Act).

Lieberman amend #2000 (Substitute amendment). Sessions Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Lieberman Motion to Waive the Point of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive with respect to the Point of Order was agreed to by a vote of **62-37**.

Tester amend #2056 (Modify the process for closing or consolidating post offices and postal facilities), as modified. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2060 (To provide transparency, accountability, and limitations of Government sponsored conferences). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

McCain amend #2033 (Establish a Commission on Postal Reorganization). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **30-69**.

Wyden amend #2020 (To require the Postal Service to consider the effect of closing or consolidating a postal facility on the ability of the affected community to vote by mail and to provide for moratorium on the closing or consolidation of post offices and postal facilities to protect the ability to vote by mail). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2058 (improve access to postal services in communities potentially affected by a postal closing or consolidation) as modified. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2061 (To achieve long-term cost-savings by allowing the Postmaster General to reduce the postal workforce through mandatory retirements for eligible employees) as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **33-65**.

McCaskill amend #2031 (To prohibit the closing of a rural post office unless certain conditions are met and to establish a moratorium on the closing of rural post offices). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Snowe amend #2080 (To establish a Postal Rate Commission to evaluate area mail processing studies). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Udall (NM) amend #2043 (To strike the limitations on changes to mail delivery schedule). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **43-56**.

Durbin amend #2082 (prohibit reducing workforce at certain facilities) as modified. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Akaka amend #2034 (workers compensation for Federal employees) as modified. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **46-53**.

Bennet-Blunt amend #2047 (Citizens service protection advocates). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Corker amend #2083 (Improve the bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 29-70.

Akaka amend #2049 (pay policies and schedules). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 57-42.

Paul amend #2025 (end mailbox use monopoly). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 35-64.

The Senate proceed with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 432 (Celebrating Young Americans Day). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 433 (National Child Abuse Prevention Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011). At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of roll call votes on S. 1789 (Postal Reform Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:02 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act). At 2:00 PM, the Senate will consider the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution disapproving the rules submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation of election procedures). At 4:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #528 (Brian Wimes to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri), followed by a vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM. On Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume debate on the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution disapproving the rules submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation of election procedures) for two hours. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will vote on the adoption of the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36. If the motion to proceed is agreed to, there will be up to ten hours for debate equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to a roll call vote on adoption of S.J. Res. 36. Also on Tuesday, at a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to a series of votes on amendments to S.1789 (Postal Reform bill). Upon disposition of all amendments, the Senate will vote on final passage of the bill.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 2327 (A bill to prohibit direct foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt until the President makes certain certifications related to treatment of nongovernmental organization workers). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings was objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act).

Motion to Proceed to S.J.Res. 36 (Joint resolution disapproving the rules submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation of election procedures).

Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #528 (Brian Wimes to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 92-1.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 2338 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Woman's Act). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 24, 2012. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011). At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution providing for Congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation election procedures). At 12:30 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011). The Senate will recess from 12:50 PM until 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution providing for Congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation election procedures) and vote on the Motion to Proceed. If the Vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36 fails, the Senate will proceed to a series of votes intended to complete action on S. 1789 (Postal Reform Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act). There will be 60 minutes of debate on the Motion to Proceed. At 2:15pm, there will be a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Lieberman-Collins amend #2000 (Substitute Amendment), as modified. If cloture is not invoked, there will be a second roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S.1789 (Postal Reform bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act).

Reid unanimous consent request that the cloture motions with respect to Lieberman-Collins amend #2000 (Substitute Amendment) and S.1789 (Postal Reform bill) be withdrawn. Agreed to unanimous consent.

The following amendments and motions to S.1789 (Postal Reform bill) were withdrawn by unanimous consent:

Reid amend #2013.

Reid amend #2015.

Reid motion to commit S. 1789 to the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, with instructions to report back forthwith with an amend #2017.

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, the Senate will vote in relation to the following amendments to S.1789 (Postal Reform bill), with two minutes of debate prior to each vote. All amendments will be subject to a 60-vote affirmative threshold. The amendments will be voted on in the order listed:

McCain amend #2001 (Substitute).

Tester amend #2056 (Modify closing process).

Coburn amend #2060 (Government sponsored conference transparency).

McCain amend #2033 (Commission on Postal Reorganization).

Wyden-Feinstein amend #2020 (Vote by mail issues).

Coburn amend #2058 (improve access to postal services).

McCaskill amend #2031 (closing of rural post offices criteria).

Coburn amend #2061 (postal worker retirement).

Snowe amend #2080 (Postal Rate Commission evaluation).

Udall (NM) amend #2043 (changes to mail delivery schedule).

Durbin amend #2082 (prohibit reducing workforce at certain facilities).

Akaka amend #2034 (workers compensation for Federal employees) as modified

Bennet-Blunt amend #2047 (Citizens service protection advocates).

Corker amend #2083 (Improve the bill).

Mikulski amend #2003 (Governor certification for closings).

Akaka amend #2049 (pay policies and schedules).

Paul amend #2025 (end mailbox use monopoly).
Manchin amend #2079 (extend moratorium on closings).
Paul amend #2026 (performance-based pay).
Bingaman amend #2076 (State liaisons requirements).
Paul amend #2027 (Closing of post offices in Capitol complex).
Cardin amend #2040 (prohibit closing of postal facility if nearest facility is 50 yards away).
Paul amend #2028 (alternative postal delivery pilot program).
Carper amend #2065 (adjust first class mail stamp rate).
Paul amend #2029 (impact of regulations by developing profitability plan).
Carper amend #2066 (limit postal executives' compensation).
Paul amend #2039 (prohibit employees from engaging in collective bargaining).
Casey amend #2042 (maintain current delivery time for marker dominant products).
Paul amend #2038 (end monopoly on first class mailbox use).
Landrieu amend #2072 (determine impact of closures).
DeMint amend #2046 (regarding unions).
McCaskill amend #2030 (improve workers compensation provisions).
Coburn amend #2059 (close unprofitable facilities).
Pryor amend #2036 (Sense of the Senate on closings).
Rockefeller amend #2073 (Medicare coordination).
Rockefeller amend #2074 (improve health benefits program).
Schumer amend #2050 (maintain current door delivery point services).
Tester amend #2032 (appropriately limit pay of executives).
Warner amend #2071 (regarding postal employee retirement).

Upon disposition of the amendments, the Lieberman-Collins substitute amendment if amended will be agreed to, the bill will be read a third time and the Senate will proceed to vote on final passage of S.1789 (Postal Reform bill), with the bill subject to a 60-vote affirmative threshold.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 1021 (Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2011) as amended. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 430 (75th Anniversary of Ducks Unlimited Incorporated). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following bill was read for the first time:

S. 2327 (A bill to prohibit direct foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt until the President makes certain certifications related to treatment of nongovernmental organization workers).

The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 12:00 PM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act). At 2:00 PM, the Senate will consider the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution disapproving the rules submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to

representation of election procedures). At 4:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #528 (Brian Wimes to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri), followed by a vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM. On Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume debate on the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution disapproving the rules submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation of election procedures) for two hours. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will vote on the adoption of the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 36. If the motion to proceed is agreed to, there will be up to ten hours for debate equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to a roll call vote on adoption of S.J. Res. 36. Also on Tuesday, at a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to a series of votes on amendments to S.1789 (Postal Reform bill). Upon disposition of all amendments, the Senate will vote on final passage of the bill.

The Senate adjourned at 8:16 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act).

S. Res. 406 (Commending the achievements and recognizing the importance of the Alliance to Save Energy on the 35th anniversary of the incorporation of the Alliance). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 425 (Designating April 23, 2012 as "National Adopt a Library Day"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 426 (Congratulating the Lady Bears of Baylor University). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, April 19, 2012. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act). There will be 60 minutes of debate on the Motion to Proceed. At 2:15pm, there will be a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Lieberman-Collins Amend #2000 (Substitute Amendment), as modified. If cloture is not invoked, there will be a second roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on S.1789 (Postal Reform bill).

The Senate adjourned at 7:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to S. 1789 (Postal Reform Bill) will be agreed to, and that at approximately 11:10 AM the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1789 (Postal Reform Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to the Motion to Reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1789 (Postal Reform Bill). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1789 (Postal Reform Bill). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion on the Motion to Proceed is invoked by a vote of 74-22.

The Senate recessed from 12:45-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 1789 (Postal Reform Bill). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. All post-cloture time is yielded back by Unanimous Consent. The Motion to Proceed is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1789 (Postal Reform Bill).

Committee Substitute amendment withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Lieberman amend #2000 (Substitute Amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2013 () to Lieberman amend #2000 (Substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #2014 () to Reid amend #2013 ().

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on Liberman amend #2000 (Substitute amendment).

Reid amend #2015 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #2016 () to Reid amend #2015 ().

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 1789 (Postal Reform Bill).

Reid Motion to Recommit the bill with instructions to report back with amend #2017 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2018 () to the instructions amend #2017 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #2019 () to Reid amend #2018 ().

Reid Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 420 (Gold Star Wives Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 421 (Global Youth Service Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 422 (Commending and congratulating the University of Kentucky men's basketball team). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 423 (Congratulating Western Washington University Division II men's basketball team). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1925 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act).

The Senate adjourned at 6:49 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 2230 (Reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #460 (Stephanie Thacker to be US Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit). At approximately 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Thacker nomination. Upon disposition of the vote, the Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2230 (To reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 5 (Protecting Access to Healthcare Act). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

Motion to Proceed to S. 2230 (Reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #460 (Stephanie Thacker to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 91-3.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2230 (Reduce the deficit by imposing a minimum effective tax rate for high-income taxpayers). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of 51-45.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to S. 1789 (Postal Reform Bill) will be agreed to, and that at approximately 11:10 AM the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1789 (Postal Reform Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:19 PM.