

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2012

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:00 Noon.

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

The Senate recessed at 8:16 PM subject to the Call of the Chair.

At 1:23 AM, the Senate reconvened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 8 (Extend certain tax provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003).

Reid amend #3348 (Complete Substitute). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 8 (Extend certain tax provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003). The bill was read for a third time, as amended. Yeas and nays ordered on final passage. By consent, the vote is subject to a 60 yeas vote threshold. The bill was passed by a vote of **89-8**.

H. R. 6586 (Extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014). Nelson-Hutchison substitute amendment was agreed to. Bill was agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

H. R. 6060 (amend public law 106-392). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 302 (Regarding right of way permits). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 628 (Expressing the deep disappointment of the Senate in the enactment by the Russian Government of a law ending intra-country adoptions). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 629 (Authorize the production of records by the Committee on Armed Services). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 01, 2013. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 3:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 2:31 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2012

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM and will proceed with Leader time. Upon conclusion of Leader time, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session. The Senate will proceed to the consideration of Cal. #518, Carol Galante to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Cal. #909, William Baer to be an Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice for one hour of debate. At approximately 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to two votes on the nominations. The Senate will recess for one hour for Party Caucuses upon conclusion of the two votes.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader time.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #909 (William Baer to be an Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 64-26.

Cal. #518 (Carol Galante to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 69-24.

At 3:16 PM, the Senate recessed Subject to the Call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 5:48 PM and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Durbin asked that S. 2215 (Increasing American Jobs Through Greater Exports to Africa Act of 2012) be agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Objected to by Sen. Toomey.

S. 3250 (SAFER Act of 2012). Cornyn substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3715 (Extends the limited antitrust exemption contained in the pandemic and all hazards preparedness act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 2015 (Powell Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act).

S. 3563 (A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to modify the Pilot Project offices of the Federal Permit Streamlining Pilot Project).

H.R. 3263 (Lake Thunderbird).

H.R. 3641 (Pinnacles National Park).

H.R. 4073 (Pikes Peak).

S. 264 (Natches Trace conveyance, with committee amendment).

S. 1047 (Leadville Mine Drainage).

S. 1421 (Peace Corps Memorial).

S. 1478 (Minuteman Missile NHP).

S. 499 (Bonneville Unit).

S. 140 (Sleeping Bear Dunes).

S. 114 (San Antonio Missions, with committee substitute and floor amendment to committee substitute).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. 970 (White Clay Creek). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 459 (Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2012). The bill was 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 recess until 11:00 AM on Monday, December 31, 2012 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:00 Noon.

The Senate recessed at 7:27 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will proceed with Leader time. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 5949 (FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012) and vote on and in relation to final passage at approximately 9:45 PM. Upon conclusion of that vote, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill). The Senate will vote on all remaining amendments and complete action with a vote on final passage of the bill. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. Sen. Schumer announced that additional votes are possible on nominations.

The following amendments are those remaining in order to H. R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill):

Cardin #3393 (Surety bonds)
Grassley #3348 (DOJ--vehicles)
Feinstein #3421 (Army Corps projects), as modified with the changes at the desk
Harkin #3426 (Technical--grants)
Landrieu #3415 (Emergency reimbursement)
Leahy #3403 (U.S. embassy security)
McCain #3384 (Amtrak), as modified
Bingaman #3344 (Regarding Palau)
Coburn #3368 (Cost sharing--Army Corps)
Coburn #3369 (Notification triggers)
Coburn #3370 (Delinquent tax debts and fisheries), as modified and with two divisions
Coburn #3371 (Severe disasters)
Coburn #3382 (Merit based recovery contracts)
Coburn #3383 (Strike certain studies--Army Corps)
Tester #3350 (Fire management)
Paul #3376 (Non-application of Davis-Bacon)
Paul #3410 (Offset)
McCain #3355 (Strike emergency forest restoration)
Merkley #3367 (Extend agriculture disaster assistance programs), as modified
Lee #3373 (Special rules--retirement funds), as modified
Coats #3391 (Republican alternative).

The following time agreements are also in order to H. R. 1:

4 minutes equally divided prior to each of the votes in relation to the Coburn amendments and divisions

10 minutes equally divided prior to the votes in relation to the Paul amendments

8 minutes equally divided prior to the vote in relation to McCain Amdt. No 3355

10 minutes equally divided prior to the vote in relation to the Lee amendment

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 5949 (FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012).

Wyden amend #3439 (Require a report on the impact of the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 on the privacy of the people of the United States). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43- 52.

H. R. 5949 (FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012). The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered on final passage. The bill was passed by a vote of 73-23.

H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Cardin amend #3393 (Surety bonds). Agreed to by voice vote.

Grassley amend #3348 (DOJ--vehicles). Agreed to by voice vote.

Feinstein amend #3421 (Army Corps projects), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Harkin amend #3426 (Of a technical nature regarding grants). Agreed to by voice vote.

Landrieu amend #3415 (Emergency reimbursement). Agreed to by voice vote.

Leahy amend #3403 (U.S. embassy security). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #3369 (Notification triggers). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn Division I of amend #3370 (Delinquent tax debts and fisheries), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Bingaman amend #3344 (Regarding Palau). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 52-43 (60 yea votes are required for adoption).

Tester amend #3350 (Fire management). Sessions Budget Point of Order against the amendment. Tester Motion to Waive the applicable sections of the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Waive. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of 51-44. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls. Sen. Tester withdrew his amendment.

Coburn amend #3368 (Cost sharing--Army Corps). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 44-51.

Coburn Division II of amend #3370 (Delinquent Tax debts and fisheries). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 35-60.

Coburn amend #3371 (Severe disasters). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 40-55.

The Senate recessed at 12:42 PM and will reconvene at 2:00 PM.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

Coburn amend #3382 (Merit based recovery contracts). Yeas and nays are ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 48-47.

Coburn amend #3383 (Strike certain studies--Army Corps). Withdrawn.

Paul amend #3376 (Non-application of Davis-Bacon). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 42-52.

Paul amend #3410 (Offset). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 3-91.

Lee amend #3373 (Special rules--retirement funds), as modified. Sen. Lee withdrew his amendment.

McCain amend #3355 (Strike emergency forest restoration). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 46-49.

Merkley #3367 (Extend agriculture disaster assistance programs), as modified. Sessions Point of Order against the amendment. Merkley Motion to Waive the applicable sections of the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Waive. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act with respect to the amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 55-40. Sen. Merkley withdrew his amendment.

Coats #3391 (Republican alternative). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 41-54.

Reid substitute amend #3395 (In the nature of a substitute). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill). The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered on final passage. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 61-33.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

S. 3454 (Authorize appropriations for 2013 for Intelligence and inelegance-related activities). Feinstein Substitute amendment was agreed to. The bill was read for a third time and agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 1464 (Develop a strategy for assisting stateless children n from North Korea). Burr substitute amendment was agreed to. The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 6014 (Authorize the Attorney General to award grants for states to implement DNA Arrestee collection processes). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 6620 (Amend Title 18 of the United States Code). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 6621 (Correct and improve certain provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act and Title 35 of the United States Code). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM on Sunday, December 30, 2012. Upon conclusion of Leader time, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session. The Senate will proceed to the consideration of Cal. #518, Carol Galante to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and Cal. #909, William Baer to be an Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice for one hour of debate. At approximately 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to two votes on the nominations. The Senate will recess for one hour for Party Caucuses upon conclusion of the two votes.

The Senate adjourned at 7:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will begin consideration of H.R. 5949 (FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012). There will be up to 7 hours of debate on the bill. A roll call vote will occur at 5:30 PM on either the FISA or Emergency Supplemental bills.

The Senate convened at 10:00 AM and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 5949 (FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012).

Merkley amend #3435 (To require the Attorney General to disclose each decision, order, or opinion of a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that includes significant legal interpretation of section 501 or 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 unless such disclosure is not in the national security interest of the United States). Laid aside.

At 2:30 PM, Brian Schatz (D) will be sworn-in as the new Senator representing Hawaii.

Paul amend #3436 (To ensure adequate protection of the rights under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States). Laid aside.

Leahy amend #3437 (In Nature of a Substitute).

Vice President Biden swore-in Brian Schatz (D) as the new Senator representing Hawaii.

H.R. 5949 (FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012). Laid aside.

H. R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

Coats amend #3391 (In the nature of a substitute). Laid aside.

H.R. 5949 (FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012).

Leahy amend #3437 (In Nature of a Substitute). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **38-52**.

Merkley amend #3435 (To require the Attorney General to disclose each decision, order, or opinion of a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court that includes significant legal interpretation of section 501 or 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 unless such disclosure is not in the national security interest of the United States). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **37-54**.

Paul amend #3436 (To ensure adequate protection of the rights under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 12-79.

H. R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

Cardin amend #3393 (Strike Section 501). Laid aside.

Tester amend #3350 (To provide additional funds for wildland fire management). Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #3415 (Clarify the provision relating to emergency protective measures). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #3369 (Reduce the amount that triggers the requirement to notify Congress of the recipients of certain grants and to require publication of notice). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #3371 (Ensure that Federal disaster assistance is available for the most severe disasters). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #3382 (Require merit-based and competitive awards of disaster recovery contracts). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #3368 (Clarify cost-sharing requirements for certain Corps of Engineers activities). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #3370 (Ensure funding for victims of Hurricane Sandy is not spent on tax cheats, deceased individuals, or fisheries outside the affected area). Laid aside.

Merkley amend #3367 (Extend certain supplemental agriculture disaster assistance programs). Laid aside.

Leahy amend #3403 (Provide authority to transfer previously appropriated funds to increase security at United States embassies and other overseas posts). Laid aside.

Harkin amend #3426 (Makes a technical correction). Laid aside.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

H. R. 2338 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 3892 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 3869 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 4389 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 6260 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 6379 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 6587 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

**S. 3667 (Rename section 219-C of the IRS code of 1986 after Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison).
Agreed to by unanimous consent.**

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM Friday, December 28, 2012. Upon conclusion of Leader time, the Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 5949 (FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012) and vote on final passage at approximately 9:45 PM. Upon conclusion of that vote, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill). The Senate will vote on all remaining amendments and complete action with a vote on final passage of the bill. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. Sen. Schumer announced that additional votes are possible on nominations.

The Senate adjourned at 8:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2012

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 21, 2012. The Senate will begin consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H. R. 4310 (Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013). There will be one hour of debate on the Conference Report, followed by a vote on adoption. Upon conclusion of that vote, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment) to H. R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Conference Report to accompany H.R. 4310 (Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013). Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report is agreed to by a vote of 81-14.

H. R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture is agreed to by a vote of 91-1.

Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment). Toomey Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. Mikulski Motion to Waive the Point of Order pursuant to the applicable sections. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of 57-34. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Senator Reid asked Unanimous Consent that at a time to be determined, the Senate proceed to H.R. 5949 (FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012), that the only amendments in order are those of Sens. Leahy, Merkley, Paul and Wyden, and that there will be up to five hours of debate on the amendments, and the Senate then proceed to vote on the above amendments and then final passage, with all amendments and final passage subject to a 60-affirmative threshold for passage. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

The following amendments are withdrawn by Unanimous Consent:
Reid amend #3396 (To change the enactment date).
Reid amend #3398 (To change the enactment date).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #834 (Matthew Brann to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania).

Cal. #835 (Malachy Mannion to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania).

Cal. #877 (Jon Tigar to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California).

Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

PN 2024 (). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1339 (To designate the City of Salem, Massachusetts, as the Birthplace of the National Guard of the United States). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4212 (Drywall Safety Act of 2012). Vitter substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 5859 (To repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 6364 (Frank Buckles World War I Memorial Act). McCaskill amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3709 (Requires a GAO examination of transactions between large financial institutions and the federal government). Vitter amendment is agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 613 (A resolution urging the governments of Europe and the European Union to designate Hizballah as a terrorist organization and impose sanctions, and urging the President to provide information about Hizballah to the European allies of the United States and to support to the Government of Bulgaria in investigating the July 18, 2012, terrorist attack in Burgas). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 1845 (Medicare IVIG Access Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM on Monday, December 24, 2012 for a Pro Forma Session only. The Senate will then adjourn until 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 27, 2012. The Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 5949 (FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012), and there will be up to 7 hours of debate on the bill. There will be a roll call vote at 5:30 PM on Thursday, December 27th on either the FISA or Emergency Supplemental bills.

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2012

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will proceed with Leader remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill). Sen. Reid filed cloture on the Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment) as well as H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill). Senator Inouye will Lay in State in the Capitol Rotunda tomorrow. Senators will gather in the Senate chamber at 9:35 AM tomorrow morning to proceed to the viewing together.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader time.

H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment).

H. J. Res 122 (Establishing the date of the counting of the electoral votes for the President and Vice President cast by the electors in December 2012). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment).

Conf. Rep. H. R. 4310 (Defense authorize). One hour of de

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the Leaders, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations; Cal. #834, Matthew Brann to be U. S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Cal. #835, Malachy Mannion to be U. S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and Cal. #877, Jon Tigar to be U. S. District Judge for the Northern District of California. Further consent was given that there will be 30 minutes of debate on the nominations followed by roll call votes on each.

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the Leaders, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H. R. 4310 (Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013). Further consent was given that there will be one hour of debate on the Conference Report followed by a vote on final passage.

H. R. 443 (Provide for the conveyance of certain property). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended by the Murkowski amendment.

H. R. 4053 (Intensify efforts to identify, prevent and recover payment error, waste, fraud and abuse within Federal spending). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2388 (Reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officers Corps Act of 2002). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 439 (Sense of the Senate that Village Voice Media Holdings L. L. C. should eliminate the adult entertainment section of the classified advertising website, backpage.com). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 617 (Congratulating the recipient of the 2012 Heisman Memorial Trophy). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 627 (Designating the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 6671 (Amend section 2710 of Title 18 U. S. Code). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 21, 2012. The Senate will begin consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H. R. 4310 (Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013). There will be one hour of debate on the Conference Report, followed by a vote on adoption. Upon conclusion of that vote, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment) to H. R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 9:24 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

Inouye amend #3338 (Substitute amendment).

Bingaman amend #3344 (To provide for the approval of an agreement between the United States and the Republic of Palau in response to Super Typhoon Bopha). Laid aside.

Merkley amend #3367 (To extend certain supplemental agriculture disaster assistance programs), as modified.

Coburn amend #3371 (To ensure that Federal disaster assistance is available for the most severe disasters) as modified.

5:19 PM – Senate stands in recess subject to the Call of the Chair.

Senate reconvened at 9:46 PM.

H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

Inouye amend #3338 (Substitute amendment) was withdrawn.

Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment).

Reid amend #3396 to Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3397 to Reid amend #3396. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid filed cloture on Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3398 to the language proposed to be stricken by Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3999 to Reid amend #3398. Yeas and nays ordered.

Motion to Commit H.R. 1 with Instructions to report back with Reid amend #3400. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3401 to the Instructions to Commit H.R. 1. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend 3402 to Reid amend #3401. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid filed cloture on H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill). Yeas and nays ordered.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 4057 (Amend Title 38, U.S. Code). Murray Substitute amendment was agreed to by U.C. The bill as amended was agreed to by U.C.

H.R. 6029 (Amend Title 19, U.S. Code). Kohl-Lee Substitute amendment was agreed to by U.C. The bill as amended was agreed to by U.C.

S. 2318 (A bill to authorize the Secretary of State to Combat Transnational Organized Crime). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 3202 (Deceased Veterans with No Next of Kin Receive a Dignified Burial). Murray Substitute amendment was agreed to by U.C. The bill as amended was agreed to by U.C.

S. 3698 (Amend Title 19, U.S. Code). The bill was agreed to by U.C.

S. Res. 618 (Honoring Rosa Parks Legacy). Agreed to by U.C.

S. Res. 625 (Recognizing the opening of the Freedom Pavilion). Agreed to by U.C.

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Thursday, December 20, 2012. Following Leader remarks the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

Sen. Reid filed cloture on the Reid amend #3395 (Substitute amendment) as well as H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill). Senator Inouye will Lie in State in the Capitol Rotunda tomorrow. Senators will gather in the Senate chamber at 9:35 AM tomorrow morning to proceed to the viewing together.

The Senate adjourned at 10:21 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of H. R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses.

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

Sen. Leahy (D-VT) was sworn-in by Vice President Biden as President Pro Tempore.

S. Res. 622 (Notifying the House of Representatives of the election of the President Pro Tempore). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate recessed from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

Inouye amend #3338 (Substitute amendment).

Merkley amend #3367 (To extend certain supplemental agriculture disaster assistance programs). Laid aside.

McCain amend #3355 (To strike funding for the emergency forest restoration program). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Tester amend #3350 (To provide additional funds for wildland fire management). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #3371 (To ensure that Federal disaster assistance is available for the most severe disasters).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Con. Res 63 (Correcting the enrollment of S. 2367). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 64 (Authorizing the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for the Lying-in-State of Senator Daniel Inouye). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 624 (Relative to the death of Senator Daniel Inouye). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 7:51 PM under the provisions of S. Res. 624 as a further mark of respect to the late Senator Daniel Inouye.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of H. R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nominations of Cal. #833 (Fernando Olguin to be U. S. District Judge for the Central District of California) and Cal. #875 (Thomas Durkin to be U. S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois). There will be 30 minutes of debate on both nominations, followed by roll call votes on each.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

Inouye amend #3338 (Substitute amendment).

Inouye 2nd degree amend #3339 (Making technical changes) to Inouye amend #3338 (Substitute amendment).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #833 (Fernando Olguin to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California).

The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #875 (Thomas Durkin to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois).

The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. 1792 (Clarify the authority of the U. S. Marshal Service). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1793 (Amend Title 28 of the U. S. Code). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended by Whitehouse amend #3341 (Substitute amendment).

H. R. 6223 (amend section 1059(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006 to clarify that a period of employment abroad by the Chief of Mission or United States Armed Forces as a translator, interpreter, or in a security-related position in an executive or managerial capacity is to be counted as a period of residence and physical presence in the United States for purposes of qualifying for naturalization). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 3687 (Amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 2076 (Amend US Code to clarify the statutory authority). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended.

S. Res. 619 (Elect Patrick J. Leahy, a Senator from the State of Vermont, to be President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 620 (Authorize Sen. Harry Reid to administer the oath of office of the President of the Senate Pro Tempore to Sen. Patrick L. Leahy). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 621 (Condemning the horrific attacks in Newton, Connecticut and expressing support and prayers for all those impacted by that tragedy). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 3472 (Amend the Family Education Rights and Privacy act of 1974). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended by the Landrieu amendment.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 18, 2012. There will be a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of H. R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate recessed at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for two hours. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program). It will be in order for the Republican Leader or his designee to raise a Budget Point of Order against the bill, and if a Point of Order is so raised, the Majority Leader or his designee will be recognized to Move to Waive the Point of Order. There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote at 12:00 Noon on the Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order, if such a motion is made. If the Motion to Waive is successful, the Senate will then proceed to the vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 3637. If the Motion to Waive is not successful, the Cloture Motion will be vitiated and the Majority Leader will be recognized. If a Budget Point of Order is not raised, the Senate will vote at 12:00 Noon on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 3637.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program). Toomey Point of Order that the bill violates the Congressional Budget Act. Johnson Motion to Waive the Point of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of 50-42. The Point of Order is sustained and the Motion to Invoke Cloture is withdrawn.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nominees:
Cal. #830 (Lorna Schofield to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 91-0.

Cal. #832 (Frank Geraci Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of New York). The nomination is confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 3313 (Women Veterans and Other Health Care Improvements Act of 2012). Murray amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Voice Vote.

H. R. 6116 (Amend the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2045 (Amend the United States Code). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended by the Burr amend #3337.

S. Res 616 (Authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, December 17, 2012. There will be a period of Morning Business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of H. R. 1 (Department of Defense Appropriations and Legislative Vehicle for the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nominations of Cal. #833, Fernando Olguin to be U. S. District Judge for the Central District of California) and Cal. #875 (Thomas Durkin to be U. S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois). There will be 30 minutes of debate on both nominations, followed by roll call votes on each.

The Senate adjourned at 6:29 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 2:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program).

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

Reid unanimous consent request that when the Senate receives the papers with respect to H.R. 4310 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013), the Senate's passage of H.R. 4310 as amended be vitiated. Further, the adoption of the Senate amendment be vitiated and that the amendment, the text of S. 3425 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013) as amended by the Senate be modified with the changes that are at the desk, that no other amendments be in order and the Senate proceed to vote in relation to the amendment as modified, that if the substitute amendment as modified is agreed to, H.R. 4310 as amended be read a third time and passed. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

The Senate's passage of H.R. 4310 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013) as amended was vitiated. The adoption of the Senate amendment was vitiated and the amendment, the text of S. 3425 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013) as amended by the Senate was modified, and the amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**. H.R. 4310 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013) as amended was read a third time and passed by **unanimous consent**. The following conferees were appointed: Senators Levin, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson of Nebraska, Webb, McCaskill, Udall of CO, Kagan, Begich, Manchin, Shaheen, Blumenthal, McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, Wicker, Brown of MA, Portman, Ayotte, Collins, Graham, Cornyn and Vitter.

The clerk laid before the Senate a Message from the House: Resolve that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill H.R. 2838 (Authorize appropriations for Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 through 2015). It was further resolved that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to the text of H.R. 2838 with an amendment. The Senate agreed by **Voice Vote** on the Motion to Concur on the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2838. The bill as amended is passed.

H.R. 3783 (Strategy to combat Iran's growing hostile presence). The Rubio amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 3677(Technical correction to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 614 (Celebrating World Peace Corps mission). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 615 (Congratulating the recipients of the 2012 Nobel Prize for Chemistry). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, December 13, 2012 and will be in a period of Morning Business for two hours. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program). It will be in order for the Republican Leader or his designee to raise a Budget Point of Order against the bill, and if a Point of Order is so raised, the Majority Leader or his designee will be recognized to Move to Waive the Point of Order. There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote at 12:00 Noon on the Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order, if such a motion is made. If the Motion to Waive is successful, the Senate will then proceed to the vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 3637. If the Motion to Waive is not successful, the Cloture Motion will be vitiated and the Majority Leader will be recognized. If a Budget Point of Order is not raised, the Senate will vote at 12:00 Noon on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 3637.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and there will be a period of Morning Business for one hour. At approximately 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed with a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program). Also, at a time to be determined by the Senate Leaders, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nominations of Cal. #762, John Dowdell to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma and Cal. #829, Jesus Bernel to be US District Judge for the Central District of California. It was ordered that there will be 30 minutes of debate followed by Roll Call Votes on each of the nominees.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program).

The Senate recessed from 12:22-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion to the Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of 76-20. Under a previous order, the Motion to Proceed was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program).

Reid amend #3314 (Enacting clause). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3315 (To make technical changes) to Reid amend #3314 (Enacting clause).

Reid Motion to Commit the bill to the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, with Instructions to report back with an amend #3316 (Enacting clause). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3317 (To make technical changes) to the Instructions amendment #3316 (Enacting clause). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3318 (To make technical changes) to Reid amend #3317 (To make technical changes).

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #762 (John Dowdell to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 95-0.

Cal. #829 (Jesus Bernel to be US District Judge for the Central District of California). The nomination is confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

H.R. 4014 (To amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act with respect to information provided to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection).

H.R. 4367 (To amend the Electronic Fund Transfer Act to limit the fee disclosure requirement for an automatic teller machine to the screen of that machine).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2467 (Bridgeport Indian Colony Land Trust, Health, and Economic Development Act of 2012). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3564 (Public Interest Declassification Board Reauthorization Act of 2012). Lieberman amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 3319 (To allow the Pascua Yaqui Tribe to determine the requirements for membership in that tribe). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 6328 (Amends Title 49, United States Code). Gillibrand amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, and will be in a period of Morning Business until 2:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program).

The Senate adjourned at 6:19 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012

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 a Legislative Session and resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program). The Senate will vote at 5:30 PM on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program).

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

Reid unanimous consent request that the Cloture Vote on Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program) be postponed until 2:15 PM on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. If cloture is invoked, the Motion to Proceed will be agreed to and the Majority Leader will be recognized. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

S. 3664 (A bill to provide for debt limit extensions). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H. R. 3187 (Require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the March of Dimes Foundation.). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 612 (Honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Arlen Specter). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. There will be a period of Morning Business for one hour. At approximately 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed with a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program). Also, at a time to be determined by the Senate Leaders, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nominations of Cal. #762, John Dowdell to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma and Cal. #829, Jesus Bernel to be US District Judge for the Central District of California. It was ordered that there will be 30 minutes of debate followed by Roll Call Votes on each of the nominees.

The Senate adjourned at 6:01 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 11:45 AM. The time from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM will be reserved for speeches from retiring Senators. At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to debate, for 15 minutes, the nominations of Cal. #761, Mark Walker to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Florida and Cal. # 828, Terrence Berg to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. At 12:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012). At 12:10 PM, the Senate will proceed to three votes. The first vote will be on H. R. 6156, followed by the nominations of Cal. #761, Mark Walker and Cal. #828, Terrence Berg.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #761 (Mark Walker to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Florida).

Cal. #828 (Terrence Berg to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan).

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012). Yeas and nays ordered. The bill is read for a third time. **Final Passage.** The bill passed by a vote of **92-4**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #761 (Mark Walker to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Florida). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **94-0**.

Cal. #828 (Terrence Berg to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan). The nomination is confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

H.R. 6634 (An act to change the effective date for the internet publication of certain financial disclosure forms). The bill was passed by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 6582 (American Energy Manufacturing Technical Corrections Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3666 (Amends the Animal Welfare Act to modify the definition of visitor). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 611 (Wreaths Across America Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3664 (A bill to provide for debt limit extensions). The bill was read for the first time. Further readings were objected to, and the bill will be read for a second time on the next Legislative Day.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, December 10, 2012, and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program). The Senate will vote at 5:30 PM on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3637 (A bill to temporarily extend the transaction account guarantee program).

The Senate adjourned at 4:52 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for up to four hours. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012). The Senate expects to complete action on this bill during Wednesday's session.

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

Cornyn asked Unanimous Consent that H.R. 6429 (STEM Jobs Act of 2012) be agreed to. Objected to by Sen. Schumer.

Schumer asked Unanimous Consent that S. 3553 (Benefits to Research and American Innovation through Nationality Statutes Act of 2012) be agreed to. Objected to by Sen. Cornyn.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012).

At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nomination:

Cal. #676 (Michael P. Shea, of Connecticut, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut).

There will be a vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

Reid unanimous consent that following H.R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012) being reported, there be five hours of debate during today's session. On Thursday, December 6, 2012, at a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the bill. McConnell objected.

McConnell unanimous consent request that he be allowed to offer an amendment (Treasury Secretary Geithner's fiscal cliff proposal) to H.R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012). Reid objected.

Reid unanimous consent that following H.R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012) being reported, there be five hours of debate during today's session. On Thursday, December 6, 2012, at a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the bill. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

H.R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nomination:
Cal. #676 (Michael P. Shea, of Connecticut, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut). Yeas and nays ordered. The Nomination was confirmed by a vote of **72-23**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012). Laid aside.

S. 3331 (Provide for universal inter-country adoption accreditation standards and procedures).
Kerry amend #3310 (In the nature of a substitute). Agreed to by voice vote.
The bill was agreed to by voice vote, as modified.

S. Res. 609 (Calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Alan Phillip Gross from detention in Cuba and urging Cuba to address his medical issue). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 573 (Designating the third week of January 2013 as “Teen Cancer Awareness Week”).
Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 595 (Support for the goals of “National Adoption Day” and “National Adoption Month”).
Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 610 (Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the Senate Science Foundation). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, December 6, 2012 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 11:45 AM. The time from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM will be reserved for speeches from retiring Senators. At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to debate, for 15 minutes, the nominations of Cal. #761, Mark Walker to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Florida and Cal. # 828, Terrence Berg to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. At 12:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012). At 12:10 PM, the Senate will proceed to three votes. The first vote will be on H. R. 6156, followed by the nominations of Cal. #761, Mark Walker and Cal. #828, Terrence Berg.

The Senate adjourned at 7:12 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session for two hours of debate on Treaty Doc #112-7 (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities). At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will vote on the ratification of Treaty Doc #112-7 (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. Additional votes to S. 3254 (Department of Defense Authorization) are expected during tomorrow's session of the Senate.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of Leader time.

H.R. 6429 (STEM Jobs Act of 2012). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Treaty Doc #112-7 (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities). Yeas and nays ordered on the Resolution of Ratification. The Treaty was not ratified by a vote of 61-38 (two-thirds are required for ratification).

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for Party Caucuses.

At 2:15 PM, the Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 3254 (Department of Defense Authorization).

The following amendments are considered, en bloc:

Kyl amend #2927 (To establish a congressional advisory panel on revising the governance structure of the National Nuclear Security Administration to permit it to operate more effectively and independently of the Department of Energy), as modified.

Akaka amend #3019 (To amend the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 with respect to State Trade and Export Promotion Grant Program).

Toomey amend #3062 (To require the GAO to include in its annual report to Congress a list of the most common grounds for sustaining protests relating to bids for contracts).

Brown (OH) amend #3113 (To extend treatment of base closure areas as HUBZones for purposes of the Small Business Act), as modified.

Rubio amend #3175 (To limit the availability of funds for retirement or inactivation of Ticonderoga class cruisers or dock landing ships), as modified.

Carper amend #3241 (To repeal or modify certain mandates of the GAO).

Carper amend #3242 (To intensify efforts to identify , prevent and recover payment error, waste, fraud, and abuse within Federal spending).

Thune amend #3277 (To express the Sense of Congress regarding the reallocation of government spectrum), as modified.

Moran amend #3285 (To require a Comptroller General of the United States report on the potential liability of the Department of Defense for the renegotiation or cancellation of contracts for conferences and conventions in connection with spending cuts), as modified.

Bennet amend #3226 (To make enhancements to the Troops-to-Teachers program), as modified.

Hatch amend #3117 (To provide that the rating chain for a system program manager may include any senior official located at an Air Logistics Complex where the system program manager is based), as modified.

The amendments are agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

McCain amend #3262 (To require a report on military activities to deny or significantly degrade the use of air power against civilian and opposition groups in Syria), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 92-6.

Kyl amend #3123 (To require briefings on dialogue between the United States and the Russian Federation on nuclear arms, missile defense, and long-range conventional strike systems), as modified. The amendment is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3254 (Department of Defense Authorization), as amended. The bill is read for a third time. **Final Passage.** Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of 98-0.

H.R. 4310 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013). Under a previous Unanimous Consent order, all after the enacting clause be stricken and the text of S. 3254 as amended and passed be inserted and in lieu thereof. The bill is read for a third time. **The bill, as amended, is passed by Unanimous Consent.** The Senate insists on its amendments and requests a Conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses. The Senate appointed the following conferees by Unanimous Consent: Sens. Levin, Lieberman, Reed, Akaka, Nelson (NE), Webb, McCaskill, Udall (CO), Hagan, Begich, Manchin, Shaheen, Blumenthal, McCain, Inhofe, Sessions, Chambliss, Wicker, Brown (MA), Portman, Ayotte, Collins, Graham, Cornyn, and Vitter.

Reid Motion to Proceed to H.R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012).

S. 1947 (Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act of 2011). Blumenthal amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is read for a third time. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 543 (Sense of the Senate on International Parental Child Abduction). Committee amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The resolution, as amended, is adopted by Voice Vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for up to four hours. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 6156 (Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei

Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012). The Senate expects to complete action on this bill during Wednesday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 6:31 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will resume consideration of S. 3254 (Department of Defense Authorization). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nomination: Cal # 760 (Paul William Grimm of Maryland to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Maryland. There will be 30 minutes of debate on the nomination followed by vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM. Upon disposition of the Grimm nomination, the Senate will resume a Legislative Session and will immediately proceed to a cloture vote on S. 3254 (Department of Defense Authorization). Sen. Levin announced that further votes are possible during Monday's Session of the Senate.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 3254 (Department of Defense Authorization).

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc by voice vote:

Begich amend #2954 (aircraft travel for unmarried spouses of members and former members of the Armed Services).

Inhofe amend #2978 (Contracts under NETCENTS-2).

Blumenthal amend #3015 (extend stolen goods offense to cover all veteran's memorials).

Cardin amend #3022 (Sense of the Senate concerning Afghan refugee situation).

Cardin amend #3024 (include the Coast Guard in diversity requirements).

Tester amend #3028 (authorize transport to and from Department of Veterans Affairs facilities).

Collins amend #3042, as modified (report on insider attacks in Afghanistan).

McCain amend #3054 (notice to Congress on naming naval vessels), as modified.

Toomey amend #3066 (report on simulated tactical flight training).

McCain amend #3091, as modified (authorize additional amounts for new programs requested by the DoD).

Brown (MA) amend #3160 (basic allowance for housing for National Guard members).

Levin amend #3164 (authorize the transfer of defense articles).

Rubio amend #3176 (report on collocation of Air Force Materiel Command organizations), as modified.

Warner amend #3188 (Sense of Congress on Joint Warfighting Analysis Center).

Bingaman amend #3208 (medical isotope production).

Snowe amend #3218 (contract award prices for women-owned small businesses).

Conrad amend #3227 (Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center).

Hatch amend #3268 (modify age and retirement treatment for certain Air Force retirees).

Coons amend #3289 (Armed Forces Institute of Pathology).

Paul amend #3119 (Armed Forces tabulation of total population by the Secretary of Commerce).

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc by voice vote:

Pryor amend #3291 (State certification or licenses for veterans).

Collins amend #3282 (prescription drug take-back program).

Reed (RI) amend #3292 (consumer credit protection for Armed Forces members).

Reed (RI) amend #3165 (modify homes of disabled or low-income veterans).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal # 760 (Paul William Grimm of Maryland to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Maryland). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 92-1.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 3254 (Department of Defense Authorization). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of 93-0.

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc by voice vote:

Coats amend #2923 (transferees of property at any closed military installation) as modified.

Webb amend 2943 (Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act).

Casey amend #2997 (authorize Transition Assistance Advisor) as modified.

Cardin amend #3023 (including Coast Guard in the requirements of hazing in the Armed Forces).

Wicker amend #3121 (funding for data servers and centers) as modified.

Portman amend #3142 (report on diplomatic security).

Webb amend #3144 (Amend Sec 704, Title 18, U.S. Code).

Corker amend #3172 (require President to report on Congress about Syria) as modified.

Lieberman amend #3276 (National Mall Liberty Fund).

Lautenberg amend #3298 (Sense of Congress about health care for retirees of the Armed Services).

Blunt amend #3278 (mail delivery system for absentee ballots) as modified.

Rockefeller amend #2996 (maritime programs for the Department of Transportation).

Reid amend #3047 (combat related compensation for disability retirees) as modified.

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

Cal. 921 (Army nomination – Col. John Hort to be Brigadier Gen).

Cal. 922 (Army nomination – Brigadier Gen. Joseph Carvalho to be Major Gen).

Cal. 923 (Army nomination – Col. Clayton Hutmacher to be Brigadier Gen).

Cal. 924 (Army nomination – Col. Kyle Goerke to be Brigadier Gen).

Cal. 925 (Army nomination – Col. Peter Bosse to be Brigadier Gen).

Cal. 926 (Army nomination – Col. Joseph Whitlock to be Brigadier Gen).

Cal. 927 (Army nomination – Brigadier Gen. Karen LeDoux to be Major Gen).

Cal. 928 (Army nomination – Brigadier Gen. David Clarkson to be Major Gen).

Cal. 929 (Army nomination – Major Gen. Mark Milley to be Lt. Gen).

Cal. 930 (Marine Corps nomination – Lt. Gen. John Paxton to be General).

Cal. 931 (Marine Corps nomination – Lt. Gen. Joseph Dunford to be General).

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 6429 (STEM Jobs Act of 2012). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session for two hours of debate on Treaty Doc #112-7 (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities). At 12:00 Noon the Senate will vote on the ratification of Treaty Doc #112-7 (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. Additional votes to S. 3254 (Department of Defense Authorization) are expected during tomorrow's session of the Senate.

The Senate adjourned at 6:57 PM.