

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill). There are no votes scheduled at this time. Currently the next scheduled vote will occur Thursday, March 1, 2012 at a time to be determined.

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

S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill).

Blunt amend #1520 (To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services) to Reid amend #1730 (Of a perfecting nature).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 382 (Read Across America Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 383 (Rare Disease Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 1, 2012 and will resume consideration S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will vote on consideration of the Blunt amend #1520 (To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services).

The Senate adjourned at 6:56 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will then recess for Party Caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will reconvene and proceed with a period of Morning Business. There are no votes scheduled.

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

H. R. 1173 (Act to Repeal the CLASS Program). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

The Senate recessed at 12:32 PM for Party Caucuses.

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

S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill).

Blunt amend #1520 (To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services) to Reid amend #1730 (Of a perfecting nature).

Reid unanimous consent request that on Thursday, March, 1, 2012, at a time to be determined, the Senate will vote on Blunt amend #1520 (To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to protect rights of conscience with regard to requirements for coverage of specific items and services). The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

S. Res. 381 (Authorizing the taking of a photograph in the United States Senate Chamber). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill). There are no votes scheduled at this time. Currently the next scheduled vote will occur Thursday, March 1, 2012 at a time to be determined.

The Senate adjourned at 5:37 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and Sen. Shaheen will immediately be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. The Senate will then be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #409 (Margo Brodie to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of New York). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the nomination.

The Senate convened and Sen. Shaheen was recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #409 (Margo Brodie to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of New York). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 86-2.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 1173 (An Act to Repeal the CLASS Program). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will then recess for Party Caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will reconvene and proceed with a period of Morning Business. There are no votes scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2012

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM for a Pro Forma Session. The Senate will next convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 27, 2012. Sen. Shaheen will immediately be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. The Senate will then be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #409 (Margo Brodie to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of New York). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 11:01 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill).

Under a previous unanimous consent agreement:

- Reid announced that it is his intent that at 11:00 AM the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on Reid amend #1633 (Insert Banking, Finance, and Commerce titles), and if cloture is invoked on the Reid amendment, S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill) as amended will be considered as original text for the purpose of further amendment.
- If cloture is not invoked, the motion to recommit S. 1813 will be withdrawn, and the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session. The cloture motion on Cal. #366 (Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York) will be vitiated and the Senate will then immediately proceed to a vote on confirmation of the Furman nomination.
- **At a time to be determined** the Senate will proceed to the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3630 (Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011), there will be up to 10 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled prior to a vote on adoption of the Conference Report.

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

S. 2118 (A bill to remove unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats from seniors' personal health decisions by repealing the independent payment advisory board). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill was placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Reid amend #1633 (Insert Banking, Finance, and Commerce titles). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 54-42. Under a previous of agreement, the Motion to Recommit S. 1813 is withdrawn.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The cloture motion on Cal. #366 (Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York) was vitiated.

Cal. #366 (Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 62-34.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2620 (Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011). Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report is agreed to by a vote of 60-36.

S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill).

Reid amend #1730 (Of a perfecting nature).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Cal. #86 (Ben Bernanke to be U.S. Alternate Governor of the International Monetary Fund).

#258 Phyllis Nichamoff Segal – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service

#259 Lisa M. Quiroz -- to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service

#261 Matthew Francis McCabe -- to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service

#262 Marguerite W. Kondracke -- to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service

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

#264 Richard Christman – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service

#338 Anthony Frank D'Agostino – to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation

#339 Anthony Frank D'Agostino – to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (Reappointment)

#340 Gregory Karawan – to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation

#344 Martin J. Gruenberg – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (Reappointment)

#345 Martin J. Gruenberg – to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

#346 Thomas J. Curry – to be Comptroller of the Currency

#403 Kenneth J. Kopocis – to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

#422 Michael A. Hammer – to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Public Affairs)

#450 Laura A. Cordero – to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 15, 2015

#456 Albert DiClemente – to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years

#493 Charles DeWitt McConnell – to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Fossil Energy)

#494 David T. Danielson – to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy)

#495 LaDoris Guess Harris – to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Department of Energy

#496 Gregory Howard Woods – to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy

#499 James R. Hannah – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute

#500 Daniel J. Becker – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute
#501 Mari Carmen Aponte - to be Ambassador of the US of America to the Republic of El Salvador.
#502 Adam E. Namm - to be Ambassador of the US of America to the Republic of Ecuador.
#504 Roberta S. Jacobson - to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs),
#505 Elizabeth M. Cousens - to be Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.
#506 Elizabeth M. Cousens - to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.
#507 Michael E. Horowitz – to be Inspector General
#511 Rebecca M. Blank – to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce
#512 Ajit Varadaraj Pai – to be a Member of the FCC for a term of five years from July 1, 2011
#513 Jessica Rosenworcel – to be a Member of the FCC for a term of five years from July 1, 2010
#514 Jon D. Leibowitz – to be a FTC for a term of seven years from September 26, 2010
#515 Maureen K. Ohlhausen – to be a FTC for a term of seven years from September 26, 2011
#516 Kathryn Keneally – to be an Assistant Attorney General #517 Maurice A. Jones – to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
#518 Carol J. Galante – to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
#519 Thomas Hoenic – to be Vice Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
#520 Thomas Hoenic – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of six years
#521 Deepa Gupta – to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring Sept. 3, 2016
#522 Christopher Merrill – to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring Jan. 26, 2016
#523 Stephanie Orlando – to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for the remainder of the term expiring Sept. 17, 2011
#524 Stephanie Orlando – to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring Sept. 17, 2014
#525 Gary Blumenthal – to be a Member of the National Council on Disability for a term expiring Sept. 17, 2013
#526 Wendy M. Spencer – to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service
#527 – Arunava Majumdar – to be Under Secretary of Energy
#541 Mary John Miller – to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury
#542 Henry J. Aaron – to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board
#543 Kathleen Kerrigan – to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for the term of fifteen years
#544 Alastair M. Fitzpayne – to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury
#546 Margaret Ann Sherry – to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security
#547 Eduardo Arriola – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for a term expiring Oct. 6, 2016

#548 J. Kelly Ryan – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring Sept. 20, 2012

#549 Michael James Warren – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation

#550 David J. McMillan – to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

#551 Wenona Singel – to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

#553 Anuj Chang Desai – to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for the term expiring September 30, 2011

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#555 Dennis J. Erby – to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi for the term of four years

#556 Earl W. Gast – to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development

#557 Anne Claire Richard – to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration)

#558 Tara D. Sonenshine – to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy

#559 Robert E. Whitehead – to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Togolese Republic

#560 Larry Leon Palmer – to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Granadines

#561 Jonathan Don Farrar – to be a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Panama

#562 Phyllis Marie Powers – to be a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nicaragua

#563 Nancy J. Powell – to be a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Personal Rank of Career Ambassador, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to India

#564 Bruce J. Sherrick – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agriculture Mortgage Corporation

#565 Chester John Culver – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agriculture Mortgage Corporation

#566 Michael T. Scuse – to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services

#567 Michael T. Scuse – to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation

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

Objected to by Sen. Reid on behalf of the Republicans.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

- Cal. #573 (Adm. Samuel Locklear, III to be Admiral, US Navy).
- Cal. #574 (Col. Michael Meyer to be Brig. General, Air National Guard).
- Cal. #575 (Lt. Gen. Michael Basla to be Lt. General, US Air Force).
- Cal. #576 (Maj. Gen. John Hyten to be Lt. General, US Air Force).
- Cal. #577 (Col. Sean Murphy to be Brig. General, US Air Force).
- Cal. #578 (Col. Charles Potter to be Brig. General, US Air Force).
- Cal. #579 (Col. Harris Kline to be Brig. General, Reserve of the Air Force).
- Cal. #580 (Col. Richard Erikson to be Brig. General, Reserve of the Air Force).
- Cal. #581 (Brig. Gen. Robert Kenny to be Major General, Reserve of the Air Force).
- Cal. #582 (8 Brig. Generals to be Major Generals in the Reserve of the Air Force).
- Cal. #583 (15 Colonels to be Brig. Generals in the Reserve of the Air Force).
- Cal. #584 (Maj. General Craig Franklin to be Lt. General, US Air Force).
- Cal. #585 (Lt. General Stephen Mueller to be Lt. General, US Air Force).
- Cal. #586 (Col. Robert Brooks Jr. to be Brig. General, Air National Guard).
- Cal. #587 (Col. Susan Davidson to be Brig. General, US Army).
- Cal. #588 (3 Colonels to be Brig. Generals, US Army).
- Cal. #589 (Col. Wendul Hagler II to be Brig. General, Army National Guard).
- Cal. #590 (Maj. General Daniel Allyn to be Lt. General, US Army).
- Cal. #591 (Brig. General Leslie Purser to be Major General, Reserve of the Army).
- Cal. #592 (Col. Mary Link to be Brig. General, Reserve of the Army).
- Cal. #593 (Col. Richard Gross to be Brig. General, Judge Advocate General's Corps, US Army).
- Cal. #594 (Lt. Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti to be Lt. General, US Army).
- Cal. #595 (49 Colonels to be Brig. Generals, Army National Guard).
- Cal. #596 (20 Brig. Generals to be Major Generals, Army National Guard).
- Cal. #597 (3 Colonels to be Brig. Generals, Army National Guard).
- Cal. #598 (Brig. General Timothy Reisch to be Major General, Army National Guard).
- Cal. #599 (Brig. General Gregory Lusk to be Major General, Army National Guard).
- Cal. #600 (Col. John DiNapoli to be Brig. General, Army National Guard).
- Cal. #601 (7 Brig. Generals to be Major Generals, US Marine Corps).
- Cal. #602 (Vice Admiral Bruce Clingan to be Admiral, US Navy).
- Cal. #603 (Rear Adm. John Miller to be Vice Admiral, US Navy).
- Cal. #604 (Rear Adm. Philip Cullom to be Vice Admiral, US Navy).
- Cal. #605 (Rear Adm. Charles Martoglio to be Vice Admiral, US Navy).
- Cal. #606 (Vice Adm. William Burke to be Vice Admiral, US Navy).

All nominations on the Secretary's Desk related to Air Force, Army, Foreign Services, Marine Corps and Navy.

Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed Legislative Session.

S. Res. 325 (Recognizing the 2012 World Choir Games). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 379 (Condemning violence by the government of Syria on the Syrian people). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 for a Pro Forma Session. The Senate will then convene at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 24, 2012 for a Pro Forma Session. The Senate will next convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 27, 2012. Sen. Shaheen will immediately be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. The Senate will then be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #409 (Margo Brodie to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of New York). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 2:26 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 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 resume consideration of S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 2111 (Enhance punishment for identity theft and other violations of data security). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate calendar.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1813 (Surface Transportation Bill).

Paul asked Unanimous Consent that Paul amend #1541 (Egypt) be pending. Objected to by Sen. Boxer.

Reid unanimous consent request that a time to be determined the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on Reid amend #1633 (perfecting amendment), and that if cloture is invoked on the Reid amendment, S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill) as amended will be considered as original text. If cloture is not invoked, the motion to recommit S. 1813 will be withdrawn, and the Senate will proceed to Executive Session. The cloture motion on Cal. #366 (Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York) will be vitiated and the Senate will then immediately proceed to a vote on confirmation of the Furman nomination. Following the vote the Senate will resume a Legislative Session. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 2118, (A bill to remove unelected, unaccountable bureaucrats from seniors' personal health decisions by repealing the independent payment advisory board). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 17, 2012, and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill). Under a previous unanimous consent agreement:

- **At a time to be determined** the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on Reid amend #1633 (perfecting amendment), and that if cloture is invoked on the Reid amendment, S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill) as amended will be considered as original text.
- If cloture is not invoked, the motion to recommit S. 1813 will be withdrawn, and the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session. The cloture motion on Cal. #366 (Jesse M.

Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York) will be vitiated and the Senate will then immediately proceed to a vote on confirmation of the Furman nomination.

- Reid also announced **that a time to be determined**, the Senate will proceed to up to two roll call votes on the Conference Report to Accompany the Payroll Tax Bill. The first vote is expected to be on a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report, followed by a vote on final passage.

The Senate adjourned at 7:57 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:00 Noon. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session and vote on Cal. #437 (Adalberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit). Following the vote, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 1813 (Surface Transportation Bill). Additional roll call votes on that bill could occur during today's session.

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

S. 2105 (A bill to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #437 (Adalberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 94-5.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 1813 (Surface Transportation Bill).

Johnson (SD) amendment #1515 (of a perfecting nature). **Withdrawn.**

Reid amend #1633 (perfecting amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid filed cloture on Reid amend #1633 (perfecting amendment).

Reid 2nd degree amend #1634 to Reid amend #1633 (perfecting amendment).

Reid Motion to Recommit S. 1813 (Surface Transportation Bill) with Instructions to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #1636 to the Instructions on the Motion to Recommit S. 1813 (Surface Transportation Bill). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #1637 to Reid amend #1636. Yeas and nays ordered.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #366 (Jesse M. Furman, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York).

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 6:15 PM.

S. Res. 377 (Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the historic achievement of John Hershel Glenn Jr. in becoming the first United States Astronaut to orbit the Earth). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res. 99 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall and the Capitol Visitor Center). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 378 (Sense of the Senate that children should have a safe, loving and nurturing family). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2111 (Enhance punishment for identity theft and other violations of data security). 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 Thursday, February 16, 2012. There will be a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1813 (Surface Transportation bill).

The Senate adjourned at 6:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to resume the post-cloture debate of Cal. #437 (Adalberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit). All time during adjournment and morning business will count post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. The Senate expects to confirm the Jordan nomination today and will resume consideration of the Highway bill at a time to be determined.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #437 (Adalberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit).

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

The Senate convened and resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #437 (Adalberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit).

Sen. Bingaman asked Unanimous Consent that the following nominations be considered en bloc:

Cal. #493 (Charles McConnell to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy).

Cal. #494 (David Danielson to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy).

Cal. #495 (LaDoris Harris to be Director of the Office of Minority Economic Impact, Dept. of Energy).

Cal. # 496 (Gregory Woods to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy).

Cal. # 527 (Arunava Majumdar to be Under Secretary of Energy).

Objected to by Sen. Paul.

Cal. #437 (Adalberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 373 ()

S. Res. 374 ()

S. Res. 375 ()

The resolutions were agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2105 (Cyber Security Bill). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading was objected to and the bill will be read on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:00 Noon. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session and vote on Cal. #437 (Adalberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit). Following the vote, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 1813 (Surface Transportation Bill). Additional roll call votes on that bill could occur during Wednesday's session.

The Senate recessed at 6:28 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #437 (Alberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #437 (Alberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 89-5.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1162 (To provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 14, 2012 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to resume the post-cloture debate of Cal. #437 (Alberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit). All time during adjournment and morning business will count post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. The Senate expects to confirm the Jordan nomination tomorrow and will resume consideration of the Highway bill at a time to be determined.

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1813 (Reauthorize Federal-aid Highway and Highway Safety Construction Projects). There will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill at 2:00 PM.

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

S. 2079 (A bill to extend the pay limitation for Members of Congress and Federal employees). Second reading. Further proceedings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1813 (Reauthorize Federal-aid Highway and Highway Safety Construction Projects).

Reid unanimous consent request that at 1:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nomination: Cal. #407 (Cathy Ann Bencivengo, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California) for 30 minutes of debate. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Following the vote the Senate will resume a Legislative Session and will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1813 (Reauthorize Federal-aid Highway and Highway Safety Construction Projects). The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #407 (Cathy Ann Bencivengo, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 90-6.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1813 (Reauthorize Federal-aid Highway and Highway Safety Construction Projects). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 85-11.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1813 (Reauthorize Federal-aid Highway and Highway Safety Construction Projects). All post-cloture time is yielded back under Unanimous Consent and the Motion to Proceed is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1813 (Reauthorize Federal-aid Highway and Highway Safety Construction Projects). Committee-reported amendments are agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is considered original text for purposes of further amendment.

Johnson (SD) amend #1515 ()

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #437 (Alberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture.

The Senate resumed at Legislative Session.

S. Res. 371 (National School Counseling Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2012 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #437 (Alberto Jordan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 6:33 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will then recess until 2:15 PM for weekly caucus luncheons. Senator Durbin announced they hope to begin consideration of the Surface Transportation bill today.

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

The Senate will be in a period of Morning Business until 6:00 PM. At that time, Majority Leader Reid will be recognized.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for the weekly caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business until 6:00 PM.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1813 (Reauthorize Federal-aid Highway and Highway Safety Construction Projects). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the Bill.

Cal. #545 (Colonel Bradley D Spacy to be Brigadier General in the Air Force). Confirmed by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 369 (Congratulating the New York Giants for winning the Super Bowl). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2079 (Extend the pay limitation for Members of Congress and Federal employees). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 9, 2012. There will be a period of Morning business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1813 (Reauthorize Federal-aid Highway and Highway Safety Construction Projects). There will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill at 2:00 PM

The Senate adjourned at 7:17 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H. R. 658 (FAA Reauthorization Bill). There will be two hours and 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote at 5:30 PM on adoption of the Conference Report. The Conference Report is subject to a 60 yeas vote threshold.

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

S. 2064 (A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate certain energy tax subsidies and lower the corporate income tax rate). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Conference Report to accompany H. R. 658 (FAA Reauthorization Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report is agreed to by a vote of **75-20**.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 1794 (Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011).

H.R. 347 (Federal Restricted Buildings and Grounds Improvement Act of 2011).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 368 (Recognizing the anniversary of the tragic earthquake in Haiti on February 12, 2010). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will then recess until 2:15 PM for weekly caucus luncheons. Senator Durbin announced they hope to begin consideration of the Surface Transportation bill tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned at 6:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 2, 2012 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 2038 (Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act). Managers of the bill will continue to negotiate to complete action on the bill on Thursday.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 2038 (Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act).

Reid amend #1470 (Substitute Amendment). The Substitute Amendment will be considered original bill text for further amendment purposes.

Grassley amend #1493 (To require disclosure of political intelligence activities under Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). Laid aside.

Lieberman side-by-side to Shelby amend #1491. Laid aside.

Portman amend #1505 (To clarify that political intelligence includes information gathered from executive branch employees, Congressional employees, and Members of Congress). Laid aside.

The order for the Collins side-by-side to Boxer amend #1489 was vitiated by unanimous consent.

The order for the Lieberman side-by-side to Paul amend #1485 was vitiated by unanimous consent.

The following amendments were withdrawn by unanimous consent en bloc:

Brown (OH) amend #1478 (To change the reporting requirement to 10 days). **Withdrawn.**

Thune amend #1477 (To direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to eliminate the prohibition against general solicitation as a requirement for a certain exemption under Regulation D). **Withdrawn.**

Coburn amend #1474 (To require that all legislation be placed online for 72 hours before it is voted on by the Senate or the House). **Withdrawn.**

Coburn amend #1476 (In the nature of a substitute.). **Withdrawn.**

Paul amend #1490 (To require former Members of Congress to forfeit Federal retirement benefits if they work as a lobbyist or engage in lobbying activities). **Withdrawn.**

Tester amend #1492 (To amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act). **Withdrawn.**
Tester amend #1503 (To require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form). **Withdrawn.**

Lieberman amend #1482 (To make a technical amendment to a reporting requirement). Agreed to by voice vote.

Paul amend #1484 (To require Members of Congress to certify that they are not trading using material, non-public information). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **37-61**.

Paul amend #1487 (To prohibit executive branch appointees or staff holding positions that give them oversight, rule-making, loan or grant-making abilities over industries or companies in which they or their spouse have a significant financial interest). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **48-51**.

Lieberman side-by-side amend #1511 (To extend the STOCK Act to ensure that the reporting requirements set forth in the STOCK Act apply to the executive branch and independent agencies) to Shelby amend #1491 (To extend the STOCK Act to ensure that the reporting requirements set forth in the STOCK Act apply to the executive branch and independent agencies), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **81-18**.

Shelby amend #1491 (To extend the STOCK Act to ensure that the reporting requirements set forth in the STOCK Act apply to the executive branch and independent agencies), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **58-41**.

Paul amend #1485 (To apply the reporting requirements to Federal employees and judicial officers), as modified. **Withdrawn.**

Boxer amend #1489 (To require full and complete public disclosure of the terms of home mortgages held by Members of Congress), as modified. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. The Senate vitiated the 60 yea vote threshold by unanimous consent. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Portman amend #1505 (To clarify that political intelligence includes information gathered from executive branch employees, Congressional employees, and Members of Congress). The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

Enzi amend #1510 (To clarify that the transaction reporting requirement is not intended to apply to widely held investment funds). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Blumenthal amend #1498 (To amend title 5, United States Code, to deny retirement benefits accrued by an individual as a Member of Congress if such individual is convicted of certain offenses). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. The Senate vitiated the 60 yea vote threshold by unanimous consent. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Toomey amend #1472 (To prohibit earmarks). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 40-59.

Inhofe amend #1500 (To prohibit unauthorized earmarks). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 26-73.

McCain amend #1471 (To protect the American taxpayer by prohibiting bonuses for Senior Executives at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac while they are in conservatorship). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. The Senate vitiated the 60 yea vote threshold by unanimous consent. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote, as modified.

Leahy amend #1483 (To deter public corruption). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. The Senate vitiated the 60 yea vote threshold by unanimous consent. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Coburn amend #1473 (To prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs). The amendment is subject to a 2/3rds affirmative vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 60-39.

DeMint amend #1488 (To express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should pass a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution that limits the number of terms a Member of Congress may serve). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote 24-75.

Grassley amend #1493 (To require disclosure of political intelligence activities under Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 60-39.

Brown (OH) amend #1481 (To prohibit financial conflicts of interest by Senators and staff), as modified. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 26-73.

Reid amend #1470 (Substitute Amendment). The substitute amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2038 (Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act), as amended. Final Passage. The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 96-3.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. 367 (Designating January, 2012 as "National Mentoring Month"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2064 (Amend the IRS Code regarding the termination of Energy Tax Subsidies and lower the Corporate Income Tax Rate). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 6, 2012. There will be a period of Morning business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H. R. 658 (FAA Reauthorization Bill). There will be two hours and 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on adoption of the Conference Report. There is a 60 yea vote threshold.

The Senate adjourned at 6:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 2038 (Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act). While roll call votes are expected, there are none currently scheduled.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 2038 (Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act).

Reid amend #1470 (Substitute Amendment). The Substitute Amendment will be considered original bill text for further amendment purposes.

Blumenthal amend #1498 (To amend title 5, US Code, to deny retirement benefits accrued by an individual as a Member of Congress if such individual is convicted of certain offenses). Laid aside.

Shelby amend #1491 (To extend STOCK Act to ensure that the reporting requirements set forth in the STOCK Act apply to the executive branch and independent agencies). Laid aside.

Inhofe amend #1500 (To prohibit unauthorized earmarks). Laid aside.

Boxer amend #1489 (To require full and complete public disclosure of the terms of home mortgages held by Members of Congress). Laid aside.

Tester amend #1492 (To amend the Securities Act of 1933 to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt a certain class of securities from such Act). Laid aside.

Tester amend #1503 (To require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form).

The Senate recessed from 4:00-5:00 PM for a classified briefing.

The Senate convened at 5:00 PM and resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 2038 (Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act).

Reid amend #1470 (Substitute Amendment). The Substitute Amendment will be considered original bill text for further amendment purposes.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 588 (To redesignate the Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge as the Sam D. Hamilton Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1296 (A bill to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI-04P, Easton Beach Unit RI-05P, Almy Pond Unit RI-06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI-07 in the State of Rhode Island). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 365 (Honoring the life of Kevin White, Mayor of Boston, MA). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent).

S. Res. 366 (Honoring the life of Wilman Viar Mendoza). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 2, 2012 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 2038 (). Managers of the bill will continue to negotiate to complete action on the bill on Thursday.

The Senate adjourned at 7:56 PM.