

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013

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 the Motion to Proceed to S. 388 (American Family Economic Protection Bill). At a time to be determined, there will be two cloture votes today, on the Motion to Proceed to S. 16 (Toomey bill to provide for sequester replacement) and on the Motion to Proceed to S. 388 (American Family Economic Protection Bill).

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 388 (American Family Economic Protection Bill).

Ayotte asked unanimous consent that in addition to the two cloture votes on bills dealing with the sequester today, that there will be set a time to be determined the Senate proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to proceed to the Ayotte alternative bill dealing with the sequester. Reid objected.

Reid unanimous consent request to proceed to votes on S. 16 (Toomey bill to provide for sequester replacement), S. 388 (American Family Economic Protection Bill) and the Ayotte alternative sequester bill, and that all three bills be subject to a simple majority vote. McConnell objected.

At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two cloture votes on the Motion to Proceed to S. 16 (Toomey bill to provide for sequester replacement) and on the Motion to Proceed to S. 388 (American Family Economic Protection Bill).

Motion to Proceed to S. 16 (Toomey bill to provide for sequester replacement). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 38-62 (60 yea votes were required).

Motion to Proceed to S. 388 (American Family Economic Protection Bill). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 51-49 (60 yea votes were required).

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 4, 2013 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations: Cal. #15 (Pamela Ki Mai Chen of New York to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York) and Cal. #16 (Katharine Polka Faila of New York to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York). The Senate will proceed to two votes on confirmation of the nominations at 5:30 PM. On Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at a time to be

determined, the Senate will proceed to S. Res. 64 (Authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013). There will be 30 minutes of debate on a Paul amendment (Striking provisions relative to the National Security Working Group), followed by a vote on the amendment. Upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate will proceed to a vote on adoption of the resolution.

The Senate adjourned at 6:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. There will be one hour of Morning Business. Sen. Reid announced his hope to proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Jacob J. Lew to be Secretary of the Treasury.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #26 (Jacob Lew to be Secretary of the Treasury). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 71-26.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to S. 16 (Toomey bill to provide for sequester replacement). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

H.R. 307 (Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act of 2013). Committee substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 61 (Read Across America Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 62 (Authorizes 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 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 28, 2013 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 388 (American Family Economic Protection Bill). At a time to be determined, there will be two cloture votes tomorrow, on the Motion to Proceed to S. 16 (Toomey bill to provide for sequester replacement) and on the Motion to Proceed to S. 388 (American Family Economic Protection Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 6:59 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #10 (Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of Defense), and the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the Hagel nomination will be agreed to. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will vote on the reconsideration of cloture on the Hagel nomination. Following the vote the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #10, Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of Defense. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was invoked by a vote of 71-27.

At 4:30 PM, all post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will vote on the Hagel nomination.

The Senate recessed from 12:38-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM and resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #10, Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of Defense. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 58-41.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to S. 388 (Appropriately limit sequestration to eliminate tax loopholes).
Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

S. Res. 56 (Recognizing the significance of the 100th anniversary of the death of Harriet Tubman). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 57 (Designating Feb 28, 2013 as "Rare Disease Day"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. There will be one hour of Morning Business. Sen. Reid announced his hope to proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Jacob J. Lew to be Secretary of the Treasury.

The Senate adjourned at 6:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and Senator Ayotte will proceed to the reading of Washington's Farewell Address. The Senate will then proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #7 (Robert Bacharach to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the nomination. On Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to reconsider the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #10 (Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of Defense).

The Senate convened and Senator Ayotte proceeded to the reading of Washington's Farewell Address.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #7 (Robert Bacharach to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **93-0**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 298 (Prevent Nuclear Proliferation in North Korea). The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 41 (National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #10 (Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of Defense), and the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the Hagel nomination will be agreed to. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will vote on the reconsideration of cloture on the Hagel nomination. Following the vote the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon for a Pro Forma Session.

H. Con. Res. 15 (Adjournment Resolution). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Reid unanimous consent request that on either Monday, February 25 or Tuesday, February 26, that he and the Republican Leader be permitted to offer a bill to replace the sequester under the Budget Control Act. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 25, 2013 and Senator Ayotte will proceed to the reading of Washington's Farewell Address. The Senate will then proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. # 7 (Robert Bacharach to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the nomination. On Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to reconsider the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #10 (Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of Defense).

The Senate adjourned at 12:02 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consider of the nomination of Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of State.

The Senate convened and proceeded with an Executive session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #10 (Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of Defense). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 58-40-1 (One Senator voted Present).

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 21 (National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 35 (Congratulating Baltimore Ravens for their Super Bowl victory). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 36 (Recognizing February 19th as Centennial of Mosaic). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Reid asked unanimous consent that if the Senate receives an adjournment resolution from the House identical to text that is at the desk the concurrent resolution be considered agreed to and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid on the table with no intervening action or debate. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

Reid unanimous consent request that on either Monday, February 25 or Tuesday, February 26, that he and the Republican Leader be permitted to offer a bill to replace the sequester under the Budget Control Act. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

The Senate will next convene for a Pro Forma Session on the following dates and times, and following each Pro Forma Session the Senate will adjourn until the next session:

Friday, February 15th at 12 Noon

Tuesday, February 19th at 10:30 AM

Friday, February 22nd at 10:45 AM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 25, 2013 and will be in a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. # 7 (Robert Bacharach to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the nomination. On Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to reconsider the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #10 (Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of Defense).

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. Sen. Reid announced his hope to proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Senator Hagel to be Secretary of Defense during today's session.

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

Sen. Reid announced his intent to proceed to Cal. #10, Charles Timothy Hagel to be Secretary of Defense at a time to be determined today. Additionally, if an agreement can be reached he intends to hold a vote on the nomination of Cal. #8, William Kayatta to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #8 (William Kayatta to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **88-12**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #10 (Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of Defense). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination). The Cloture vote will occur on Friday, February 15th.

The following nominations are considered en bloc:

Cal. #2 (Maj. Gen. William Etter to be Lt. General, Air National Guard).

Cal. #3 (Maj. Gen. Kenneth Tovo to be Lt. General, US Army).

Cal. #4 (Col. Barbara Holcomb to be Brig. General, US Army Nurse Corps).

Cal. #5 (Col. Patrick Sargent to be Brig. General, US Army Medical Service Corps).

Cal. #6 (Brig. Gen. Brian Lein and Brig. Gen. Nadja West to be Maj. Generals, US Army Medical Corps).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc.

S. Res. 31

S. Res. 32

S. Res. 33

S. Res. 34

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 14, 2013 and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consider of the nomination of Chuck Hagel to be Secretary of State.

The Senate adjourned at 6:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to votes in relation to the following amendments:

Leahy amend #21 (Authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 through 2017 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes).

Portman amend #10 (Clarify that child victims of sex trafficking are eligible to receive assistance under grants provided to enhance the safety of youth and children).

Murkowski amend # 11 (To improve the bill).

Coburn amend #15 (More quickly resolve rape cases and reduce the deficit by consolidating unnecessary duplication within the Department of Justice).

Coburn amend #16 (To amend the requirements for speedy notice to victims and to require a report to Congress).

Upon disposition of all amendments, the Senate will vote on final passage of S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994) as amended, if amended. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 8:20 PM, the Senate will proceed as a body to the House of Representatives for President Obama's State of the Union Address.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994).

Leahy amend #21 (Authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 through 2017 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **93-5**.

Portman amend #10 (Clarify that child victims of sex trafficking are eligible to receive assistance under grants provided to enhance the safety of youth and children). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **100-0**.

Murkowski amend # 11 (To improve the bill). The amendment was agreed to by **voice vote**.

Coburn amend #15 (More quickly resolve rape cases and reduce the deficit by consolidating unnecessary duplication within the Department of Justice). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **46-53**.

The Senate recessed for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994).

Coburn amend #16 (To amend the requirements for speedy notice to victims and to require a report to Congress.). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43-57.

S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994). The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered on final passage. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 78-22.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 29 (Constitute the Majority Party Membership on certain committees for the 113th Congress or until their successors are chosen). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

At 4:00 PM, the Senate recessed until 8:30 PM.

When the Senate reconvenes, it will proceed, as a body, to the House of Representatives for a Joint Session of Congress. Further, under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 11, upon dissolution of the Joint Session, the Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. Sen. Reid announced his hope to proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Senator Hagel to be Secretary of Defense during Wednesday's session.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will resume consideration of **S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994)**. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of votes on the pending amendments. Senator Reid announced that there could be up to 7 roll call votes ending with Final Passage of the bill, but the Senate could wait until Tuesday to complete action on this bill.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994).

Coburn amend #15 ((To more quickly resolve rape cases and reduce the deficit by consolidating unnecessary duplication within the Department of Justice). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #13 (Reaffirm the inalienable rights of every American citizen guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #16 (To amend the requirements for speedy notice to victims and to require a report to Congress). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #13 (Reaffirm the inalienable rights of every American citizen guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **31-59**.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, and will resume consideration of **S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994)**. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to votes in relation to the following amendments:

Leahy amend #21 (authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 through 2017 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes).

Portman amend #10 (clarify that child victims of sex trafficking are eligible to receive assistance under grants provided to enhance the safety of youth and children).

Murkowski amend # 11 (To improve the bill).

Coburn amend #15 (more quickly resolve rape cases and reduce the deficit by consolidating unnecessary duplication within the Department of Justice).

Coburn amend #16 (to amend the requirements for speedy notice to victims and to require a report to Congress).

Upon disposition of all amendments, the Senate will vote on final passage of **S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994)** as amended, if amended. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 8:20 PM, the Senate will proceed as a body to the House of Representatives for President Obama's State of the Union Address.

The Senate adjourned at 6:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994). At 12:00 Noon, Senator-Designate William Cowan (D-MA) will be sworn-in. The Senate hopes to complete action on S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994) today.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 209 (A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve Banks by the Comptroller General of the United States). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994).

The oath of office was administered to William "Mo" Cowan, the Senator from Massachusetts.

S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994).

Leahy unanimous consent request that the following amendments be the only first-degree amendments in order to S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act):

Grassley substitute amend #14

Leahy amend #21 (authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2014 through 2017 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes).

Portman amend #10 (clarify that child victims of sex trafficking are eligible to receive assistance under grants provided to enhance the safety of youth and children).

Murkowski amend # 11 (To improve the bill).

Coburn amend #13 (reaffirm the inalienable rights of every American citizen guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States).

Coburn amend #15 (more quickly resolve rape cases and reduce the deficit by consolidating unnecessary duplication within the Department of Justice).

Coburn amend #16 (to amend the requirements for speedy notice to victims and to require a report to Congress).

Further, that that when the Senate resumes consideration of (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act) on Monday, February 11, 2013, the time until 5:30 PM be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees prior to votes in relation to the remaining amendments and final passage of the bill as amended, if amended. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

Grassley amend #14 (Substitute Amendment). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 34-65.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H. Con. Res. 11 (Allowing for State of the Union Joint Session). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 27 (National School Counseling Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 11, 2013 and resume consideration of S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of votes on the pending amendments. Senator Reid announced that there could be up to 7 roll call votes ending with Final Passage of the bill, but the Senate could wait until Tuesday to complete action on this bill.

The Senate adjourned at 5:51 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of **S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994)**. At 5:30 PM the Senate will vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 47.

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

S. 201 (a bill to prohibit the sale, lease, transfer, retransfer or delivery of F-16 aircraft, M-1 tanks or certain other defense articles or services to the government of Egypt). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 204 (a bill to preserve and probing the free choice of individual employees to perform, join or assist labor organizations or to refrain from such activities). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

Motion to Proceed to S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of **85-8**.

S. 227 (Improve Security at Foreign Embassies). The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 209 (A bill to require a full audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Reserve Banks by the Comptroller General of the United States). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 7, 2013. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994). At 12:00 Noon, Senator-Designate William Cowan (D-MA) will be sworn-in. The Senate hopes to complete action on S. 47 (Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994) on Thursday.

The Senate adjourned at 6:41 PM.