

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of S. 1243 (Transportation and HUD Appropriations). At approximately 10:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Paul amend #1739 (Redirecting certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013 military coup d'etat). Upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session in order to consider the nomination of Cal. #201 (Byron Jones to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives), with a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1392 (To promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill will be placed on the calendar.

Reid requested that at 1:00 PM today, the Senate proceed to Executive session to consider Cal. #201, Byron Jones to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives with one hour of debate, followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination at 2:00 PM. Additionally, if Cloture is invoked, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on the confirmation. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Reid requested that upon disposition of the Paul amendment #1739 (Redirecting certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013 military coup d'etat) today, the Senate recess until 1:00 PM. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Reid request that when the Senate concludes a period of Morning Business later today, it proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #220, Samantha Power to be Representative of the United States to the United Nations with two hours of debate, followed by a vote on the nomination. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 1243 (Transportation and HUD Appropriations). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Table the Paul amend #1739 (Redirecting certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013 military coup d'etat). Upon conclusion of that vote, the Senate will recess for a Party Caucus. The Senate will reconvene at 1:00 PM and the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Cal. #201, Byron Jones to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The Senate will debate the nomination for one hour and vote on the Cloture Motion at 2:00 PM. If cloture is invoked, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. The Senate will then proceed with a period of Morning Business from approximately 2:45 PM until 3:45 PM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #220, Samantha Power to be Representative of the United States to the United Nations with two hours of debate, followed by a vote on the nomination at approximately 5:45 PM.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1243 (Transportation and HUD Appropriations).

Paul amend #1739 (Redirecting certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013 military coup d'etat). Yeas and nays ordered on the Motion to Table. The Motion to Table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **86-13**.

The Senate recessed until 1:00 PM.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #201, Byron Jones to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **60-40**.

Cal. #201, Byron Jones to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **53-42**.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 156 (Sense of the Senate on the ten year anniversary of NATO ally command transformation). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as amended.

The Senate proceeded with the following resolutions en bloc:

S. Res. 207 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 208 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 209 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 210 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 211 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, August 1, 2013. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #96, Raymond Chen to be US Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit. There will be 60 minutes of debate, followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Upon disposition of the vote on the Chen nomination, the Senate will proceed to Legislative Session to consider S. 1243 (Transportation and HUD Appropriations). The Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the bill. The Senate will then recess for Party Caucuses. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will reconvene and proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #220, Samantha Power to be Representative of the United States to the United Nations with two hours of debate, followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 8:16 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #223, Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years. At 10:15 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

H.R. 2014 (Telephone Records Protection Act). Second reading. Further readings of the bill is objected to and the bill will be placed on the calendar.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. # 223 (Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion is agreed to by a vote of 64-34.

The Senate recessed for Party Caucuses.

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

Cal. # 223 (Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 54-44.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #224 (Nancy Jean Schiffer to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

Cal. #104 (Mark Gaston Pearce to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

Cal. #102 (Harry Johnson III to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

Cal. #103 (Philip Andrew Miscimarra to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

Cal. #224 (Nancy Jean Schiffer to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion is agreed to by a vote of 65-33.

Cal. #224 (Nancy Jean Schiffer to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 54-44.

Cal. #104 (Mark Gaston Pearce to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Motion to Invoke Cloture. The cloture motion is agreed to by a vote of 69-29.

Cal. #104 (Mark Gaston Pearce to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 59-38.

Cal. #102 (Harry Johnson III to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).
Confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #103 (Philip Andrew Miscimarra to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).
Confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the bill.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 2611 (To designate the headquarters building of the Coast Guard on the campus located at 2701 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue Southeast in the District of Columbia as the "Douglas A. Munro Coast Guard Headquarters Building"). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2167 (Reverse Mortgage Stabilization Act of 2013). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 44 (Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 202

S. Res. 204

S. Res. 205

S. Res. 206

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1392 (To promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry). 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 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 and will resume consideration of S. 1243 (Transportation and HUD Appropriations). At approximately 10:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Paul amend #1739 (Redirecting certain foreign assistance to the Government of Egypt as a result of the July 3, 2013 military coup d'etat). Upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and vote on the consideration of Cal. #201 (Byron Jones to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives).

The Senate adjourned at 8:13 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 4:15 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nomination: Cal. #208 (James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture vote on the Comey nomination.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #201, Byron Todd Jones to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. Sen. Reid filed a motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Cal #220 Samantha Power to be the Representative of the US to the UN, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations. Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #208 (James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 93-1-2 (present).

S. Res. 167 (Peaceful resolution of territorial sovereignty and jurisdictional disputes in the Asia Pacific Maritime domains). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 153 (Recognizing the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 2218 (Regarding the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. The Senate will immediately proceed to an Executive Cal. #223, Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board for the term of five years. At 10:15 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 6:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of **S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD)**. There are no votes scheduled at this time.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #186 (Derek West to be Associate Attorney General). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 98-1.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD).

Cardin amend #1760 (To require the Secretary of Transportation to submit to Congress a report relating to the condition of lane miles and highway bridge deck), as modified. Laid aside.

Murphy amend #1783 (To require the Secretary of Transportation to assess the impact on domestic employment of a waiver of the Buy America requirement for Federal-aid highway projects prior to issuing the waiver). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Coburn amend #1756 (To require public disclosure of certain reports).

McCain amend #1803 (To prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds made available to the Department of Transportation for cyber security until the Secretary of Transportation submits to Congress a detailed plan describing how the funding will be allocated and for what purposes).

Boozman amend #1785 (To establish the Sense of the Congress that any vacancy in the position of Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency should be filled in compliance with the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998).

Udall (CO) amend #1789 (To require the Federal Railroad Administration to evaluate regulations that govern the use of locomotive horns at highway-rail grade crossings).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

Toomey Motion to Recommit S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD) to the Committee on Appropriations with such changes as may be necessary such that total budget authority for fiscal year 2014 is not greater than \$45,455,000,000. Murray Motion to Table the Motion to Recommit. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table the Motion to Recommit was agreed to by a vote of 56-42.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #208 (James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation).

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #223 (Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #224 (Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

Reid filed cloture on Cal. #104 (Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 200 (Designating July 26, 2013, as United States Intelligence Professionals Day). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 201 (Designating the first Wednesday in September 2013 as National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene on Monday, July 29, 2013 at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 4:15 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nomination: Cal. #208 (James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture vote on the Comey nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 6:57 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2013

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 S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD). At 3:40 PM, the Senate will observe a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, who were United States Capitol Policemen killed 15 years ago in the line of duty defending the U.S. Capitol.

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

H.R. 2668 (Fairness for American Families Act). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill will be placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD).

Portman amend #1749 (To prioritize certain projects under the bridges in critical corridors program), as modified. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Cardin amend #1760 (To require the Secretary of Transportation to submit to Congress a report relating to the condition of lane miles and highway bridge deck). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #1750 (To prohibit funds from being directed to federal employees with unpaid Federal tax liability). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #1751 (To prohibit Federal funding of union activities by Federal employees). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #1754 (To prohibit Federal funds from being used to meet the matching requirements of other Federal programs). Laid aside.

H.R. 1911 (Smarter Solutions for Students Act).

Manchin amend #1773 (To establish student loan interest rates).

Sanders 2nd degree amend #1774 (To provide a sunset date) to Manchin amend #1773 (To establish student loan interest rates). Laid aside.

Reed 2nd degree amend #1778 (to provide for interest rate caps for certain Federal student loans) to Manchin amend #1773 (To establish student loan interest rates).

The Senate observed a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, who were United States Capitol Policemen killed 15 years ago in the line of duty defending the U.S. Capitol.

H.R. 1911 (Smarter Solutions for Students Act).

Reed 2nd degree amend #1778 (to provide for interest rate caps for certain Federal student loans) to Manchin amend #1773 (To establish student loan interest rates). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 46-53.

Sanders 2nd degree amend #1774 (To provide a sunset date) to Manchin amend #1773 (To establish student loan interest rates). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 34-55.

Manchin amend #1773 (To establish student loan interest rates). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1911 (Smarter Solutions for Students Act). The bill was read for a third time, as amended. Yeas and nays ordered on final passage. The bill was passed by a vote of 81-18.

H. R. 1092 (Naming an air traffic control center). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 25, 2013. There will be a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of **S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD)**. There are no votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 7:22 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD). There will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill at 12:00 Noon. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 73-26.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD) was agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD).

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

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

S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD).

Vitter amend #1744 (To prohibit funds to be used to provide housing assistance benefits to individuals convicted of certain felonies). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 99-1.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 2668 (Fairness for American Families Act). The bill was read for the first time. A second reading was objected to and the bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene on Wednesday, July 23, 2013 at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD). At 3:40 PM, the Senate will observe a moment of silence in memory of Officer Jacob Chestnut and Detective John Gibson, who were United States Capitol Policemen killed 15 years ago in the line of duty defending the U.S. Capitol.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2013

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 Executive Session to consider Cal. #99 (Thomas Edward Perez to be Secretary of Labor), post-cloture. Although no votes are scheduled at this time, the Senate hopes to vote on confirmation of the Perez nomination and the nomination of Regina McCarthy to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency during today's session.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 1243 (Transportation, HUD Appropriations).

The following bills were read for the second time en bloc:

S. 1315 (A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010).

S. 1316 (A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act providing for the Independent Payment Advisory Board).

H.R.1911 (An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013).

Further consideration of the bills was objected to en bloc.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #99 (Thomas Edward Perez to be Secretary of Labor). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 54-46.

Cal. #98 (Regina McCarthy to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination was agreed to by a vote of 69-31.

Cal. #98 (Regina McCarthy to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency). All post-cloture time was yielded back. Yeas and nays ordered on the nomination. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 59-40.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2642 (Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013). Stabenow motion to insert the text of S. 954 (Senate Farm Bill) and agree to the bill, as amended, was agreed to by unanimous consent. The Senate requested a Conference with the House and a Conferee Ratio was approved.

Motion to Proceed to S 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate will convene at 12:15 PM on Friday, July 19, 2013 for a Pro Forma Session only. The Senate will then convene on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 10:00 AM. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1243 (Appropriations for the Department of Transportation and HUD). There will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill at 12:00, Noon. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for Party Caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 6:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to the consideration of the Motion to Invoke Cloture on **Cal. #178 (Fred Hochberg to be President of the Export-Import Bank)**. The vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination will occur at 10:00 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1238 (Keep Student Loans Affordable Act of 2013).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #178 (Fred Hochberg to be President of the Export-Import Bank). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **82-18**. There will now be 8 hours of post-cloture debate, followed by a vote on confirmation.

Cal. #178 (Fred Hochberg to be President of the Export-Import Bank). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **82-17**.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #99 (Thomas Edward Perez to be Secretary of Labor). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **60-40**.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 183 (Commemorating the relaunching of the 172-year-old Charles w. Morgan). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following bills were read for the first time en bloc:

S. 1350 (A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Treasury from enforcing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010).

S. 1316 (A bill to repeal the provisions of the Patient Protection and a reasonable doubt for Believe Air Act providing for the independent payment advisory board).

H.R.1911 (An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish interest rates for new loans made on or after July 1, 2013).

The second readings of the bills were objected to en bloc.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 18, 2013 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume Executive Session to consider Cal. #99 (Thomas Edward Perez to be Secretary of Labor). Although no votes are scheduled at this time, the Senate hopes to confirm the Perez nomination and the nomination of Regina McCarthy to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency during Thursday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 7:25 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2013

The Senate will convene 10:00 AM and Senator-elect Edward Markey (D-MA) will be sworn-in as a new Senator. While no votes are scheduled, a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination of Cal. #51, Richard Cordray to be Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection is possible at 11:00 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to the Swearing in of Edward Markey as the new Senator of Massachusetts.

S. 1292 (Prohibit the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #51, Richard Cordray to be Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. Motion to Invoke cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 71-29.

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

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Cal. #100 (Richard Griffin to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Cloture Motion was withdrawn.

Cal. #101 (Sharon Block to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Cloture Motion was withdrawn.

Cal. #104 (Mark Pearce to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Cloture Motion was withdrawn.

Cal. #178 (Fred Hochberg to be President of the Export-Import Bank). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture. The vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination will occur on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 10:00 AM.

Cal. #51, Richard Cordray to be Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 66-34.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 196 (Constitute the Majority Party's membership on certain committees for the 113th Congress or until their successors are chosen). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 17, 2013. The Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Motion to Invoke Cloture on **Cal. #178 (Fred Hochberg to be President of the Export-Import Bank)**. The vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination will occur at 10:00 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:06 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to a roll call vote (unspecified). At 6:00 PM, there will be an all-Senate Joint Conference in the Old Senate Chamber.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 1238 (Keep Student Loans Affordable Act of 2013).

The Senate will hold a live quorum at 5:30 PM.

Reid Motion to Instruct the Sergeant-at-Arms to request the presence of absent Senators. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **69-28**. A quorum is present.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 195 (To authorize testimony and representation in the matter of the proposed discipline of Laura Loch Lauer). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 16, 2013. At 10:00 AM, Senator-elect Edward Markey (D-MA) will be sworn-in as a new Senator. No votes are scheduled at this time.

The Senate recessed at 6:07 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013

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 until 2:15 PM, and the Majority Leader will then be immediately recognized. No further business was announced and no votes are scheduled.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 1238 (Keep Student Loans Affordable Act of 2013).

Murray asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H. Con. Res. 25 (Establishing the budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2014 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2015 through 2023), that the amendment which is at the desk, the text of S. Con. Res. 8, the budget resolution passed by the Senate be inserted in lieu thereof, that S. Con. Res. 8 as amended be agreed to, the motion to reconsider made and laid on the table, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, and the chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate. That following the authorization, two motions to instruct conferees be in order from each side, the motion to instruct relative to the debt limit and a motion to instruct relative to taxes and revenue. There be two hours of debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees prior to the votes in relation to the motions and that no amendments be in order to either of the motions prior to the votes, all of the above occurring with no intervening action or debate. Rubio objected.

The Senate recessed at 12:48 PM until 2:15 PM for Party caucuses.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #51 (Richard Cordray to be Director of Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #51 (Richard Cordray to be Director of Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Motion to Proceed an Executive Session to consider Cal. #100 (Richard Griffin to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #100 (Richard Griffin to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Cal. #101 (Sharon Block to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #101 (Sharon Block to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Cal. #104 (Mark Pearce to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #104 (Mark Pearce to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #178 (Fred Hochberg to be President of the Export-Import Bank). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #178 (Fred Hochberg to be President of the Export-Import Bank). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #99 (Thomas Perez to be Secretary of Labor). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #99 (Thomas Perez to be Secretary of Labor). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #98 (Regina McCarthy to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #98 (Regina McCarthy to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Sen. McConnell asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to consecutive votes on the following nominations:

Cal. #104 (Mark Pearce to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

Cal. #102 (Harry Johnson III to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

Cal. #103 (Philip Miscimarra to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #99 (Thomas Perez to be Secretary of Labor).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #98 (Regina McCarthy to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on #178 (Fred Hochberg to be President of the Export-Import Bank).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #51 (Richard Cordray to be Director of Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #100 (Richard Griffin to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #101 (Sharon Block to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board).

Objected to by Sen. Reid.

H.R. 2289 (Act to rename Section 219-C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Spousal IRA). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 43 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a ceremony honoring the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela on the occasion of the 95th anniversary of his birth). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 191 (National Day of the American Cowboy). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1292 (Prohibits the funding of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The bill is read for the first time. Further readings is 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, July 15, 2013 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to a roll call vote (unspecified). At 6:00 PM, there will be an all-Senate Joint Conference in the Old Senate Chamber.

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the time until 12:00 Noon will be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to ten minutes each. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture Vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1238 (Keep Student Loans Affordable Act of 2013).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1238 (Keep Student Loans Affordable Act of 2013). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was not invoked by a vote of 51-49.

S. Res. 193 (Honoring the fallen heroes of the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H. R. 588 (Vietnam Veterans Donor Acknowledgment Act of 2013). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 251 (South Utah Valley Electric Conveyance Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 254 (Bonneville Unit Clean Hydropower Facilitation Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 11, 2013. The Senate will proceed with Leader time. The Senate will then proceed with a period of Morning Business until 12:30. The Senate will recess for Party caucuses until 2:15 PM. The Majority Leader will be immediately recognized. No further business was announced and no votes are scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 6:55 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013

The Senate will convene 10:00 AM and will proceed to Leader Time. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #97 (Jennifer Dorsey to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Nevada). The Senate will vote on the nomination at 12:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader time.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1238 (Keep Student Loans Affordable Act of 2013).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #97 (Jennifer Dorsey to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Nevada). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 54-41.

The Senate recessed from 12:35-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 1238 (Keep Student Loans Affordable Act of 2013).

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

Cal. #192 (Daniel Russel of NY to be an Assistant Secretary of State).

Cal. #193 (Geoffrey Pyatt to be U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine).

Cal. #194 (Tulinabo Salama Mushingi to be U.S. Ambassador Burkina Faso).

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 151 (Urging Transparent Presidential Election in Afghanistan). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 10, 2013. Following Leader remarks, the time until 12:00 Noon will be equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to ten minutes each. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture Vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1238 (Keep Student Loans Affordable Act of 2013).

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #90 (Gregory Alan Phillips, of Wyoming, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit). The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 PM.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 1238 (Keep Student Loans Affordable Act of 2013).

The Senate resumed a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #90 (Gregory Alan Phillips, of Wyoming, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 88-0.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1238 (Keep Student Loans Affordable Act of 2013). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 793 (Organization of American States Revitalization and Reform Act of 2013). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 and will proceed to Leader Time. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #97 (Jennifer Dorsey to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Nevada). The Senate will vote on the nomination at 12:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:02 PM.