

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:30 PM.

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

H. R. 4851 (Continuing Extension Act of 2010). Stabenow motion to pass the bill was objected to by Coburn.

H. R. 4915 (Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of 2010). Coburn motion to pass the bill, as amended, was objected to by Stabenow.

Levin motion to proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #526, Brigadier General Michael J. Walsh to be Major General in the Army and confirm the nomination was objected to by Coburn on behalf of Vitter.

H. R. 4851 (Continuing Extension Act of 2010). Reed motion to pass the bill was objected to by Coburn.

H.R. 4957 (Extends Airport and Airport Trust Fund). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3162 (A bill to clarify the health care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that constitutes minimum essential coverage). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4621 (Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4573 (Haiti Debt Relief and Earthquake Recovery Act of 2010). Dodd amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. J. Res. 80 (65th Anniversary of Blind Veterans' Association). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions are considered en bloc:

S. Res. 117 (80th Anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope).

S. Res. 412 (National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 427 (National Asbestos Awareness Month). Baucus amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The resolution, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions are considered en bloc:

S. Res. 471 ().

S. Res. 472 ().

S. Res. 473 ().

S. Res. 474 ().

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3191 (Reauthorizes the Satellite Home Viewer Extension and Reauthorization Act of 2004). The bill was read for a third time. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 12, 2010 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 3:00 PM. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session to consider the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 4851 (Continuing Extension Act of 2010). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture to the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 4851 (Continuing Extension Act of 2010).

The Senate adjourned at 1:49 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 4872 (Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act). At 9:45 AM, there will be a series of votes on amendments and motions to the bill. The Senate will dispose of points of order that have been reviewed. One point of order remains under review. There will be no further amendments after 2:00 PM. The Senate expects to finish action on the bill at 2:00 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative session.

H. R. 4872 (Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act).

Ensign amend #3593 (Improve access to pro bono care for medically underserved or indigent individuals by providing limited medical liability protections). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. Ensign Motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to waive was not agreed to by a vote of **40-55**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment **fell**.

Coburn amend #3700 (Help protect Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Americans). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. Coburn Motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to waive was not agreed to by a vote of **45-53**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **fell**.

Sessions amend #3701 (Ensure that Americans are not required to pay for the health benefits for those here illegally by requiring the use of an effective eligibility verification system). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **55-43**.

Cornyn amend #3698 (Ensure that health care reform reduces health care costs for American families, small businesses, and taxpayers). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **58-40**.

Grassley amend #3569 (Amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure Medicare beneficiary access to physicians, eliminate sweetheart deals for frontier States, and ensure equitable reimbursement under the Medicare program for all rural states). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **53-45**.

Brownback amend #3697 (Index tax thresholds imposed under the legislation to prevent the government from using inflation to impose those taxes on individuals currently making less than \$200,000 and families making less than \$250,000). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **56-42**.

Vitter amend #3665 (Prevent the new government entitlement program from further increasing an unsustainable deficit). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. Vitter Motion to waive the applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of **39-56**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **fell**.

DeMint Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Finance regarding purchasing health insurance across state lines. Baucus Motion to Table the Motion. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **56-43**.

Ensign amend #3710 (To strike the penalty for failure to comply with the individual mandate). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **58-40**.

Murkowski amend #3711 (Indexing for inflation the Medicare tax increase). Baucus Point of Order that the Murkowski amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. Murkowski Motion to Waive the applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of **42-57**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **fell**.

Hutchison amend #3634 (Strike the 2 year limitation on the small business tax credit for taxable years after the Exchanges open). Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **55-43**.

Cornyn amend #3712 (Give States incentives to reduce fraud, waste, and abuse in their Medicaid programs). Motion to Table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **57-41**.

Gregg Point of Order that a Pell Grant provision (page 118, lines 15-25) is extraneous under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The Chair sustained the Point of Order and the relevant section was stricken from the bill.

Gregg Point of Order that a Pell Grant provision (page 120, lines 3-5) is extraneous under the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The Chair sustained the Point of Order and the relevant section was stricken from the bill.

H. R. 4872 (Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act). The Senate proceeded to third reading of the bill. The yeas and nays were ordered on final passage of the bill. The bill was agreed to, as modified, by a vote of **56-43**.

Motion to proceed to the consideration of **S. 3153 (Continuing Extension Act of 2010)**. McConnell filed a cloture motion on the bill. Motion to table the Motion to proceed to the bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **59-40**.

Baucus asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to and pass H.R. 4851 (Providing temporary extensions of certain programs). Objected to by Sen. Coburn.

Sen. Reid Motion to Instruct the Sergeant-At-Arms to compel the presence of a quorum. Yeas and nays ordered. **58-35**.

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.R. 4851 (Providing temporary extensions of certain programs).

H. Con. Res. 257 (Adjournment Resolution). Yeas and nays ordered. The Concurrent Resolution is agreed to by a vote of **49-39**.

Durbin asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to a pass H.R. 4851 (Providing temporary extensions of certain programs). Objected to by Sen. Coburn.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 3186 (Satellite Television Extension Act). Agreed by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3187 (FAA Extension Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4938 (30-Day Extension of the Small Business Loan Program). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, March 26, 2010 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 12:30 PM.

The Senate recessed at 9:33 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 4872 (Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act). Sen. Brown announced that Wednesday's session will be a lengthy session with numerous votes.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 3158 (Requires Congress to freeze its own pay and fully offset the cost of the extension of unemployment benefits and federal aid). Second reading. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

H.R. 4872 (Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act).

Alexander Motion to Commit the bill to the HELP Committee with instructions regarding Federal Student Loans. Withdrawn by Sen. Alexander.

Alexander Motion to Commit the bill to the HELP Committee with instructions regarding Federal Student Loans. Laid aside.

LeMieux amend #3586 (To enroll Members of Congress in the Medicaid program). Laid aside.

Hatch Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions regarding the Medicare Advantage program. Laid aside.

Coburn amend #3556 (Prohibiting coverage of Viagra for child molesters and rapists and for drugs intended to induce abortion). Laid aside.

Hutchison amend #3608 (To protect the right of States to opt out of a Federal health care takeover). Laid aside.

Sen. Levin motion to allow the Committee on Armed Services to meet at 2:30 PM was objected to by Sen. Burr on behalf of others.

Collins amend #3638 (Improve the bill by waiving the \$40,000 penalty on hiring previously unemployed individuals). Laid aside.

Thune amend #3639 (Ensure that no State experiences a net job loss as a result of the enactment of the SAFRA Act). Laid aside.

Thune amend #3640 (Repeal the CLASS Act). Laid aside.

Cornyn Motion to Commit the Bill to the Committee on Finance with Instructions with respect to taxes on net investment income. Laid aside.

Roberts amend #3579 (Strikes the medical device tax). Laid aside.

Inhofe amend #3588 (To exclude pediatric devices and devices for persons with disabilities from the medical device tax). Laid aside.

Hatch amend #3644 (To protect access for America's wounded warriors). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #3651 (Provides for a long-term fix to the Medicare sustainable growth rate formula in order to improve access for Medicare beneficiaries). Laid aside.

Burr amend #3652 (Dept. of Veterans Affairs and Dept. of Defense health care programs). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #3553 (Repeals the bill). Laid aside.

Roberts amend #3577 (Protects Medicare beneficiary access to hospital care in rural areas from recommendations by the Independent Payment Advisory Board). Laid aside.

Roberts Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions regarding the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, and any new functions of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Laid aside.

Gregg amend #3567 (To prevent Medicare from being raided for new entitlements and to use Medicare savings to save Medicare) as modified. Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **56-42**.

McCain amend #3570 (Eliminate the sweetheart deals for Tennessee, Hawaii, Louisiana, Montana, Connecticut, and frontier States). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **54-43**.

Crapo motion to commit H.R. 4872 to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report the same back to the Senate within 3 days with changes that provide that the combined effect of this Act, and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, shall not result in an increase in Federal

tax liability for any individual with adjusted gross income of less than \$200,000 or any married couple with adjusted gross income of less than \$250,000. Baucus Motion to Table the Motion to Commit. The Motion to Table the Motion to Commit was agreed to **56-43**.

Enzi motion to commit HR 4872 to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report the same back to the Senate within 1 day with changes that strike the employer mandate that will lower wages and increase unemployment and add an offset. Baucus Motion to Table the Motion to Commit. Baucus Motion to Table the Motion to Commit. The Motion to Table the Motion to Commit was agreed to **58-41**.

Barrasso amendment #3582 (to ensure that Americans can keep the coverage they have by keeping premiums affordable). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **57-41**.

Grassley amendment #3564 (to make sure the President, Cabinet Members, all White House Senior staff and Congressional Committee and Leadership Staff are purchasing health insurance through the health insurance exchanges established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Grassley Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **46-53**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **falls**.

Alexander motion to commit HR 4872 to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate with instructions to report the same back to the Senate within 1 day with changes to reduce the interest paid by student borrowers by 1.5 percentage points and to add an offset. Harkin Motion to Table the Motion to Commit. The Motion to Table the Motion to Commit was agreed to **58-41**.

LeMieux amendment #3586 (to enroll Members of Congress in the Medicaid program). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. LeMieux Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **40-59**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **falls**.

Hatch motion to commit HR 4872 to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report the same back to the Senate within 1 day with changes to strike all cuts to the Medicare Advantage program and add an offset if the Department of Health and Human Services' actuary certifies that 1,000,000 or more Medicare Advantage beneficiaries, American seniors, and disabled individuals, will lose their current Medicare Advantage coverage or plan benefits. Baucus Motion to Table the Motion to Commit. The Motion to Table the Motion to Commit was agreed to **56-42**.

Coburn amendment #3556 (to reduce the cost of providing federally funded prescription drugs by eliminating fraudulent payments and prohibiting coverage of Viagra for child molesters and

rapists and for drugs intended to induce abortion). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **57-42**.

Hutchison amendment #3608 (to protect the right of States to opt out of a Federal health care takeover). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **58-41**.

Collins amendment #3638 (to improve the bill by waiving the \$40,000 penalty on hiring previously unemployed individuals). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **58-41**.

Thune amendment #3639 (to ensure that no State experiences a net job loss as a result of the enactment of the SAFRA Act). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **55-43**.

Thune amendment #3640 (to repeal the CLASS Act). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Thune Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **43-55**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **falls**.

Cornyn motion to commit HR 4872 to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report the same back to the Senate within 3 days with changes to strike the 3.8 percent tax on net investment income. Baucus Motion to Table the Motion to Commit. The Motion to Table the Motion to Commit was agreed to **52-46**.

Roberts amendment #3579 (to strike the medical device tax). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **56-42**.

Inhofe amendment #3588 (to exclude pediatric devices and devices for persons with disabilities from the medical device tax). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **57-41**.

Hatch amendment #3644 (to protect access for America's wounded warriors). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **54-44**.

Gregg amendment #3561 (to provide for a long-term fix to the Medicare sustainable growth rate formula in order to improve access for Medicare beneficiaries). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Gregg Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **42-56**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **falls**.

Webb unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to S. 3148 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code to Provide Treatment for the Department of Defense Health Coverage), that the bill be read a third time and passed. Coburn objected.

Burr amendment #3652 (to protect the integrity of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense health care programs for veterans, active-duty service members, their families, widows, and widowers, and orphans who have sacrificed in defense of our Nation). Akaka Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **54-44**.

Vitter amend #3553 (Repeals the bill). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **58-39**.

Roberts amend #3577 (Protects Medicare beneficiary access to hospital care in rural areas from recommendations by the Independent Payment Advisory Board). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Roberts Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **42-55**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **falls**.

Roberts Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions regarding the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, and any new functions of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Baucus Motion to Table the Motion to Commit. The Motion to Table the Motion to Commit was agreed to **59-37**.

Bunning amend #3681 (Allow individuals to elect to opt out of the Medicare part A benefits). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **61-36**.

Grassley amend #3699 (Provide temporary extension of certain programs). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Grassley Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **40-56**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **falls**.

Bennett amend #3568 (Allow people of District of Columbia to hold a referendum on gay marriage). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment is not germane and violates the Budget Act. Bennett Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **36-59**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **falls**.

Risch amend (Repeal the limitation on limited medical expense deductions). Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **55-40**.

Hutchison 3635 (repeal sunset on marriage penalty relief). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Hutchison Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **40-55**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **falls**.

Vitter amend #4872 (increase women's access to breast cancer screenings). The amendment was tabled **56-39**.

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM on Thursday, March 25 and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 4872 (Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act). At 9:45 AM there will be a series of votes on amendments and motions to the bill. The Senate will dispose of points of order that have been determined. One point of order is still under review. There will be no further amendments after 2:00 PM. The Senate expects to finish action on the bill at approximately 2:00 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 3:00 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2010

The Senate will convene at 2:15 PM and will proceed to the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act. The Senate will hold their weekly party lunches at 12:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 4872 (Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act). The bill was read for the first time. Further reading was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

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

S. 3152 (Repeals the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).

S. 3153 (Provides for a fully offset temporary extension of certain programs as to not increase the deficit).

Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar, en bloc.

Motion to Adjourn until 3:05 PM. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **57-39**.

The Senate adjourned at 3:11 PM.

The Senate reconvened for a new Legislative Day at 3:12 PM.

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

H.R. 4872 (Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act).

S. 3152 (Repeals the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).

S. 3153 (Provides for a fully offset temporary extension of certain programs as to not increase the deficit).

Further proceedings on the bills were objected to en bloc.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 4872 (Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **56-40**.

H.R. 4872 (Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act).

Gregg amend #3577 (Prevent Medicare from being raided for new entitlements and to use Medicare savings to save Medicare). Laid aside.

McCain amend #3570 (Eliminate the sweetheart deals for Tennessee, Hawaii, Louisiana, Montana, Connecticut and Frontier States). Laid aside.

Crapo Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions regarding Federal tax Liability. Laid aside.

Enzi Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions regarding employer mandate. Laid aside.

Barrasso amend #3582 (Ensure that Americans can keep the coverage they have by keeping premiums affordable). Laid aside.

Grassley amend #3564 (Make sure the President, Cabinet Members, all White House Senior staff and Congressional Committee and Leadership Staff are purchasing health insurance through the health insurance exchanges established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Laid aside.

S .Res. 467 (Authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 3158 (Require Congress to freeze its own pay). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, March 24, 2010. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 4872 (Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act). Sen. Brown announced that Wednesday's session will be a lengthy session with numerous votes.

The Senate adjourned at 10:34 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2010

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 22, 2010, and will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 3:00 PM. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote Ensign amend #3476 (), as modified. A 60-vote threshold is required for adoption of this amendment; if not, the amendment will be withdrawn. Upon disposition, the McCain amend #3527 () will be withdrawn. The Senate will then proceed to a roll call vote on McCain #3528 (). Upon disposition, the Managers amendment will be agreed to by Unanimous Consent, the Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment) will be agreed to by Unanimous Consent, and the Senate will then vote on final passage of H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization).

Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

McCain amend #3528 (To provide standards for determining whether the substantial restoration of the natural quiet and experience of the Grand Canyon National Park has been achieved and to clarify regulatory authority with respect to commercial air tours operating over the Park) is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Ensign amend #3476 (To enhance air travel opportunities to and from the National Capital), as amended. Withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Under a Unanimous Consent agreement, the McCain amend #3527 (Nextgen report) is not withdrawn as previously ordered and will be considered in the Managers amendment.

The following amendments are included in the Manager's Package:

Reid amend #3469 (Modification of Instruction Line, Flood Mitigation).

Warner amend #3488 (Voluntary medical transport).

Begich amend #3492 (Alaska oxygen).

Wicker amend #3494 (AMTRAK guns, technical).

Cantwell amend #3511 (Green skies).

Nelson (FL) amend #3479 (GA/Map program), as modified.
Durbin amend #3483 (Airport sustainability), as modified.
Menendez amend #3506 (Consumer taxes and fees), as modified.
Feingold amend #3514 (Airport development funds), as modified.
Murkowski amend #3520 (Flight service stations), as modified.
Coburn amend #3538 (Airport audits with 10,000 enplanements), as modified.
Hutchison amend #3543 (Nextgen equipment).
McCain amend #3527 (Nextgen report), as modified.
Feinstein amend #3541 (Cabin air quality), as modified.
Coburn amend #3539 (AIP apportionment), as modified.
Coburn amend #3532 (NPS tour management plans offset).
Cantwell amend #3525 (Scientific instruments on commercial flights), as modified.
Wyden amend #3534 (Air tour regulation), as modified.
The amendments were agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization), as amended. The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **93-0**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 463 (Recognizing the cultural significance of Nar Ouse). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 464 (189th Anniversary of the Independence of Greece). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:15 on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 and will proceed to the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act.

The Senate recessed at 6:32 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of H. R. 1586 (FAA Authorization). There will be no votes during Friday's Session. The next vote in the Senate will occur at 5:30 PM on Monday, March 22, 2010.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 3143 (Provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a pay increase until the annual Federal Budget Deficit is eliminated). Second reading. Further readings objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

H.R. 4851 (30-Day extension of unemployment benefits, COBRA benefits, satellite television, poverty guidelines and flood insurance). Second reading. Further readings objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

H.R. 4853 (Extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund). Second reading. Further readings objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

Reid asked that H.R. 451 (30-Day extension of unemployment benefits, COBRA benefits, satellite television, poverty guidelines and flood insurance) be agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Objected to by Sen. Kyl.

H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization).

Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #497 (Robert Grey, Jr. to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the legal Services Corporation).

Cal. #498 (John Levi to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the legal Services Corporation).

Cal. #499 (Martha Minow to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the legal Services Corporation).

Cal. #655 (Raul Perea-Henze to be an Asst. Sec. of Veterans Affairs).

Cal. #710 (David Adelman to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore).
Cal. #711 (Harry Thomas Jr. to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines).
Cal. #712 (Allan Katz to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic).
Cal. #736 (William Ostendorff to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission).
Cal. #737 (William Magwood IV to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reappointment).
Cal. #738 (William Magwood IV to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission).
Cal. #739 (George Apostolakis to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission).
Cal. #744 (Gary Blumenthal to be a Member of the National Council on Disability).
Cal. #745 (Chester Finn to be a Member of the National Council on Disability).
Cal. #746 (Sara Gelser to be a Member of the National Council on Disability).
Cal. #748 (Dongwoo Pak to be a Member of the National Council on Disability).
Cal. #749 (Carol Reynolds to be a Member of the National Council on Disability).
Cal. #750 (Fernando Torres-Gill to be a Member of the National Council on Disability).
Cal. #751 (Jonathan Young to be a Member of the National Council on Disability).
Cal. #752 (Gwendolyn Boyd to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation).
Cal. #753 (Peggy Goldwater-Clay to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation).
Cal. #754 (Sharon Browne to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation).
Cal. #755 (Charles Keckler to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation).
Cal. #756 (Victor Maddox to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation).
Cal. #757 (Patrick Nakamura to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission).
Cal. #758 (Patrick Nakamura to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission reappointed).
Cal. #760 (Christopher Hoye to be a US Marshal for the District of Nevada).
Cal. #761 (Kelvin Washington to be a US Marshal for the District of South Carolina).
Cal. #762 (Jessie Roberson to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board).
Cal. #763 (Joseph Bader to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board).
Cal. #764 (Peter Winokur to be a Member of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board).
Cal. #765 (Brig. Gen. Byron Hepburn to be Major Gen. in the US Air Force).
Cal. #766 (Col. Robert Redwine to be Brig. Gen. in the US Air Force).
Cal. #767 (Lt. Gen. James Thurman to be Gen. in the US Army).
Cal. #768 (Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz Jr. to be Lt. Gen. in the US Army).
Cal. #769 (Maj. Gen. John Morgan III to be Lt. Gen. in the US Army).
Cal. #770 (Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez to be Lt. Gen. in the US Army).

Cal. #771 (Vice Adm. Paul Stanley to be Vice Adm. in the US Navy).

Cal. #772 (Maj. Gen. Walter Gaskin to be Lt. Gen. in the US Marine Corps).

Cal. #773 (Brig. Gen. Melvin Spiese to be Maj. Gen. in the US Marine Corps).

Cal. #774 (Col. Vaughn Ary to be Maj. Gen. in the US Marine Corps).

All nominations on the Secretary's desk regarding Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy. Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 451 (Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 22, 2010, and will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 3:00 PM. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote Ensign amend #3476 (), as modified. A 60-vote threshold is required for adoption of this amendment; if not, the amendment will be withdrawn. Upon disposition, the McCain amend #3527 () will be withdrawn. The Senate will then proceed to a roll call vote on McCain #3528 (). Upon disposition, the Managers amendment will be agreed to by Unanimous Consent, the Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment) will be agreed to by Unanimous Consent, and the Senate will then vote on final passage of H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization).

The Senate recessed at 12:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization). The Senate will proceed to two roll call votes at 2:00 PM on the Sessions amend #3453 and then Pryor amend #3548.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization).

Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

Sessions amend #3453 (To reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps). Inouye Point of Order that the amendment violates Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act. Session Motion to Waive the Point of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of **56-39**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Pryor amend #3548 (To reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps). Sessions Point of Order that the amendment violates Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act. Pryor Motion to Waive the Point of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of **27-70**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Inhofe amend #3549 (To reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps for non-security spending). Durbin Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Resolution. Inhofe Motion to Waive the relevant sections. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive was not agreed to by a vote of **41-56**. The Point of Order is sustained. The amendment falls.

McCain amend #3475 (To prohibit earmarks in years in which there is a deficit). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **26-70**.

S. Con. Res. 54 (Recognizing the life of Orlando Zapata Tamayo). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. Res. 462 (Recognizing Thursday, April 22, 2010 as "Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Following were considered en bloc:

S. 3143 (Provide that Members of Congress shall not receive a pay increase until the annual Federal Budget Deficit is eliminated). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

HR 4851 (Provide a temporary extension of certain programs). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

HR 4853 (Extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund). 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 Friday, March 18, 2010. The Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 1586 (FAA Authorization). There will be no votes during Friday's Session. The next vote in the Senate will occur at 5:30 PM on Monday, March 22, 2010.

The Senate adjourned at 7:42 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House and Senate Amendments to H.R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act). At approximately 9:45 AM, Senator Gregg is expected to make a Budget Point of Order and Senator Schumer is expected to make a Motion to Waive all relevant Points of Order. If the motion to waive is successful, the DeMint Motion to Suspend the Rules will be vitiated, no further debate or motions will be in order, and the Senate will proceed to vote on the Durbin Motion to Concur. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization), with Roll Call Votes expected on the bill throughout the day. Lastly, at 2:00 PM, the Senate will receive the Honorable Managers on the part of the House of Representatives for the purpose of exhibiting the Articles of Impeachment against G. Thomas Porteus, Jr., a Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

Motion to Concur in the House and Senate Amendments to H.R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act). All post-cloture time was yielded back. The amendments to the Motion to Concur were withdrawn. Gregg Budget Point of Order that the bill violates the Congressional Budget Act. Schumer Motion to Waive all relevant Points of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive was agreed to by a vote of 63-34. The Point of Order was not sustained.

Motion to Concur in the House and Senate Amendments to H.R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act). The yeas and nays were ordered. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of 68-29.

The Senate recessed from 12:30-2:00 PM for a party caucus.

The Senate convened at 2:00 PM.

The Senate received the Honorable Managers on the part of the House of Representatives for the purpose of exhibiting the **Articles of Impeachment against G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.**, a Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

S. Res. 457 (To provide for issuance of a summons and for related procedures concerning the articles of impeachment against Judge Thomas Porteous Jr.). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 458 (To provide for the appointment of a committee to receive and report evidence with respect to articles of impeachment against Judge Thomas Porteous, Jr.). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The following Senators were appointed to the Committee: Sens. McCaskill (Chair), Klobuchar, Whitehouse, Udall (NM), Shaheen, Kaufman, Hatch (Vice Chairman), Barraso, DeMint, Johanns, Risch and Wicker.

H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization).

Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #653 (O. Rogeriee Thompson to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the First Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The Nomination was confirmed by a vote of **98-0**.

H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization).

Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

Pryor amend #3548 (To reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 459 (Congratulating KICY Radio for 50 years). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 460 (Long Trail and Green Mountain Club 100 year anniversary). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2865 (Reauthorizing the Congressional Award Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1789 (Fair Sentencing Act). Committee Substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 18, 2010, and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization). The Senate will proceed to two roll call votes at 2:00 PM on the Sessions amend #3453 and then Pryor amend #3548.

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010

The Senate will convene at 10:15 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 resume consideration of H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization). Further, at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House and Senate Amendments to H.R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act). All post cloture time will be yielded back and the only remaining business to H.R. 2847 will be the DeMint Motion to suspend the rules in order to offer an amendment and a vote on the Motion to Concur. Lastly, at 2:00 PM, on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, the Senate will receive the Honorable Managers on the part of the House of Representatives for the purpose of exhibiting the Articles of Impeachment against G. Thomas Porteus, Jr., a Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

H.R. 2314 (Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2010). Second reading. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

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

The Senate recessed for party caucuses.

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

H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization).

Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

McCain amend #3472 (To prohibit the use of passenger facility charges for the construction of bicycle storage facilities).

McCain amend #3475 (To prohibit earmarks in years in which there is a deficit).

McCain amend #3527 (Develops a financing proposal for fully funding the development and implementation of technology for the Next Generation Air Transportation System).

McCain amend #3528 (Provides standards for determining whether the substantial restoration of the natural quiet and experience of the Grand Canyon National Park has been achieved and to clarify regulatory authority with respect to commercial air tours operating over the Park).

Laid aside.

At approximately 6:00pm, the Senate will proceed to vote in relation to the following amendments to the Rockefeller amendment in the nature of a substitute (#3452) to H.R. 1586:

DeMint amend # 3454 (Establish an earmark moratorium for fiscal years 2010 and 2011).
Rockefeller Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **68-29**.

Feingold amend #3470 (To provide for the rescission of unused transportation earmarks and to establish a general reporting requirement for any unused earmarks) as modified. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **87-11**.

Vitter amend #3458 (To clarify application requirements relating to the coastal impact assistance program) as modified. Bingaman Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Vitter Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **41-57**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment **falls**.

Lieberman amend #3456 (To reauthorize the DC opportunity scholarship program). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **42-55**.

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

Bennett amend #3462 (Authorize the Secretary of Transportation to release restrictions on the use of certain property conveyed to the City of St. George Utah airport).

Reid amend #3467 (To authorize Clark County Nevada to permit the use of certain lands in the Las Vegas International Airport District for transient lodging and associated facilities).

McCain amend #3472 (To require a report on Newark Liberty Airport air traffic control).

Lautenberg amend #3473 as modified

Barrasso amend #3474 (require the Administrator to prioritize the review of construction projects that are carried out in cold weather States) as modified

Durbin amend #3482 as modified (Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study of airline and intercity rail codeshare)

Schumer amend #3486 (Impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients) as modified

Bingaman amend #3487 (Preserve the essential air service program)

Cardin amend #3497 (Extend the termination date for mileage eligibility for essential air services)

Menendez amend #3503 (Require an ongoing monitoring of and report on the New York/NJ/Philadelphia Metropolitan Areaspace Redesign).

Menendez amend #3504

Johanns amend #3508 (Require the Comptroller General of the United States to study the impact of increases in fuel prices on the long-term viability of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund)

Johanns amend #3509 and 3501 (To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to identify the benefits of ADS-B).

Coburn number 3531 (To discontinue a Federal program that has never been used since its creation in 2003)

The Senate proceed with Morning Business.

S. Con. Res. 249 (45th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1782 (Improvements to the Federal Courts). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 17 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House and Senate Amendments to H.R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act). At approximately 9:45 AM, Senator Gregg is expected to make a Budget Point of Order and Senator Schumer is expected to make a Motion to Waive all relevant Points of Order. If the waiver is successful, no further debate or motions will be in order, and the Senate will proceed to vote on the Durbin Motion to Concur. The DeMint Motion to Suspend will be vitiated. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 1586 (FAA Authorization), with Roll Call Votes expected on the bill throughout the day. Lastly, at 2:00 PM, the Senate will receive the Honorable Managers on the part of the House of Representatives for the purpose of exhibiting the Articles of Impeachment against G. Thomas Porteus, Jr., a Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

The Senate adjourned at 8:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in Morning Business for 1 hour. At 3:00 PM the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur on the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act).

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

H.R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House and Senate Amendments H.R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was 61-30.

H.R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act). Motion to Concur in the House and Senate Amendments. The Senate is currently in post cloture time on the Motion to Concur.

Sen. Durbin announced that the Senate will resume consideration of HR 1586 (FAA Authorization) at 2:15 PM on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Further, at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House and Senate Amendments to H. R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act). All post cloture time will be yielded back and the only remaining business to H. R. 2847 will be the DeMint Motion to suspend the rules in order to offer an amendment and a vote on the Motion to Concur.

Consent was received to authorize the Secretary of the Senate to inform the House that the Senate is ready to receive the Managers appointed by the House of Representatives for the purpose of exhibiting Articles of Impeachment against G. Thomas Porteus, Jr. a Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. At 2:00 PM, on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, the Senate will receive the Honorable Managers on the part of the House of Representatives for the purpose of exhibiting the Articles of Impeachment.

S. Res. 455 (Honoring the life of Harriet Tubman). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 53 (Recognizing the city of Colorado Springs, Colorado). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 2314 (Express the policy of the United States regarding relations with Native Hawaiians). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:15 AM on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. 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 resume consideration of HR 1586 (FAA Authorization). Further, at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House and Senate Amendments to H. R. 2847 (Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act). All post cloture time will be yielded back and the only remaining business to H. R. 2847 will be the DeMint Motion to suspend the rules in order to offer an amendment and a vote on the Motion to Concur. Lastly, at 2:00 PM, on Wednesday, March 17, 2010, the Senate will receive the Honorable Managers on the part of the House of Representatives for the purpose of exhibiting the Articles of Impeachment against G. Thomas Porteus, Jr. a Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

The Senate adjourned at 8:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 11, 2010. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1586 (Federal Aviation Reauthorization). No votes are scheduled, but are possible.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1586 (Federal Aviation Reauthorization).

H.R. 2194 (An Act to Amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996). Kaufman unanimous consent request that the Substitute Amendment be agreed to and the language of S. 2799 as passed by the Senate on January 28, 2010 be considered and agreed to, the bill as amended be read a third time and passed. Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1586 (Federal Aviation Reauthorization).

Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

Vitter amend #3458 (To clarify application requirements relating to the coastal impact assistance program). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #3454 (One year moratorium on "earmarks"). Laid aside.

Feingold amend #3470 (To provide for the rescission of unused transportation earmarks and to establish a general reporting requirement for any unused earmarks).

The Senate recessed from 12:34 to 2:00 PM.

The Senate convened at 2:00 PM and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1586 (Federal Aviation Reauthorization).

Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

McCain unanimous consent request the Senate call up his amendment #3475. The unanimous consent request was objected to.

Rockefeller unanimous consent request that the list at the desk shortly be the only first-degree amendments in order to H.R. 1586 other than any pending amendments, that the first-degree amendments be subject to second-degree amendments which are relevant to the amendment to which it is offered, that Managers' amendments be in order if they have been cleared by the Managers and Leaders and if offered, they be considered and agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table. Further, that disposition of all amendments, the Substitute amendment as amended, if amended, be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, the bill as amended be read a third time and the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the bill. That upon passage, the Title amendment which is at the desk be considered and agreed to. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Chair laid before the Senate a message from the House with respect to H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act):

Resolve that the House agree to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2847 with the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment.

Durbin filed cloture on the Motion to Concur on the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act).

Durbin motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act) with an amendment number 3498. Yeas and nays ordered.

Durbin 2nd degree amendment number 3499 to Durbin amendment number 3498. Yeas and nays ordered.

Durbin Motion to Refer the House Message to the Senate Committee on Appropriations with Instructions to report back forthwith with the following amendment numbered 3500. Yeas and nays ordered.

Durbin amend #3501 to the Instructions to Infer H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act). Yeas and nays ordered.

Durbin 2nd degree amendment # 3502 to Durbin amend # 3501. Yeas and nays ordered.

S. 1147 (Tobacco Smuggling) as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Monday, March 15 at 2:00 PM and will be in Morning Business for 1 hour. At 3:00 PM the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur on the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with Morning Business until 2:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act). The Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on the substitute amendment. The Senate will then proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Bill. Further, if cloture is invoked, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on final passage of the bill.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 3092 (Designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5070 Vegas Valley Drive in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the "Joseph A. Ryan Post Office Building"). 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.

H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Reid made a point of order en bloc that the following amendments are non-germane:
Webb amend #3342 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on excessive 2009 bonuses received from certain major recipients of Federal emergency economic assistance, to limit the deduction allowable for such bonuses, and for other purposes).
Feingold amend #3368 (To provide for the rescission of unused transportation earmarks and to establish a general reporting requirement for any unused earmarks).
McCain amend #3427 (To prohibit the use of reconciliation to consider changes in Medicare).
The point of order was well taken by the Chair and the amendments fall.

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment) as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 66-33.

H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act) as amended. Final passage. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 62-36.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

H. R. 1586 (Impose an additional tax on bonuses received from certain TARP recipients).

Rockefeller amend #3452 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

Sessions amend #3453 (Reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps). Laid aside.

Lieberman amend #3456 (Reauthorize the DC opportunity scholarship program). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc:
Cal. #706, Genevieve May to be US Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #707, Donald Booth to be a Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #708, Scott DeLisi to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #709, Beatrice Welters to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #713, Ian Kelly to be U. S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #714, Walter Jones to be US Director of the African Development Bank. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #715, Ian Soloman to be US Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #716, Leocadia Zak to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #719, Rosemary DiCarlo to be the Deuty Representative of the US to the United Nations. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #720, Rosemary DiCarlo to be Representative of the US to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #721, Douglas Rediker to be US Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #723, William Hochul, Jr. to be US Attorney for the Western District of New York. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #724, Sally Yates to be US Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #725, Kathleen Tighe to be Inspector General, Department of Education. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #727, Larry Persily to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #734, Sanford Blitz to be Federal Co-chairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #735, Earl Gohl to be Federal Co-chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission. Confirmed by voice vote.

All nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service (PN 1017-3, PN 1185 and PN 1271). All confirmed by voice vote.

S. Res. 158 (Commend the American Sail Training Association for advance international goodwill and character building). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. 1067 (Support stabilization and peace in northern Uganda). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 11, 2010. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1586 (Federal Aviation Reauthorization). No votes are scheduled, but are possible.

The Senate adjourned at 7:07 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2010

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act), and will immediately proceed to votes on the following amendments: Baucus amend #3429 (Provide an explanation of the budgetary effects of legislation considered by the Senate), Coburn amend #3358 (Require the Senate to be transparent with taxpayers about spending), Murray amend #3356 (Extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth.) and a Republican Leader amendment (Extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth). Further, at 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

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

H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

Baucus amend #3429 (Provide an explanation of the budgetary effects of legislation considered by the Senate). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #3358 (Require the Senate to be transparent with taxpayers about spending). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **100-0**.

Murray amend #3356 (Extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth). Gregg Point of Order that the amendment violates Sec. 201(a) of S. Con. Res. 21, fiscal year 2008. Murray Motion to waive the relevant sections of bill with respect to the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive was not agreed to by a vote of **55-45**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment falls.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

At 12:38 PM, the Senate recessed for party caucuses.

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

H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

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

Lincoln amend #3401 (To improve a provision relating to emergency disaster assistance) as modified.

Reid amend #3417 (To temporarily modify the allocation of geothermal receipts).

Isakson-Cardin amend #3430 (To modify the pension funding provisions) as modified.

Merkley amend #3372 (Authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant market-related contract extensions of certain timber contracts) as modified.

Warner amend # 3442 (Ensure adequate planning and reporting relation to the use of funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) as modified.

Whitehouse amend # 3365 (Require Comptroller General to report to Congress on the causes of job losses) as modified.

Rockefeller amend #3371 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions) as modified.

Baucus amend #3451 (to make technical changes).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **66-34**.

Lieberman amend #3381 (Reauthorize the DC opportunity scholarship program). Withdrawn.

S. Res. 450 (Constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 3433 (Amend the North American Conservation Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 449 (Celebrating Volunteers in Service to America anniversary). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 3092 (Designate a facility of the U.S. Postal Service). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 10, 2010. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business until 2:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 4213

(Tax Extenders Act). The Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on the substitute amendment. The Senate will then proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Bill. Further, if cloture is invoked, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on final passage of the bill.

The Senate adjourned at 7:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2010

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with Morning Business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act). There will be no roll call votes during today's session. On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, when the Senate resumes consideration of H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act), it will immediately proceed to votes on the following amendments; Baucus amend #3429 (Provide an explanation of the budgetary effects of legislation considered by the Senate), Coburn amend #3358 (Require the Senate to be transparent with taxpayers about spending), Murray amend #3356 (Extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth.) and a Republican Leader amendment (Extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth). Further, at 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 9 and will proceed with Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act), and will immediately proceed to votes on the following amendments: Baucus amend #3429 (Provide an explanation of the budgetary effects of legislation considered by the Senate), Coburn amend #3358 (Require the Senate to be transparent with taxpayers about spending), Murray amend #3356 (Extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth.) and a Republican Leader amendment (Extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth). Further, at 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act). There will be no roll call votes today. The next roll call vote will occur on Tuesday morning, March 9, 2010.

The Senate convened and proceed with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered original bill text.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Wicker amend #3383 (Extend tax-exempt bond financing in the GO Zone, as modified). Agreed to by voice vote.

Bayh amend #3374 (Clarify the low-income housing credits that are eligible for the low-income housing elections), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Rockefeller amend #3397 (Modify the requirements for exterior windows, doors, and skylights to be eligible for the credit for non-business energy property), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Roberts amend #3411 (Extend the special allowance for certain property), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Lincoln amend #3416 (Provide grants for energy efficient appliances in lieu of tax credits), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Isakson amend #3430 (Modify the pension funding provisions). Laid aside.

Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment).

Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on **H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act)**.

S. 2961 (Provide debt relief to Haiti), as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 236 (Permitting the use of the Rotunda for the "Days of Remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust"). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 239 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a Congressional Gold Medal Awards Ceremony). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 8, 2010. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act). There will be no roll call votes during Monday's session. On Tuesday, March 9, 2010, when the Senate resumes consideration of H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act), it will immediately proceed to votes on the following amendments; Baucus amend #3429 (Provide an explanation of the budgetary effects of legislation considered by the Senate), Coburn amend #3358 (Require the Senate to be transparent with taxpayers about spending), Murray amend #3356 (Extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth.) and a Republican Leader amendment (Extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth). Further, at 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment).

The Senate adjourned at 2:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act). Votes are expected throughout today's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

S. Res. 404 (Supporting full implementation of the comprehensive peace agreement and other efforts to promote peace and stability in Sudan). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 414 (Expressing the sense of the Senate on the recovery, rehabilitation, and rebuilding of Haiti). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 422 (Recognizing the important progress made by the people of Ukraine in the establishment of democratic institutions following the presidential run-off election on February 7, 2010). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 426 (School Social Workweek). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate agreed to the following Senate Resolutions en bloc by voice vote:

S. Res. 434 (Support for Children's Dental Health Month and honoring the memory of Deamonte Driver). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 435 (Supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 436 (Support for the people affected by the natural disasters on Madeira Island). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 437 (Regarding the positive effect of the upcoming Iraqi parliamentary elections on Iraq's political reconciliation and democratic institutions). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 438 (Designating march 2, 2010, as "Read Across America Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to Roll Call Votes on:

Stabenow amend #3382 (Allow companies to utilize existing alternative minimum tax credits to create and maintain American jobs through new domestic investments).

Brown (MA) amend #3391 (Provide for a 6-month employee payroll tax rate cut).

Burr amend #3389 (Provide Federal reimbursement to State and local governments for a limited sales, use, and retailers' occupation tax holiday, and to offset the cost of such reimbursements).

Sessions amend #3337 (Reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps).

Exec. Cal. #609, William Conley to be U. S. District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin.

Stabenow amend #3382 (Allow companies to utilize existing alternative minimum tax credits to create and maintain American jobs through new domestic investments). Agreed to by voice vote.

Brown (MA) amend #3391 (Provide for a 6-month employee payroll tax rate cut). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Brown Motion to Waive the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of **44-56**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Burr amend #3389 (Provide Federal reimbursement to State and local governments for a limited sales, use, and retailers' occupation tax holiday, and to offset the cost of such reimbursements). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates Section 201 of the Budget Act. Burr Motion to Waive the Point of Order. The Motion to Waive was not agreed to by a vote of **22-78**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Sessions amend #3337 (Reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps). Inouye Point of Order that the amendment violates Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act. McCaskill Motion to Waive the Point of Order. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of **59-41**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #609 (William Conley to be U. S. District Judge for the Western District of Wisconsin). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **99-0**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Whitehouse amend #3354 (To encourage energy efficiency and conservation and development of renewable energy source for housing, commercial structures, and other buildings and to create sustainable communities). Withdrawn by Sen. Whitehouse

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #560 (Terry Yonkers to be Asst. Secretary of the Air Force).

Cal. #563 (Frank Kendall III to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense).

Cal. #564 (Erin Conaton to be Under Secretary of the Air Force).

Cal. #663 (Paul Luis Oostburg Sanz to be General Counsel of the Dept. of the Navy).

Cal. #664 (Malcolm O'Neill to be an Asst. Secretary of the Army).

Cal. #665 (Jackalyne Pfannenstiel to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy).

The nominations are confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Murray amend #3356 (To extend the TANF Emergency Fund through fiscal year 2011 and to provide funding for summer employment for youth), as modified. Laid aside.

Reid amend #3417 (To temporarily modify the allocation of geothermal receipts). Laid aside.

McCain amend #3427 (To prohibit the use of reconciliation to consider changes in Medicare). Laid aside.

Lincoln amend #3401 (To improve a provision relating to emergency disaster assistance). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Baucus amend #3406 (Technical Changes).

Dodd amend #3349 (To clarify the effective date of section 244).

Leahy amend #3346 (Clarifies the effective date of Title V), as modified.
Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 372 (National Autoimmune Diseases Awareness Month). Levin amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 431 (Concern for the people and government of Chile after the earthquake). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following Resolutions were considered n bloc:

S. Res. 441 ().

S. Res. 442 ().

S. Res. 443 ().

S. Res. 444 ().

S. Res. 445 ().

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, March 5, 2010 and will resume consideration of H.R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act). There will be no roll call votes on Friday. The next roll call vote will occur on Tuesday morning, March 9, 2010.

The Senate adjourned at 7:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of **H.R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act)**. The Thune, Sessions and Landrieu amendments are the pending amendments. Roll Call Votes are expected to occur throughout the day.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Murray amend #3356 (Provide funding for summer employment for youth). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #3353 (Provide an emergency benefit of \$250 to seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities in 2010 to compensate for the lack of cost-of-living adjustment for such year). Laid aside.

Grassley amend #3352 (To improve the bill). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Bunning amend #3360 (To offset the cost of the bill).

Bunning amend #3361 (To provide additional offsets).

Coburn amend #3358 (To require the Senate to be transparent with taxpayers about spending).

Webb amend #3342 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on excessive 2009 bonuses received from certain major recipients of Federal emergency economic assistance, to limit the deduction allowable for such bonuses).

Thune amend #3338 (To create additional tax relief for businesses), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates Section 311 of the Budget Act. Cornyn Motion to Waive the applicable section of the Budget Act with respect to the amendment. The Motion to Waive the Point of Order is not agreed to by a vote of 38-61. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Grassley amend #3352 (To improve the bill). Yeas and nays ordered. Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **54-45**.

Stabenow amend #3382 (Allow companies to utilize existing alternative minimum tax credits to create and maintain American jobs through new domestic investments). Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #3335 (Extend for 2 years the low-income housing credit rules for buildings in GO Zones), as modified. Laid aside.

Feingold amend #3368 (Provide for the rescission of unused transportation earmarks and to establish a general reporting requirement for any unused earmarks). Laid aside.

Brown (MA) amend #3391 (Provide for a 6-month employee payroll tax rate cut). Laid aside.

Burr amend #3389 (Provide Federal reimbursement to State and local governments for a limited sales, use, and retailers' occupation tax holiday, and to offset the cost of such reimbursements). Laid aside.

Burr amend #3390 (Provide an emergency benefit of \$250 to compensate for the lack of a cost-of-living adjustment). Laid aside.

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered as original bill text. LeMieux Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. Baucus Motion to waive the relevant sections with respect to the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Burr amend #3390 (Provide an emergency benefit of \$250 to compensate for the lack of a cost-of-living adjustment). Baucus Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. Burr Motion to waive the relevant sections with respect to the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to waive was not agreed to by a vote of **38-59**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Sanders amend #3353 (Provide an emergency benefit of \$250 to seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities in 2010 to compensate for the lack of cost-of-living adjustment for such year). Gregg Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. Sanders Motion to waive the relevant sections with respect to the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to waive was not agreed to by a vote of **47-50**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Bunning amend #3360 (To offset the cost of the bill). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **56-41**.

Bunning amend #3361 (To provide additional offsets). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **61-36**.

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered as original bill text. LeMieux Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. Baucus Motion to waive the relevant sections with respect to the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **60-37**.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

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

Cal. #603, Laura Kennedy for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U. S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #604, Eileen Donahoe for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the U. S. Representative to the UN Human Rights Council. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #610, Paul Verkuil to be Chairman of the Administrative Conference of the U.S. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #625, Elizabeth Harman to be an Assistant Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #629, Julie Brill to be a Federal Trade Commissioner. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #630, Edith Ramirez to be a Federal Trade Commissioner. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #700, Lillian Sparks to be Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 4, 2010. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act). Votes are expected throughout Thursday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 7:57 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Barbara Milano Keenan to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. At 12:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination of Barbara Milano Keenan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Collins motion to proceed to H.R. 4691 (30-day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small Business provisions of the American Recovery Act) and pass it was objected to by Sen. Bunning.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Bunning Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4691 (30-day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small Business provisions of the American Recovery Act) and with an offset and pass it was objected to by Sen. Reid.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. # (Barbara Milano Keenan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit). Motion to Invoke Cloture. The cloture motion was invoked by a vote of 99-0. The Senate will vote at 2:15 PM on confirmation.

The Senate recessed from 12:42-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

Cal. # 527 (Barbara Milano Keenan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 99-0.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 4691 (30-day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small Business provisions of the American Recovery Act).

There will be 60 minutes of debate on the Bunning amendment to H.R. 4691 followed by a vote on the amendment at 8:30 PM. Upon disposition of the Bunning amendment, if a point of order is raised, the Senate will vote on the Motion to waive the Budget point of order. The Senate will then vote on final passage of H.R. 4691 (30-day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small Business provisions of the American Recovery Act).

Bunning amend #3355 (In Nature of a Substitute). Boxer point of order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Bunning Motion to Waive the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of 43-53. The point of order is sustained and the amendment **falls**.

H.R. 4691 (30-day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small Business provisions of the American Recovery Act). The bill passed by a vote of 78-19.

H.R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute Amendment). For the purposes of this bill, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Landrieu amend #3335 ().

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 429 (Making Minority party appointments for certain Committees for the 111th Congress).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 3 and will immediately resume consideration of **H.R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act)**. The Thune, Sessions and Landrieu amendments are the pending amendments. Roll Call Votes are expected to occur throughout the day.

The Senate adjourned at 9:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act). There will be no roll call votes during Monday's session. The next vote will occur on Tuesday, March 2 at 12:15 PM on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Barbara Milano Keenan to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

H.R. 4626 (Health Insurance Industry Fair Competition Act). Second reading. Further reading was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

H.R. 4691 (Temporary Extension Act of 2010). Second reading. Further reading was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

Reid Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4691 (30-day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small Business provisions of the American Recovery Act) and pass it was objected to by Sen. Bunning.

Bunning Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4691 (30-day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small Business provisions of the American Recovery Act) and with an offset and pass it was objected to by Sen. Reid.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute Amendment).

Durbin Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4691 (30-day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small Business provisions of the American Recovery Act) and pass it was objected to by Sen. Bunning.

Bunning Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4691 (30-day extension of expiring programs; Unemployment Insurance, COBRA, the Health Insurance for the Unemployed, Flood Insurance, Satellite Home Viewer Act, Highway Funding, SBA Business Loans and Small Business provisions of the American Recovery Act) and with an offset and pass it was objected to by Sen. Durbin.

H. R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act).

Baucus amend #3336 (Substitute Amendment).

Sessions amend #3337 (To reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps). Laid aside.

Thune amend #3338 (To create additional tax relief for businesses). Laid aside.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 and be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Barbara Milano Keenan to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. At 12:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination of Barbara Milano Keenan to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

The Senate adjourned at 6:37 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during today's session. The next vote in the Senate is expected on the morning of Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

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

Sen. Durbin asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to H.R. 4691 (Temporary Extension Act of 2010) and that the bill be read three times and passed. Objected to by Sen. Bunning.

Sen. Bunning asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to H.R. 4691 (Temporary Extension Act of 2010) and the amendment with an offset be agreed to, the bill be read a third time and passed. Objected to by Sen. Durbin.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Reid filed cloture on the nomination of Barbara Milano Keenan to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. The vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination will occur on Tuesday, March 2 at 12:15 PM.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 4626 (An act to restore the application of the Federal anti-trust laws to the Business of Health Insurance). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading was objected to.

H.R. 4691 (Temporary Extension Act of 2010). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 1st and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 4213 (Tax Extenders Act). There will be no roll call votes during Monday's session. The next vote will be occur on Tuesday, March 2 at 12:15 PM on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Barbara Milano Keenan to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

The Senate adjourned at 11:40 AM.