

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business. A series of roll call votes are expected in the afternoon, but none are scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

At 6:20 PM, the Senate recessed Subject to the Call of the Chair.

At 6:55 PM, the Senate reconvened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 120 (Resolution recognizing the 1 year anniversary of the April 2, 2010, fire and explosion at the Tesoro refinery in Anacortes, Washington). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 121 (Resolution designating April 2011 as "Financial Literacy Month"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 122 (Resolution honoring the life and legacy of Elizabeth Taylor.). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 123 (Resolution commending ACHIEVA on its 60th anniversary of providing strong advocacy for and innovative services to children and adults with disabilities and the families of those children and adults in the State of Pennsylvania and designating the week of March 26 through April 2, 2011, as "Celebrating ACHIEVA's 60th Anniversary Week"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 706 (Estimate stimulate the economy, produce domestic energy and create no jobs to the taxpayers and without borrowing money from our foreign governments for which our children and grandchildren will be responsible). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H. R. 471 (Reauthorize the D.D. Scholarship Program). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 4, 2011. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed with an Executive Session to consider Cal. #42, Jimmie Reyna to be US Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit. There will be one hour of debate on the nomination followed by a vote on confirmation. Further, at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H. R. 4 (Act to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirement for payments of \$600 or more

to corporations). The only amendment in order will be a Menendez amendment with 60 minutes of debate, followed by a vote on the amendment with a 60 yea vote threshold. Upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate will proceed to a vote on final passage which will also be subject to a 60 yea vote threshold.

The Senate adjourned at 7:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 2:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). Roll Call votes are expected, but not scheduled at this time.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act).

Paul Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Foreign Relations with instructions to report back with an amendment #276 (Presidential authority regarding Libya).

The Senate recessed from 5:00-6:00 PM for a Senator's briefing on Libya.

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

S. Res. 112 (Congratulating congratulating the Pennsylvania State University IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon ("THON") on its continued success in support of the Four Diamonds Fund at Penn State Hershey Children's hospital). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 118 (National 9-11 Education Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 PM on Thursday, March 31, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business. A series of roll call votes are expected in the afternoon, but none are scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 7:43 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. Roll call votes are possible but none are scheduled at this time.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act).

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

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act).

H. R. 1079 (Amend the IRS Code to extend the Airport and Airway Trust Fund). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 114 (Honoring Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. There will be a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). Roll Call votes are expected, but not scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned under the provisions of S. Res. 114 (Honoring Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro) at 7:03 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #40 (Mae D'Agostino to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York). There will be one hour debate followed by a roll call vote on the nomination.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #40 (Mae D'Agostino to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **88-0**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal #69 (Rear Adm. Brian Salerno to be Vice Admiral, US Coast Guard).

Cal. #70 (Vice Adm. John Currier to be Vice Admiral, US Coast Guard).

Cal. #71 (Vice Adm. Robert Parker to be Vice Admiral, US Coast Guard).

Cal. #72 (Vice Adm. Manson Brown to be Vice Admiral, US Coast Guard).

All nominations at the Secretary's desk in regards to National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association and the Coast Guard.

Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 493

(Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. Roll call votes are possible but none are scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 6:36 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to H. J. Res. 48 (Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011) for three hours of debate. At approximately 3:00 PM, the Senate will vote on passage of H.J. Res. 48. Following the vote, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #11 (Amy Berman to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia). There will be two minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act).

McConnell amend #183 (Prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change). Laid aside.

Landrieu 2nd degree amend #244 () to McConnell amend #183 (Prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change). Laid aside.

H. J. Res 48 (Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011). The resolution was agreed to by a vote of **87-13**.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #11 (Amy Berman to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia).The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **97-0**.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #48 (Michael Vickers to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 51 (190th Anniversary of the Independence of Greece). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 105 (Condemns the Dec. 19, 2010 elections in Belarus). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 106 (Recognizing 100th Anniversary of the Triange Shirtwaist Company fire in New York City). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 107 (National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 30 (Providing for a conditional adjournment of the House and a conditional recess or adjournment for the Senate). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 28, 2011, and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #40 (Mae D'Agostino to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of New York). There will be one hour debate followed by a roll call vote on the nomination.

The Senate adjourned under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 30 at 6:39 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to votes on the Nelson amend #182 (Sense of the Senate regarding the Federal budget and the Legislative Branch budget) and the Snowe amend #193 (Strike the Federal authorization of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation). Upon conclusion of the votes, the Senate will proceed with debate on the Casey amend #216, Cornyn amend #186, Sanders amend #207, Paul amend #199, a Democratic Amendment and Hutchison amend #197.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. J. Res. 48 (Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011). The Second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the resolution was placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act).

Nelson amend #182 (Sense of the Senate regarding the Federal budget and the Legislative Branch budget). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 98-1.

Snowe amend #193 (Strike the Federal authorization of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 99-0.

Casey amend #216 (Require contractors to notify small business concerns that have been included in offers relating to contracts let by Federal agencies). Laid aside.

Cornyn amend #186 (Establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending). Laid aside.

Paul amend #199 (To cut 200 billion in spending in fiscal year 2011). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #207 (Establish a point of order against any efforts to reduce benefits paid to Social Security recipients, raise the retirement age, or create private retirement accounts under title II of the Social Security Act). Laid aside.

Hutchison amend #197 (Delay the implementation of the health reform law in the United States until there is final resolution in pending lawsuits). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #184 (To provide a list of programs administered by every Federal department and agency). Laid aside.

Pryor amend #229 (To establish the Patriot Express Loan Program under which the Small Business Administration may make loans to members of the military community wanting to start or expand small business concerns). Laid aside.

McConnell amend #183 (To prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change). Laid aside.

Casey amend #216 (Require contractors to notify small business concerns that have been included in offers relating to contracts let by Federal agencies). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **99-0**.

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

Cal. #50 (Purl K. Keen to be Lt. General in the Army).

Cal. #51 (Martin Dempsey to be General in the Army)

Cal. #52 (Joseph Votel to be Lt. General in the Army)

Cal. #53 (Donald Rutherford to be Major General in the Army)

Cal. #54 (Donald Campbell to be Lt. General in the Army).

Cal. #55 (Thomas Conant to be Lt. General in the Marine Corps).

Cal. #56 (John Kelly to be Lt. General in the Marine Corps).

Cal. #57 (James Wisecup to be Vice Admiral in the Navy).

Cal. #58 (Joseph Kernan to be Vice Admiral in the Navy).

The Senate confirmed en bloc all nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. Con. Res. 27 (Providing for the acceptance of a statue of Gerald R. Ford from the people of Michigan for placement in the Capitol). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 94 (To express the Sense of the Senate in support of reducing its budget by at least 5%). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 103 (Providing for members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 17, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). Roll call votes are possible between 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to H. J. Res. 48 (Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011) for three hours of debate. At approximately 3:00 PM, the Senate will vote on passage of H.J. Res. 48. Following the vote, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #11 (Amy Berman to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia). There will be two minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 7:06 PM

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and proceed to the consideration of S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, Senator Coats will be recognized to deliver his maiden speech, and following his remarks, Senator Portman will be recognized to deliver his maiden speech. Roll call votes are possible throughout the day.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act).

Committee Reported amendments were agreed to by unanimous consent.

Nelson amend #182 (Sense of the Senate regarding the Federal budget and the Legislative Branch budget). Laid aside.

McConnell amend #183 (Prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change). Laid aside.

Nelson amend #182 (Sense of the Senate regarding the Federal budget and the Legislative Branch budget).

At 12:30 PM, the Senate recessed for party caucuses.

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

S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act).

Vitter amend #178 (To require the Federal Government to sell unused real Federal property). Laid aside.

Johanns amend #161 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements to payments made to corporations, payments for property and other gross proceeds, and rental property expense payments). Laid aside.

Snowe amend #193 (Strike the Federal authorization of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 96 (Congratulating the Army Dental Corps). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 7 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 8 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 9 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 48 (Further continuing resolution for fiscal year 2011). 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 Wednesday, March 16, 2011. There will be one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to votes on the Nelson amend #182 (Sense of the Senate regarding the Federal budget and the Legislative Branch budget) and the Snowe amend #193 (Strike the Federal authorization of the National Veterans Business Development Corporation). Upon conclusion of the votes, the Senate will proceed with debate on the Casey amend #216, Cornyn amend #186, Sanders amend #207, Paul amend #199, a Democratic Amendment and Hutchison amend #197.

The Senate adjourned at 7:14 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #10, James Boasberg to be the U. S. District Judge for the District of Columbia for one hour of debate. The Senate will then vote on confirmation of the nomination. The Senate will then proceed to a vote on Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011).

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #10 (James Boasberg to be the U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **96-0**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion is agreed to by a vote of **84-12**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 100 (World Plumbing Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 101 (Expressing the sense of the Senate relating to the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and proceed to the consideration of S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, Senator Coats will be recognized to deliver his maiden speech, and following his remarks, Senator Portman will be recognized to deliver his maiden speech. Roll call votes are possible throughout the day tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned at 7:19 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Max Cogburn to be a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will vote on Cal. #7 (Max Cogburn to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). At 10:30 AM, Senator Moran will be recognized in Morning Business to give his maiden speech.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #7 (Max Cogburn to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 96-0.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011). Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the Motion to Proceed to the bill. Sen. Reid withdrew his motion to proceed. The vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, March 14, 2011.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #41, Timothy Feighery to be Chairman of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for the term expiring September 30, 2012. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 14, 2011 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #10, James Boasberg to be the U. S. District Judge for the District of Columbia for one hour of debate. The Senate will then vote on confirmation of the nomination. The Senate will then proceed to a vote on Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 493 (Small Business Innovation Research SBIR and Small Business Technical Transfer STTR Reauthorization Act of 2011).

The Senate adjourned at 5:35 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Max Cogburn to be a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will vote on Cal. #7 (Max Cogburn to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). At 10:30 AM, Senator Moran will be recognized in Morning Business to give his maiden speech.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #7 (Max Cogburn to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 96-0.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 10:40 AM, the Senate will recess until 12:00 Noon for a Joint Meeting with the Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1 (The Defense Appropriations Long-Term Continuing Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2011). There will be three hours of debate on H.R. 1 and the Democratic alternative Inouye substitute amendment number 149. At approximately 3:00 PM, the Senate will vote on final passage of H.R. 1, and the vote on passage will be subject to a 60-vote threshold. If the bill achieves 60 affirmative votes, the bill will be read a third time and passed. If the bill does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, the Majority Leader will be recognized to offer the Inouye substitute amendment number 149. The Senate will then proceed to a vote in relation to the Inouye substitute amendment, and the vote on passage will be subject to a 60-vote threshold. If the Inouye substitute amendment achieves 60 affirmative votes, the substitute amendment will be agreed to, the bill as amended will be read a third time and passed. If the Inouye substitute amendment does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, H.R. 1 will be returned to the calendar.

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

The Senate recessed from 10:40 AM to 12:00 Noon for Joint Meeting of Congress with the Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia.

The Senate reconvened at 12:00 Noon.

H.R. 1 (The Defense Appropriations Long-Term Continuing Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2011). Under a unanimous consent agreement, the yeas and nays are ordered on the un-amended version of the bill with a 60 yea vote threshold. The bill was not agreed to by a vote of 44-56.

H.R. 1 (The Defense Appropriations Long-Term Continuing Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2011).

Inouye amend #149 (In Nature of a Substitute). Under a unanimous consent agreement, the yeas and nays are ordered on the amendment to the bill with a 60 yea vote threshold. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 42-58.

H.R. 1 (The Defense Appropriations Long-Term Continuing Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2011) was returned to the Legislative Calendar.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res 63 (National Asbestos Awareness Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 97 (Affirming the importance of exercise and physical being activity, as key components of a healthy lifestyle). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 10, 2011 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will convene to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Max Cogburn to be a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on Cal. #7 (Max Cogburn to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). Senators Moran and Coats will be recognized in Morning Business to give their maiden speeches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:02 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be a period of Morning Business for two hours. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for party caucuses. Votes are possible but not scheduled.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

The Senate recessed for party caucuses.

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

S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

Reid amend #152 (To provide an effective date). Withdrawn.

Reid amend #143 (To include public institutions of higher education in EPSCOR jurisdictions in the definition of a micro entity) as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

At approximately 6:15 PM, the Senate will vote on final passage of **S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill)**.

On Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1 (The Defense Appropriations Long-Term Continuing Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2011). There will be three hours of debate on H.R. 1 and the Democratic alternative Inouye substitute amendment number 149. At approximately 3:00 PM, the Senate will vote on final passage of H.R. 1, and the vote on passage will be subject to a 60-vote threshold. If the bill achieves 60 affirmative votes, the bill will be read a third time and passed. If the bill does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, the Majority Leader will be recognized to offer the Inouye substitute amendment number 149. The Senate will then proceed to a vote in relation to the Inouye substitute amendment, and the vote on passage will be subject to a 60-vote threshold. If the Inouye substitute amendment achieves 60 affirmative votes, the substitute amendment will be agreed to, the bill as amended will be read a third time and passed. If the Inouye substitute amendment does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, H.R. 1 will be returned to the calendar.

Reid vitiated the Cloture vote with respect to the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1 (The Defense Appropriations Long-Term Continuing Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2011).

S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill) as amended. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill as amended passed by a vote of **95-5**.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 10:40 AM, the Senate will recess until 12:00 Noon for a Joint Meeting with the Honorable Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1 (The Defense Appropriations Long-Term Continuing Resolution for the Fiscal Year 2011). There will be three hours of debate on H.R. 1 and the Democratic alternative Inouye substitute amendment number 149. At approximately 3:00 PM, the Senate will vote on final passage of H.R. 1, and the vote on passage will be subject to a 60-vote threshold. If the bill achieves 60 affirmative votes, the bill will be read a third time and passed. If the bill does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, the Majority Leader will be recognized to offer the Inouye substitute amendment number 149. The Senate will then proceed to a vote in relation to the Inouye substitute amendment, and the vote on passage will be subject to a 60-vote threshold. If the Inouye substitute amendment achieves 60 affirmative votes, the substitute amendment will be agreed to, the bill as amended will be read a third time and passed. If the Inouye substitute amendment does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, H.R. 1 will be returned to the calendar.

The Senate adjourned at 7:02 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session. At 5:30 PM on Monday, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will proceed to vote on the following nominations: Cal. #32 (Sue Myerscough to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois) - this nomination will be agreed to by voice vote; Cal. #33 (James Shadid to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois); and Cal. #4 (Anthony Battaglia to be US District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). Following the disposition of the nominations, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

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

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #32 (Sue Myerscough to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #33 (James Shadid to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 89-0.

Cal. #4 (Anthony Battaglia to be US District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 89-0.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill). The Motion to Invoke Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of 87-3.

S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

Baucus amend #141 (Clarify that section 14 shall not apply to an invention that is a computer program product of system used solely for preparing a tax or information return or other tax filing), as modified. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Reid amend #143 (Include public institutions of higher education in EPSCOR jurisdictions in the definition of a micro entity). Laid aside.

Reid second degree amend #152 (Provide an effective date) to Reid amend #143 (Include public institutions of higher education in EPSCOR jurisdictions in the definition of a micro entity). Laid aside.

S. Res. 55 (Support for the designation for a “Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran’s Day”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, March 8, 2011. There will be a period of Morning Business for two hours. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for party caucuses. Votes are possible but not scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business. There will be no votes during Friday's session of the Senate. At 5:30 PM on Monday, March 7, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will proceed to vote on the following nominations: Cal. #32 (Sue Myerscough to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois) - this nomination will be agreed to by voice vote; Cal. #33 (James Shadid to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois); and Cal. #4 (Anthony Battaglia to be US District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). Following the disposition of the nominations, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

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

Sen. Reid motion to proceed to H. R. 1 (Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2011) upon disposition of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill), agree to the Inouye amend #149 (Substitute amendment), proceed with four hours of debate on the bill, as amended, and vote on final passage of the bill at the conclusion of the debate with a 60 yea vote threshold was objected to by Sen. McConnell.

Sen. Reid motion to proceed to H. R. 1 (Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2011) upon disposition of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill) was objected to by Sen. McConnell.

Motion to proceed to H. R. 1 (Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2011). Sen. Reid filed a Cloture Motion on the Motion to Proceed to the bill and then withdrew his motion to proceed.

H. R. 4 (Repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements to corporations). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 7, 2011 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session. At 5:30 PM on Monday, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will proceed to vote on the following nominations: Cal. #32 (Sue Myerscough to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois) - this nomination will be agreed to by voice vote; Cal. #33 (James Shadid to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois); and Cal. #4 (Anthony Battaglia to be US District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). Following the disposition of the

nominations, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 1:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill). No votes are scheduled at this time.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

Feinstein amend #133 (To strike the first inventor to file requirement), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **87-13**.

Stabenow amend #126 (Designate the satellite office of the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office to be located in Detroit, Michigan as the "Elijah J. McCoy United States Patent and Trademark Office"). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 662 (Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2011). The bill was read for a third time and passed by voice vote.

S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

Leahy unanimous consent request to lay aside the pending amendment in order to call up Cardin amend #132 and pass the amendment by voice vote. Grassley objected on behalf of Coburn.

Bingaman amend #142 (To require the PTO to disclose the length of time between commencement of each inter partes and post-grant review and the conclusion of that review). Agreed to by voice vote.

Reid filed cloture on **S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill)**. The cloture vote will occur immediately after the judicial nomination votes on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 5:30 PM.

S. Res. 89 (Death of the longest surviving World War I veteran). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 90 (Supporting International Women's Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 91 (MS Awareness Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 92 (Senate Employee Contingent Fund). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations by voice vote:

Cal. #35 (Daniel Shields to be an Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam).

Cal. #36 (Pamela Spratlen to be an Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic).

Cal. #37 (Sue Brown to be an Ambassador to Montenegro).

Cal. #38 (David Lee Carden to be an Ambassador to the Association of Asian Nations).

Cal. #39 (Eric Postel to be an Assistant Administrator of USAID).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

At 5:30 PM on Monday, March 7, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will proceed to vote on the following nominations: Cal. #32 (Sue Myerscough to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois) - this nomination will be agreed to by voice vote; Cal. #33 (James Shadid to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois); and Cal. #4 (Anthony Battaglia to be US District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). Following the disposition of the nominations, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

H.R. 4 (Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act of 2011). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, March 4 and will be in a period of Morning Business. There will be no votes during Friday's session of the Senate. At 5:30 PM on Monday, March 7, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will proceed to vote on the following nominations: Cal. #32 (Sue Myerscough to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois) - this nomination will be agreed to by voice vote; Cal. #33 (James Shadid to be US District Judge for the Central District of Illinois); and Cal. #4 (Anthony Battaglia to be US District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). Following the disposition of the nominations, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 6:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session to consider S. J. Res. 44 (Two-week Continuing Resolution). The Senate will vote on the Continuing Resolution at 11:00 AM. Following the vote, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill). Additional roll call votes are expected to occur throughout the day.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 81 (Authorizing expenditures by Committees of the Senate). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. J. Res. 44 (Two-week Continuing Resolution). Yeas and nays ordered. The Resolution was read for a third time. **Final Passage.** The Joint Resolution was passed by a vote of **91-9**.

S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Bennett amend #117 (To establish additional USPTO satellite offices), as modified.

Kirk amend #123 (To provide a fast lane for small businesses within the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to receive information and support regarding patent filing issues).

Agreed to en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

Feinstein amend #133 (To strike the first inventor to file requirement). Laid aside.

Lee amend #115 (Express the sense of the Senate in support of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution). Yeas and nays ordered. By unanimous consent, the amendment requires 60 yeas for approval. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **58-40**.

Menendez amend #124 (Provide for prioritized examination for technologies important to American competitiveness), as amended. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded with a Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc:
Cal. #13, Lt. Gen. Eric Fiel to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #14, Col. Howard Stendahl to be Brigadier General in the Air Force. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #15, Maj. Gen. Ellen Pawlikowski to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #16, Maj. Gen. Michael Basla to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #17, Lt. Gen. Dennis Via to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #18, Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #19, Maj. Gen. Susan Lawrence to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #20, Maj. Gen. John Bednarek to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #21, Maj. Gen. Francis Wiercinski to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #22, Brig. Gen. Renaldo Rivera to be Major General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #23, Brig. Gen. William Buckler to be Major General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #24, Brig. Gen. Mark MacCarley to be Major General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #25, Col. Arlen Royalty to be Brigadier General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #26, Maj. Gen. Rhett Hernandez to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #27, Col. Johnny Sellers to be Brigadier General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #28, Col. Janson Boyles to be Brigadier General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #29, Maj. Gen. Vincent K. Brooks to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

Cal. #30, Multiple promotions from Brigadier General to Major General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

All nominations on Secretary's Desk. Approved all by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill). No votes are scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 6:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill). Roll call votes are expected throughout the day. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucuses.

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

H. R. 1 (Making appropriations for the Department of Defense and other departments and agencies of the U. S. Government). 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.

S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

Leahy amend #121 (Manager's Amendment). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #113 (To require that the Government give equal priority to payment of social security benefits and payment of all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached). Laid aside.

Leahy amend #121 (Manager's Amendment). Laid aside.

Kirk amend #123 (Provide a fast lane for small businesses within the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office to receive information and support regarding patent filing issues). Laid aside.

At 12:35 PM, the Senate recessed for party caucuses.

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

S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

Leahy amend #121 (Manager's Amendment), as modified. Laid aside.

Toomey amend #112 (To require that the government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached, provided that the government give equal priority to payment of social security benefits), as modified.

Leahy amend #121 (Manager's Amendment), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 97-2.

Toomey amend #112 (To require that the government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached, provided that the government give equal priority to payment of social security benefits), as modified. Baucus Motion to Table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of 52-47.

DeMint amend #113 (Requiring that the government give equal priority to payment of social security benefits and payment of all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event that the debt limit is reached), as amended. Withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

S. 388 (Prohibits Members of Congress and the President from pay during a government shutdown). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Menendez amend #124 (Provides for prioritized examination for technologies important to American competitiveness).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 83 (March 2, 2011 as Read Across America Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 84 (Expressing support for internal rebuilding, resettlement, and reconciliation within Sri Lanka that are necessary to ensure a lasting peace). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 85 (Strongly condemning the gross and systematic violations of human rights in Libya). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session to consider S. J. Res. 44 (Two-week Continuing Resolution). The Senate will vote on the Continuing Resolution at 11:00 AM. Following the vote, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill). Additional roll call votes are expected to occur throughout the day.

The Senate adjourned at 6:32 PM.