

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 8 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014). There will be two hours of debate on the resolution followed by votes, if necessary on the following: Mikulski amend #431 (equal pay); Ayotte amend #158 (prohibits budget with revenue increase while unemployment is above 5.5%); Cruz amend #202 (reserve fund to repeal PPACA and Education reconciliation); Murray amend #439 (side by side to Crapo PPACA); Crapo amend #222 (reserve fund re: repeal tax increase under PPACA for low and middle income Americans) and Shaheen amend #438 (women's health). Upon conclusion of the votes, there will be an additional two hours of debate, followed by votes on all remaining amendments to the bill.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 649 (Ensure that all individuals who should be prohibited from buying a firearm are listed in the national instant criminal background check system and require a background check for every firearm sale). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to and it was placed on the Senate Calendar.

S. Con. Res. 8 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014).

Mikulski amend #431 (Equal pay). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Ayotte amend #158 (Prohibits budget with revenue increase while unemployment is above 5.5%). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 45-54.

Cruz amend #202 (Reserve fund to repeal PPACA and Education reconciliation). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 45-54.

Murray amend #439 (Side by side to Crapo PPACA). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 99-0.

Crapo amend #222 (Reserve fund re: repeal tax increase under PPACA for low and middle income Americans). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 45-54.

Shaheen amend #438 (Women's health). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 56-43.

Udall (CO) amend #239 (To provide additional suppression resources to the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior for the protection of communities, homes, water supplies, utility infrastructure, and natural resources from catastrophic wildfires). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Fischer amend #630 (Shaheen side-by-side). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 44-55.

Menendez amend #651 (To call for a comprehensive approach for wage index reform). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 49-50.

Coburn amend #409 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to sunset the provision of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that increases payments to hospitals in a few states by reducing payments to the majority of states through the Medicare hospital wage index). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 68-31.

Whitehouse amend #646 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring that all revenue from a fee on carbon pollution is returned to the American people). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 41-58.

Blunt amend #261 (To create a point of order against legislation that would create a federal tax or fee on carbon emissions). Murray Point of Order that the amendment violates Section 305-B-2 of the Congressional Budget Act. Blunt Motion to Waive the applicable section. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of 53-46. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Boxer amend #622 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting the interests of the United States in making a decision relating to the Keystone XL pipeline). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 33-66.

Hoeven amend #494 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to promote investment and job growth in United States manufacturing, oil and gas production, and refining sectors through the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 62-37.

Enzi 2nd degree amend #656 (Of a perfecting nature). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 75-24.

Durbin amend #578 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to ensure marketplace fairness by allowing states to enforce state and local use tax laws). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Collins amend #144 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to restore a sensible definition of full-time employee for purposes of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Begich amend #341 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the labeling of genetically engineered fish). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Merkley amend #398 (To increase investment in high-impact breakthrough clean energy technologies through the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy of the Department of Energy). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Alexander amend #515 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund related to the education of low-income children, which may include allowing funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to follow children from low-income families to the school the children attend). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 39-60.

Rubio amend #292 (To express the sense of the Senate to enact the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act). Boxer Point of Order that the amendment violates Section 305-B-2 of the Congressional Budget Act. Rubio Motion to Waive the applicable section. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of 48-51. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Hagan amend #278 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for the families of United States service members and their families). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Isakson amend #138 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to establishing a biennial budget and appropriations process). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 68-31.

Warner amend #693 (To repeal or reduce the estate tax, but only if done in a fiscally responsible way). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 80-19.

Thune amend #307 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to permanently eliminate the Federal estate tax). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 46-53.

Sanders amend #198 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect the benefits of disabled veterans and their survivors, which may not include a chained CPI). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Burr amend #697 (To create a point of order against legislation that would raise taxes on veterans). Sanders Point of Order that the amendment violates Section 305-B-2 of the Congressional Budget Act. Burr Motion to Waive the applicable section. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of 45-54. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Reed amend #482 (To provide funding for low-income weatherization and energy efficient retrofit programs). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Paul amend #263 (In the nature of a substitute). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 18-81.

Landrieu amend #314 (To modify the deficit-neutral reserve fund for America's service members and veterans to include leases of major medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cornyn amend #247 (To ensure that if the President fails to submit his budget by the deadline set in law the OMB Director does not get paid until he submits a budget; and that any savings will reduce the deficit). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Menendez amend #606 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide for funding for the purposes of embassy or diplomatic security). The amendment is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Udall (NM) amend #483 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to a hardrock mineral royalty and fee reform). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Vitter amend #689 (To end "Too Big To Fail" subsidies or funding advantage for wall street mega-banks). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 99-0.

Tester amend #537 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to authorizing children who are eligible to receive health care furnished under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to retain such eligibility until age 26). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Toomey amend #535 (To repeal the tax increase on catastrophic medical expenses created by Obamacare). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 45-54.

Casey amend #442 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for state and local law enforcement). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Coats amend #514 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to enable prompt action relating to the Presidential exemption for the rule of the Environmental Protection Agency commonly known as the Mercury and Air Toxins Standard for affected electric utility steam generating units that need additional time to install the major emissions control equipment, construct replacement generation, or implement other mitigation measures in order to ensure the reliability of the grid). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 46-53.

Cardin amend #273 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve oral health care for children with Medicare coverage). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Lee amend #373 (To provide a point of order against budgets spending more on net interest payments on the debt than on national defense, and to ensure the United States government funds its military at higher levels than the militaries of foreign holders of debt). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 46-53.

McCaskill amend #366 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to support the transition of servicemembers to the civilian workforce by streamlining the process associated with Federal and state credentialing requirements). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Johnson (WI) #213 (To force Congress to ensure the solvency of the Social Security and Medicare programs). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 46-53.

Brown amend #455 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to establish a national network for manufacturing innovation that leverages private and public sector investments for proven United States based manufacturing industries). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Scott amend #597 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the prohibition of taxpayer dollars and resources being used to automatically deduct union dues from the pay of Federal employees). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 43-56.

Cardin amend #706 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to ensure that any carbon emissions standards must be cost effective, based on the best available science, and benefit low-income and middle class families). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Inhofe amend #359 (To reduce spending and decrease the risk of drastic energy price increases by prohibiting further greenhouse gas regulations for the purposes of addressing climate change). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 47-52.

Menendez amend #705 (To address the eligibility criteria for certain undocumented immigrant individuals with respect to certain health care insurance plans). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Sessions amend #614 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to achieve savings by prohibiting illegal immigrants or illegal immigrants granted legal status from qualifying for federally subsidized health care). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 43-56.

Merkley amend #696 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to facilitate the criminal prosecutions of financial institutions operating in the United States, regardless of size). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Roberts amend #187 (To prohibit the use of funds for promotional or marketing materials promoting the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act or its benefits). Not agreed to by Voice Vote.

Menendez amend #619 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to helping homeowners and small businesses mitigate against flood loss). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Portman amend #152 (To provide reconciliation instructions to reduce the deficit by \$68,860,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2014 through 2023). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43-56.

Johanns amend #624 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to restore families' health care flexibility by repealing the \$2500 federal cap on flexible spending accounts). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Corker amend #295 (To end a scoring gimmick that allows changes in mandatory program spending that do not save money to offset increased spending). Withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Burr amend #232 (To protect the American people and strengthen our national security by fully funding the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority and the BioShield Special Reserve Fund). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Wicker amend #538 (To increase the vote threshold required to waive a budget point of order prohibiting unfunded mandates in excess of limits). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Coburn amend #412 (To create a deficit-neutral reserve fund that addresses the nonprofit postal discount for state and national political committees). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Shelby amend #340 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for legislation that requires financial regulators to conduct rigorous cost-benefit analyses on all proposed rules). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 47-52.

Flake amend #225 (To prohibit earmarks). Withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Graham amend #329 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to broaden the effects of the sequester, including allowing Members of Congress to donate 20% of their salaries). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Heller amend #293 (Bureau of Land Management). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Boozman amend #527 (Imminent domain). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Portman amend #153 (Trade agreements). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Ayotte amend #136 (Prohibit funding for the Medium Extended Air Defense System). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 94-5.

Crapo amend #318 (Reconciliation instructions for health care savings). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 47-52.

The following amendments have been agreed to en bloc:

Shaheen amend #149

Blumenthal amend #577

Johnson #593

Manchin #316

Wyden #394

Baucus #267

Hagan #269

Franken #353

Cardin #453

Udall #192
Franken #479
Baucus #581
Casey #265
Sanders #594
Wyden #618
Levin #430, as modified
Manchin #499
Toomey #434
Coats #195
Hoeven #319
Ayotte #161
Kirk #671
Murkowski #672
Rubio #623
Alexander #348
Boozman #389
Heller #477
Hoeven #217
Enzi #489
Hoeven #655
Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

Barrasso amend #184 (Greenhouse gas emissions). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Paul amend #382 (Interstate Bridge Infrastructure). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 26-72.

Vitter amend #526 (Requires photo IDs for voting in federal elections). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 44-54.

Vitter amend #338 (Subsidized mobile phones). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 46-53.

Cruz amend #471 (Foreign assistance). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of 25-74.

Cruz amend #702 (United Nations). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 38-61.

Lee amend #673 (Firearms). Murray Point of Order that the amendment violates Section 305-B-2 of the Congressional Budget Act. Lee Motion to Waive the applicable section. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion is not agreed to by a vote of 50-49. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Lee amend #521 (Payments in Lieu of Taxes program). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Coburn amend #414 (Tax loopholes and special interest tax breaks). Withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Coburn amend #416 (Eliminates non-defense related spending by Department of Defense). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 43-56.

Coburn amend #709 (Consolidates federal programs). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 62-37.

Portman amend #154 (Macroeconomic feedback scoring of tax legislation). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 51-48.

Leahy amend #710 (United Nations Arms Trade Treaty). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Inhofe amend #139 (United Nations Arms Trade Treaty). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 53-46.

Durbin #525 (National Institutes of Health). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 8 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014), as amended. Final Passage. Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution, as amended, passed by a vote of 50-49.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #18 (Ketanji Jackson to be US District Judge for the District of Columbia).

Cal. #19 (Raymond Moore to be US District Judge for the District of Columbia).

Cal. #20 (Troy Nunley to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of California).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to the following nominations:

Cal. #55 (Lt. Gen. John Hyten to be Lt. General, Air Force).

Cal. #56 (Maj. Gen. Tod Wolters to be Lt. General, Air Force).

Cal. #57 (7 Brig. Generals to be Maj. Generals, Marine Corps).

Cal. #58 (Rear Adm. Bruce Grooms to be Vice Admiral, Navy).

All Air Force, Army, Marine Corps nominations at the desk.

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 37 (Olympics eliminating wrestling). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 11 (Adjournment resolution). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Unless the Senate receives a message from the House that it passed S. Con. Res. 11 (Adjournment Resolution), the Senate will convene for pro forma sessions only on the following days:

Tuesday, March 26th at 4:30 PM

Friday, March 29th at 10:30 AM

Tuesday, April 2 at 10:45 AM

Friday, April 5th at 3:00 PM

The Senate will then convene on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 2:00 PM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #14 (Patty Shwartz to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on Cal. #14 (Patty Shwartz to be US Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit).

The Senate adjourned at 5:22 AM on Saturday, March 23, 2013.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 8 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014). There will be 34 hours remaining on S. Con. Res. 8 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Con. Res. 8 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014).

Sessions Motion to Recommit S. Con. Res.8 (Budget Resolution) to the Committee on Budget with instructions to return a budget that balances the budget.

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent that the Senate will proceed to votes, if necessary, at approximately 8:10 PM tonight:

Sessions motion to recommit (Budget balance by 2023).

Murray amend #433 (Paul Ryan Budget).

Hatch amend #297 (Medical device repeal).

Stabenow amend #432 (Vouchers).

Grassley amend #156 (Reserve fund-tax reform).

Further, the Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Friday, March 22, 2013 and proceed with two hours of debate on the resolution followed by votes, if necessary on the following:

Mikulski amend #431 (Equal pay).

Ayotte amend #158 (Prohibits budget with revenue increase while unemployment is above 5.5%).

Cruz amend #202 (Reserve fund to repeal PPACA and Education reconciliation).

Murray amend #439 (Side by side to Crapo PPACA).

Crapo amend #222 (Reserve fund re: repeal tax increase under PPACA for low and middle income Americans).

Shaheen amend #438 (Women's health).

Upon conclusion of the votes, there will be an additional two hours of debate, followed by votes on remaining amendments.

S. Con. Res. 8 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014).

Sessions motion to recommit (Budget balance by 2023). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to recommit was not agreed to by a vote of 46-53.

Murray amend #433 (Paul Ryan Budget). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 40-59.

Hatch amend #297 (Promote innovation, preserve high-paying jobs, and encourage economic growth for manufacturers of lifesaving medical devices and cutting edge medical therapies). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 79-20.

Stabenow amend #432 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect Medicare's guaranteed benefits and to prohibit replacing guaranteed benefits with the House passed budget plan to turn Medicare into a voucher program). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 96-3.

Grassley amend #156 (Protect Americans from a one trillion tax increase and provide for pro-growth revenue-neutral comprehensive tax reform). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 45-54.

S. 540 (Designate an air route traffic control center). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 88 (Providing for members on the Joint Committee on Printing). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 89 (Designating March 25, 2013 as "National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res. 18 (Use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res. 19 (Use of the Capitol Grounds for the Soap Box Derby). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S 649 (Criminal Background Checks). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

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The Senate adjourned at 10:57 PM.

SENATE FLOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). At 11:15 AM, all post-cloture time will expire on the Mikulski substitute amendment, the Durbin 2nd degree amend #123 (technical correction) to Toomey amend #155 will be withdrawn and the Senate will proceed to a vote on Toomey amend #155 (To increase by \$60,000,000 the amount appropriated for Operation and Maintenance for the Department of Defense). Upon disposition of the Toomey amendment, the Senate will then proceed to vote on Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment). Upon disposition of the substitute amendment, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). If cloture is invoked on H.R. 933, the 30 hours of post-cloture debate will begin to run as if cloture were invoked at 1:00 AM Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Also, if cloture is invoked on H.R. 933 and time is not yielded back, the vote on final passage of H.R. 933 will occur the morning of Thursday, March 21, 2013.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013).

Mikulski unanimous consent request that the three votes scheduled for 11:15 AM be postponed until 2:00 PM. Further votes on amendments to H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013) are expected at 2:00 PM. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

Ayotte motion to proceed to her amend#127 (Strike funds for the Medium Extended Air Defense System and make such funds available instead for Operation and Maintenance for the DoD) objected to by Reid.

Moran motion to proceed to his amend #55 (Provide for the continued operation of 189 air traffic control towers) was objected to Reid.

At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote the following amendments:

Coburn amend #69 (Prohibits Urban Area Security Initiative Grants not improving homeland security). The amendment is subject to a 60-year vote threshold for adoption.

Coburn amend #93 (Transfers appropriations from National Heritage Partnership Program to fund White House public tours, maintenance at public parks/monuments). The amendment is subject to a 60-year vote threshold for adoption.

Coburn amend #65 (National Science Foundation funding), as modified. The amendment is subject to a 60-year vote threshold for adoption.

Coburn amend #70 (Authorizing Committees to receive information from Homeland Security), as modified. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption.

Inhofe amend #72 (Requires Secretaries of Military Departments to carry out tuition assistance programs), as modified. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption.

Mikulski amend #98 (Technical corrections), as modified. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption.

Leahy amend #129 (Cluster munitions), as modified. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption.

Pryor amend #82 (Meat inspectors). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption.

Toomey amend #115 (Bio-fuels), as modified. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption.

Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment).

The Senate will then proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). If cloture is invoked, all post-cloture debate time will be yielded back and the Senate will vote on Final Passage of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013).

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013).

Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment).

Coburn amend #69 (Prohibits Urban Area Security Initiative Grants not improving homeland security). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **48-51**.

Coburn amend #93 (Transfer appropriations from the National Heritage Partnership Program to fund the resumption of public tours of the White House and visitor services and maintenance at national parks and monuments). The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **45-54**.

Coburn amend #65 (Prohibit the use of funds to carry out the functions of the Political Science Program in the Division of Social and Economic Sciences of the Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences of the National Science Foundation, except for research projects that the Director of the National Science Foundation certifies as promoting national security or the economic interests of the United States). Agreed to by voice vote, as modified.

Coburn amend #70 (Ensure that authorizing committees receive timely information from the Department of Homeland Security), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Inhofe amend #72 (Require the Secretaries of the military departments to carry out tuition assistance programs authorized by law), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Mikulski amend #98 (Technical corrections), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Leahy amend #129 (Regarding cluster munitions), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Pryor amend #82 (Regarding food safety inspection service). Agreed to by voice vote.

Toomey amend #115 (Biofuels program), as modified. The amendment is subject to a 60-year vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 40-59.

Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment). The amendment is subject to a 60-year vote threshold for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of 70-29.

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). Motion to invoke cloture. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 63-36. Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, all post-cloture time is yielded back.

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013), as amended. Final passage. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of 73-26.

S. Con. Res. 8 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 67 (Gold Star Wives Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 84 (Independence of Greece 100th anniversary). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 85 (National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 8 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014). There will be 34 hours remaining on S. Con. Res. 8 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2014).

The Senate adjourned at 10:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013).

Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment).

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

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

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013).

Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment).

Reid offered a number of Unanimous Consent requests including amendments and final passage. Objected to by Sen. Moran.

S. Res. 81 (Commemorating 40th Anniversary of National Ag Day). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 and will resume consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). At 11:15 AM, all post-cloture time will expire on the Mikulski substitute amendment, the Durbin 2nd degree amend #123 (technical correction) to Toomey amend #155 will be withdrawn and the Senate will proceed to a vote on Toomey amend #155 (To increase by \$60,000,000 the amount appropriated for Operation and Maintenance for the Department of Defense). Upon disposition of the Toomey amendment, the Senate will then proceed to vote on Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment). Upon disposition of the substitute amendment, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). If cloture is invoked on H.R. 933, the 30 hours of post-cloture debate will begin to run as if cloture were invoked at 1:00 AM Wednesday, March 20, 2013. Also, if cloture is invoked on H.R. 933 and time is not yielded back, the vote on final passage of H.R. 933 will occur the morning of Thursday, March 21, 2013.

The Senate adjourned at 6:39 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013

The Senate will reconvene at 2:00 PM and will resume consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will have either a cloture vote on Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment) or a vote on an amendment relative to H.R. 933.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The following bills received their second reading en bloc:

S. 582 (Approve the Keystone XL Pipeline).

S. 583 (A bill to implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person).

Further consideration of the bills was objected to en bloc.

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013).

Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment).

Reid announced the vote at 5:30 PM today will be on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment).

Blunt unanimous consent request to call up Blunt amend #43 (To provide flexibility to agencies on determining what employees are essential personnel in implementing the sequester). Mikulski objected.

Sen. Reid unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to the consideration of nine amendments with votes on the amendments and final passage of H. R. 933. Objected to by Sen. Ayotte Objected.

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013).

Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture on the amendment was agreed to by a vote of 63-35.

S. Res. 66 (Designating the first week of April 2013 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week"). Agreed to by unanimous week.

S. Res. 79 (Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for Party Caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 7:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). At approximately 11:15 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on Harkin amend #53 (To insert the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 558 (Prohibit the Administrator of the EPA from awarding any grant). 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. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013).

Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment). For the purpose of this bill, the substitute amendment will serve as original text.

Harkin amend #53 (To insert the Departments of Labor, Health and human Services, and Education Appropriations Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **54-45**.

Coburn amend #66 (To temporarily freeze the hiring of nonessential Federal employees). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **45-54**.

The Senate recessed from 1:02-2:15 PM for party caucuses.

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

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013).

Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment). For the purpose of this bill, the substitute amendment will serve as original text.

Inhofe amend #29 (To prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds to enforce the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule of the Environmental Protection Agency against farmers). The amendment as modified was agreed to by **unanimous consent**.

Toomey amend #155 (To increase by \$60,000,000 the amount appropriated for Operation and Maintenance for the Department of Defense). Laid aside.

Durbin 2nd degree amend #123 (technical correction) to Toomey amend #155 (To increase by \$60,000,000 the amount appropriated for Operation and Maintenance for the Department of Defense).

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The following bills received their first reading en bloc:

S. 582 (Approve the Keystone XL Pipeline).

S. 583 (Right to Life Act).

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

The Senate will reconvene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 18 2013 and will resume consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will have either a cloture vote on Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment) or a vote on an amendment relative to H.R. 933.

The Senate adjourned at 7:37 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of Motion to Proceed to H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013). The Cloture Motion was withdrawn. Motion to Proceed was agreed to.

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013).

Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment). For the purpose of this bill, the substitute amendment will serve as original text.

Cruz amend # (Prohibit use of funds to carry out the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 45-52.

Harkin amend #53 (To insert the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act). Laid aside.

McCain amend #33 (To strike certain authorities relating to the use for grants of funds of the Office of Economic Assistance of the Department of Defense). Durbin Motion to Table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table is not agreed to by a vote of 48-50. The amendment is agreed to by Voice Vote.

Inhofe amend #29 (To prohibit the expenditure of Federal funds to enforce the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure rule of the Environmental Protection Agency against farmers).

Mikulski amend #26 (Substitute amendment). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment.

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013). Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the bill.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 76 (Names Room S-126 in U.S. Capitol as Daniel K. Inouye Room). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 558 (To prohibit the administrator of the EPA from awarding any grant, contract, cooperative agreement or other financing assistance under Section 103 of the Clean Air Act for any program, project or activity outside the United States). The bill was read for a first time. Further readings were objected to and the bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 14, 2013 and will resume consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013). At approximately 11:15 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on Harkin amend #53 (To insert the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:44 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. The Senate is expected to begin consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013) following the caucus lunches.

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

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013).

The Senate recessed for Party Caucuses.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 13, 2013. The Senate will resume consideration of Motion to Proceed to H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013).

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations:
Cal. #9 (Richard Taranto to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit).
Cal. #17 (Andrew Gordon to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Nevada).
There will be at least one roll call vote beginning at 5:30 PM on the Taranto nomination. It was announced the Senate should expect consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013) this week.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 505 (Prohibit the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within the United States). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #9 (Richard Taranto to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **91-0**.

Cal. #17 (Andrew Gordon to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Nevada). The nomination was confirmed by **voice vote**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

H. Con. Res. 14 (Use of Rotunda for Holocaust Memorial Ceremony). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res. 20 (Use of Rotunda for Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 12 (3rd Anniversary of the 2010 Haiti Earthquake). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 74 (International Women's Day). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. The Senate is expected to begin consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of

Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013) following the caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 8:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of Cal. #43, John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #43 (John Owen Brennan to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency).

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM until 2:00 PM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate reconvened at 2:00 PM.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #43 (John Owen Brennan to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency). The Cloture Motion is agreed to by a vote of 81-16.

Cal. #43 (John Owen Brennan to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 63-34.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013). The bill is placed on the calendar.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 71 ()

S. Res. 72 ()

S. Res. 73 ()

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

S. 505 (Prohibits the use of drones to kill citizens of the United States within the United States). The bill is read for a first time. A second reading was objected to, and the bill will be read for a second time on the next calendar day.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 11, 2013 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. #9 (Richard Taranto to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit).

Cal. #17 (Andrew Gordon to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Nevada).

There will be at least one roll call vote beginning at 5:30 PM on the Taranto nomination. It was announced the Senate should expect consideration of H.R. 933 (Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013) to begin next week.

The Senate adjourned at 4:44 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2013

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #13, Caitlin Halligan to be U. S. Circuit Judge of the District of Columbia. The Senate will vote on cloture on the Halligan nomination at 10:30 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #13, Caitlin Halligan to be U. S. Circuit Judge of the District of Columbia. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination was not agreed to by a vote of **51-41**.

Sen. Reid announced his hope to proceed to PN48, John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency today.

Sen. Reid motion to proceed to PN43, John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency with 90 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. Objected to by Sen. Paul.

Cal #43, John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Sen. Durbin filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 7, 2013. The Senate will resume consideration of Cal. #43, John Owen Brennan, of Virginia, to be Director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for Party Caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 12:41 AM

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2013

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Morning Business until 11:45 AM. The Senate will then proceed to S. Res. 64 (Resolution authorizing expenditures by Committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013). At 12:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Paul amendment (striking provisions relative to the National Security Working Group). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 64 (Resolution authorizing expenditures by Committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013).

Paul amend #25 (striking provisions relative to the National Security Working Group). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 44-53.

S. Res. 64 (Resolution authorizing expenditures by Committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013). The resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:53 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #13, Caitlin Halligan to be U. S. Circuit Judge of the District of Columbia.

The following nominations were confirmed en bloc by unanimous consent:

Cal. #27 (Army Nomination)

Cal. #28 (Army Nomination – except for Col. Scott C. Long)

Cal. #29 (Army Nomination)

Cal. #30 (Army Nomination)

Cal. #31 (Army Nomination)

Cal. #32 (Army Nomination)

Cal. #33 (Army Nomination)

Cal. #34 (Army Nomination)

Cal. #35 (Army Nomination)

Cal. #36 (Marine Corps Nomination)

Cal. #37 (Navy Nomination)

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 and will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #13, Caitlin Halligan to be U. S. Circuit Judge of the District of Columbia. The Senate will vote on cloture on the Halligan nomination at 10:30 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2013

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations: Cal. #15 (Pamela Ki Mai Chen of New York to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York) and Cal. #16 (Katharine Polka Faila of New York to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York). The Senate will proceed to two votes on confirmation of the nominations at 5:30 PM. On Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to S. Res. 64 (Authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013). There will be 30 minutes of debate on a Paul amendment (Striking provisions relative to the National Security Working Group), followed by a vote on the amendment. Upon disposition of the amendment, the Senate will proceed to a vote on adoption of the resolution.

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

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #15 (Pamela Ki Mai Chen of New York to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #16 (Katharine Polka Faila of New York to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 91-0.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

Motion to proceed to the nomination of Cal. #13 (Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit). Motion to proceed was agreed to.

Cal. #13 (Caitlin Joan Halligan, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit). Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 5, 2013. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business until 11:45 AM. The Senate will then proceed to S. Res. 64 (Resolution authorizing expenditures by Committees of the Senate for the period March 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013.). At 12:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Paul amendment (striking provisions relative to the National Security Working Group). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for Party Caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 6:32 PM