

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2012**

The Senate convened for a Pro Forma only Session at 10:00 AM.

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

Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM

Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM

Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM

Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM

Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 and that at 5:30 PM, all post-cloture time on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsmen's Act of 2012) will be yielded back and the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate adjourned at 9:30 AM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**

The Senate convened for a Pro Forma only Session at 9:30 AM.

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

Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 AM

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

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Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 and that at 5:30 PM, all post-cloture time on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsmen's Act of 2012) will be yielded back and the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate adjourned at 9:30 AM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon and will proceed to a period of Leader time. Unless an agreement is reached, the next vote is scheduled for 1:00 AM on Saturday, September 22, 2012 and will be on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of Leader time.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsmen's Act of 2012).**

S. 3607 (A bill to approve the Keystone X.L. Pipeline). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsmen's Act of 2012).**

The following Unanimous Consent request is agreed to:

That at 11:30 PM, there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided between the Majority Leader and Senator Paul, or their designees; that following the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to votes in relation to the following items in the order listed below:

S. 3576 (A bill to provide limitations on United States assistance). Final Passage. Subject to a 60-affirmative vote threshold.

S.J. Res. 41 (A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the nuclear program of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran). Final Passage.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).

If cloture is invoked on H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution), the pending amendments will be withdrawn and the Senate will proceed to vote on passage of H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution); immediately following that vote, the Senate proceed to the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsmen's Act of 2012). If Cloture is not invoked on H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution), the Senate will proceed to the cloture vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsmen's Act of 2012). The Majority Leader will then be recognized.

The Senate recessed from 6:22-11:30 PM.

The Senate convened at 11:30 PM and resumed a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsmen's Act of 2012). Laid aside.**

**S. 3576 (A bill to provide limitations on United States assistance). Final passage.** Yeas and nays ordered. The bill is subject to a 60-affirmative vote threshold for passage. The bill is not agreed to by a vote of **10-81**.

**S.J. Res. 41 (A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the nuclear program of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran).** Yeas and nays ordered. The joint resolution is passed by a vote of **90-1**.

**H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution). Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion is agreed to by a vote of **62-30**. Under a previous order, the pending amendments are withdrawn.

**H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution). Final Passage.** Yeas and nays ordered. The joint resolution passed by a vote of **62-30**.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsmen's Act of 2012). Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was invoked by a vote of **84-7**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

- Cal. #456 (Albert DiClemente to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors).
- Cal. #714 (Heidi Shyu to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army).
- Cal. #880 (Maj. Gen. Christopher Bogdan to be Lt. General in U.S. Air Force).
- Cal. #881 (Col. Jon Weeks to be Brig. General in the Air Force Reserve).
- Cal. #882 (Brig. Gen. Andrew Mueller to be Major General in the U.S. Air Force).
- Cal. #883 (Brig. Gen. Donald Dunbar to be Major General in the Air Force Reserve).
- Cal. #884 (Col. Gerard Bolduc Jr. to be Brig. General in the Air Force Reserve).
- Cal. #885 (Col. Matthew Jamison to be Brig. General in the Air Force Reserve).
- Cal. #886 (Col. David Smith to be Brig. General in the Army Reserve).
- Cal. #887 (Michaelene Kloster to be Brig. General in the Army Reserve).
- Cal. #888 (Col. Garrett Yee to be Brig. General in the Army Reserve).
- Cal. #889 (Brig. General Deborah Ashenhurst to be Maj. General in the Army Reserve).
- Cal. #890 (2 Brig. Generals to be Major Generals in the Army Reserve).
- Cal. #891 (Brig. General to be Maj. General; Col. to be Brig. General in the Army Reserve).
- Cal. #892 (Brig. General Michael Smith to be Maj. General in the Army Reserve).
- Cal. #893 (Brig. Gen. David Conboy to be Maj. General in the Army Reserve).
- Cal. #894 (Maj. Gen. Frederick Hodges to be Lt. General in the U.S. Army).
- Cal. #895 (Maj. Gen. Mark Bowman to be Lt. General in the U.S. Army).
- Cal. #896 (Col. Ural Glanville to be Brig. General in the Army Reserve).
- Cal. #897 (Rear Adm. James Syring to be Vice Admiral in the U.S. Navy).
- Cal. #898 (Sharon Villarosa to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius).
- Cal. #899 (Dawn Liberi to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi).
- Cal. #900 (Stephen Mull to be Ambassador to the Republic of Poland).
- Cal. #901 (Walter North to be Ambassador to Papua New Guinea).
- Cal. #902 (Richard Olson to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan).

Cal. #903 (Joseph Macmanus to be Representative of the US to the Vienna Office of the United Nations).

Cal. #904 (Joseph Macmanus to be Representative of the US to the International Atomic Energy Agency).

Cal. #905 (John Isakson to be Representative of the US to the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations).

Cal. #906 (Patrick Leahy to be Representative of the US to the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations).

Cal. #907 (William Brownfield, Kristie Kenney and Thomas Shannon Jr. to be Career Ambassadors).

Cal. #908 (Emil Kang to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts).

Cal. #910 (Kevin Washburn to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior).

All the nominations placed on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Armed Services, Navy and Health Services.

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

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

PN 1958 (Kenneth Boyd to be Lt. Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard).

PN 1879 (Foreign Service nominations beginning with Michael Lewis and ending with Carolyn Shuckerow).

PN 1880 (Foreign Service nominations beginning with Bridget Bittle and ending with David Zanni).

PN 1923 (Robert Beecroft to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq).

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

Cal. #674 (Gonzalo Curiel to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of California). Confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #675 (Robert Shelby to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Utah). Confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 1956 (European Union Emissions Trading Scheme Prohibition Act of 2011). Committee substitute, the Cardin and the Merkely amendments were agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 4850 (Enabling Energy Saving Innovations Act). Bingaman amendment agreed to by UC. Shaheen amendment agreed to by UC. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by UC.

H.R. 915 (Establishes a border security enforcement task force). Substitute amendment agreed to by UC. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 6215 (Amends the Trademark Act of 1946). The bill is agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 2706 (Prohibits the sale of bill fish). The bill is agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 466 (Calling for the release from prison of the former Prime Minister of the Ukraine). Durbin amendment agreed to by UC. Substitute amendment agreed to by UC. The resolution, as amended, is agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 3566 (Designates the US Courthouse in Buffalo, NY). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1791 (Designates the US Courthouse in Ft. Pierce, FL). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4347 (Designates the US Courthouse in Juneau, AK). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3311 (Designates the US Courthouse in Billings, MT). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 50 (Sense of Congress regarding actions to preserve and advance the multistakeholder governance model). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3486 (Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act of 2012). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3193 (Makes technical corrections to the legal description of certain land). Akaka amendment agreed to by UC. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 6431 (International Financial Institutions for Burma). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2453 (Mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain). Blumenthal amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 6433 (Makes corrections with respect to food and drug user fees). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4158 (To confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4223 (Amends Title 18, US Code to prohibit theft of medical products). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 6375 (Authorizes DVA projects). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3315 (Repeals or modifies certain mandates of the GAO). Substitute amendment agreed to by UC. Lieberman amendment agreed to by UC. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Message from the House on S. 300 (Government Charge Card Abuse Prevention Act of 2012). Senate concurs in the House amendment by Unanimous Consent.

Message from the House on S. 710 (Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest Establishment Act). Senate concurs in the House amendment by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2838 (Authorizes appropriations for the Coast Guard for 2012-2015). Rockefeller amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3341 (Requires a quadrennial diplomacy and development review). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 5512 (Amends Title 28, US Code, to realign two judicial districts). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 6189 (Office of Justice Programs). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1272 (Provides for the use and distribution of funds). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2240 (Authorizes exchange of land or interest of land). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2606 (Natural Gas Pipe Line Facilities). Bingaman amendment agreed to by UC. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2139 (Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3624 (Amends Section 31-311 of Title 49, US Code). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3625 (Changes the effective date of the Internet publication). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 448 (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hadassah). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 472 (Operation Enduring Freedom Veteran's Day). Enzi amendment agreed to by UC. Resolution agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 558 (2012 Nevada Olympians). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 555 (National Save for Retirement Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 561 (National Native American Heritage Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 576

S. Res. 577

S. Res. 578

S. Res. 579

S. Res. 580  
S. Res. 581  
S. Res. 582  
S. Res. 583  
S. Res. 584  
S. Res. 585  
S. Res. 586  
S. Res. 587  
S. Res. 588  
S. Res. 589

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

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The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 and that at 5:30 PM, all post-cloture time on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsmen's Act of 2012) will be yielded back and the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate adjourned on Saturday, September 22 at 4:03 AM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and the Majority Leader be recognized. At 2:00 PM, all post-cloture time on the Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) will be considered expired and the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Proceed. Following the vote, the Majority Leader will be recognized.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of Leader time.

S. 3576 (Provide limitations on United States assistance). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

### **Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).**

Senator Reid asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to an Executive Session and consider the following nominations:

Cal. #674 (Gonzalo Curiel to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of California).

Cal. #675 (Robert Shelby to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Utah).

Cal. #676 (Michael Shea to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut).

Cal. #677 (Marcilynn Burke to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior).

Cal. #818 (Brian Davis to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Florida).

Cal. #829 (Jesus Bernal to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California).

Cal. #830 (Lorna Schofield to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York).

Cal. #832 (Frank Geraci, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of New York).

Cal. #833 (Fernando Olguin to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California).

Cal. #834 (Matthew Brann to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania).

Cal. #835 (Malachy Mannion to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania).

Cal. #875 (Thomas Durkin to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois).

Cal. #876 (William Orrick III to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California).

Cal. #877 (Jon Tigar to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California).

Objected to by Senator McConnell.

**Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed is agreed to by a vote of 67-31.

### **H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).**

Reid amend #2844 (Perfecting amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #2845 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #2844 (Perfecting amendment).

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).

Reid Motion to Commit H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) to the Committee on Appropriations with Instructions to report back with an amend #2846 (Perfecting amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2847 (Perfecting amendment) to the Instructions on the Motion to Commit amend #2846 (Perfecting amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #2848 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #2847 (Perfecting amendment).

Reid Motion to Proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsmen's Act of 2012).

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsmen's Act of 2012).

Reid announced there will be no further votes during today's session of the Senate.

McConnell unanimous consent request that at 5:00 PM today, the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. 3576 (Limiting United States foreign aid assistance), that there be up to two hours of debate, that upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the bill; that the vote on passage be subject to a 60-vote affirmative threshold; that if the bill does not achieve 60 affirmative votes, it be considered as having been read twice and placed on the calendar; that following the vote on passage of S. 3576, the Senate proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 41 (A joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the nuclear program of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran), that there be up to 60 minutes of debate; that upon the use or yielding back of that time the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the joint resolution; that if the joint resolution is not passed, it be returned to the calendar; that following the vote on the joint resolution, the Senate resume consideration of H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution); there be up to 30 minutes of debate prior to vote on passage; and that the vote be subject to a 60-vote affirmative threshold. Reid objected.

The Senate recessed from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM for a Senators-only briefing.

The Senate reconvened at 5:08 PM.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 3607 (A bill to approve the Keystone X.L. Pipeline). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Friday, September 21, 2012 and will proceed to a period of Leader time. Unless an agreement is reached, the next vote is scheduled for 1:00 AM on Saturday, September 22, 2012 and will be on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).

The Senate adjourned at 8:22 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps) under the previous order (see below). At 12:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Reid Motion to Waive the McConnell Budget Point of Order against the Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. Additionally, at 2:15 PM, if the Senate receives H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) from the House, it will be in order to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent that on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 the Senate will resume consideration of S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps). Sen. McConnell will be recognized to raise a Budget Point of Order against the Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). Sen. Reid will then be recognized for a Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order. On Wednesday, at 12:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to waive. If the Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order is not agreed to, cloture motions with respect to the Murray Substitute Amendment and the underlying bill will be withdrawn and the bill will be returned to the calendar. Finally, when the Senate receives H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution), it will be placed on the Senate Calendar. On Wednesday, September 19, it will be in order for Sen. Reid to move to proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) and file Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill. If a Cloture Motion is filed, the vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) will occur at 2:15 PM on Wednesday, September 19.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 5949 (FISA Amendments Act Reauthorization Act of 2012). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 3521 (Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act of 2012).** Laid aside.

**S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).**

Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). Sessions makes a Point of Order that the Substitute amendment violates Section 302-A of the Budget Act. Durbin Motion to Waive the applicable sections of the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order is not agreed to by a vote of **58-40**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment fails. Under a previous Unanimous Consent order, the cloture motions with respect to the Murray Substitute Amendment and the underlying bill are withdrawn and the bill is returned to the calendar.

Reid withdrew the Motion to Proceed to S. 3521 (Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act of 2012).

**Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).** Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

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

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

**Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion on the Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of 76-22.

Hatch Unanimous Consent request that the Committee on Finance be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 50 (A joint resolution disapproving a rule submitted by H.H.S. regarding welfare waivers), that there be two hours of debate on the motion to proceed, and that the Senate then proceed to a vote on the adoption of the motion to proceed. Cardin objected.

**Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).**

Reid asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to S. 3525 (Sportsman Act of 2012). Objected to by Sen. Kyl.

**Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).**

Reid asks Unanimous Consent the Senate proceed to consideration of S. 3576 (Paul amendment), that there be up to 60 minutes of debate and the Senate proceed to vote on passage of the bill subject to a 60-yea vote for passage, and upon disposition of S. 3576 (Paul amendment), the Senate proceed to S. J. Res. 41 (Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the nuclear program of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran), that there be up to 60 minutes of debate and that the Senate proceed to passage on the Joint Resolution. Upon disposition of S. J. Res. 41 (Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the nuclear program of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran), the Senate proceed to H.J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution), that there be 60 minutes of debate and the Senate then proceed to vote on passage of the joint resolution subject to a 60-yea vote for passage. Objected to by Senator Kyl.

Senator Reid asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to H.R. 8 (Job Protection and Recession Prevention Act of 2012), that all after the clause be stricken, the text of S. 3412 (Middle Class Tax Cut Act) be inserted in lieu thereof that and that the bill, as amended, be agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Objected to by Senator Kyl. Kyl asked Unanimous Consent that the agreement be modified rather than amending H.R. 8 (Job Protection and Recession Prevention Act of 2012) would be considered and read a third time and passed. Objected to by Senator Reid.

Senator Reid asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to H.R. 9 (Small Business Tax Cut Act) and be read a third time and agreed to. Objected to by Senator Kyl. Kyl asked Unanimous Consent that the House-passed bill H.R. 8 (Job Protection and Recession Prevention

Act of 2012) be added to the Baucus amendment, read a third time and passed as amended.  
Objected to by Senator Reid.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 562 ()

S. Res. 563 ()

S. Res. 564 ()

S. Res. 565 ()

S. Res. 566 ()

S. Res. 567 ()

S. Res. 568 ()

S. Res. 569 ()

S. Res. 570 ()

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

S. Res. 557 (Honoring the contributions of Lodi Gari, a special envoy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in promoting the rights of the Tibetan people). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3567 (Provides limitations on United States assistance). The bill is read for the first time. Further readings were objected to and the bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 20, 2012 and the Majority Leader be recognized. At 2:00 PM, all post-cloture time on the Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) will be considered expired and the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Proceed. Following the vote, the Majority Leader will be recognized.

The Senate adjourned at 7:25 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012**

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 17, 2012 for a Pro Forma session only. The Senate will then convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 and will resume S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps) under the previous order (see below). At 12:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Reid Motion to Waive the McConnell Budget Point of Order against the Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. Additionally, at 2:15 PM, if the Senate receives H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) from the House, it will be in order to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent that on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 the Senate will resume consideration of S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps). Sen. McConnell will be recognized to raise a Budget Point of Order against the Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). Sen. Reid will then be recognized for a Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order. On Wednesday, at 12:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to waive. If the Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order is not agreed to, cloture motions with respect to the Murray Substitute Amendment and the underlying bill will be withdrawn and the bill will be returned to the calendar. If the Motion to Waive is agreed to, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, the Motion to Commit the bill will be withdrawn and that all pending amendments will be withdrawn with the exception of the pending Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). If cloture is invoked, the remaining post-cloture time be yielded back and the Senate will proceed to vote on Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). Following that vote, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 3457, as amended. If cloture is invoked, the post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will proceed to vote on passage of the bill. If cloture is not invoked on the Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment), the Cloture Motion on the underlying bill will be withdrawn. Finally, when the Senate receives H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution), it will be placed on the Senate Calendar. On Wednesday, September 19, it will be in order for Sen. Reid to move to proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) and file Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill. If a Cloture Motion is filed, the vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) will occur at 2:15 PM on Wednesday, September 19.

The Senate convened for a Pro Forma Session.

The Senate adjourned at 2:00 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and the Leader will be recognized. If no time is yielded back, there will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Substitute Amendment to S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps) at approximately 1:00 AM Friday. If cloture is invoked, the 30 hours post-cloture debate time will expire at approximately 7:30 AM Saturday. The Senate will then vote on adoption of the Substitute Amendment, and then immediately vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps). If cloture is invoked, the 30 hours post-cloture debate time will expire at approximately 2:30 PM Sunday. The Senate would then vote on S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of Leader time.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 3521 (Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act of 2012). Laid aside.**

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent that on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 the Senate will resume consideration of S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps). Sen. McConnell will be recognized to raise a Budget Point of Order against the Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). Sen. Reid will then be recognized for a Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order. On Wednesday, at 12:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to waive. If the Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order is not agreed to, cloture motions with respect to the Murray Substitute Amendment and the underlying bill will be withdrawn and the bill will be returned to the calendar. If the Motion to Waive is agreed to, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, the Motion to Commit the bill will be withdrawn and that all pending amendments will be withdrawn with the exception of the pending Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). If cloture is invoked, the remaining post-cloture time be yielded back and the senate will proceed to vote on Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). Following that vote, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 3457, as amended. If cloture is invoked, the post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will proceed to vote on passage of the bill. If cloture is not invoked on the Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment), the Cloture Motion on the underlying bill will be withdrawn. Finally, when the Senate receives H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution), it will be placed on the Senate Calendar. On Wednesday, September 19, it will be in order for Sen. Reid to move to proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) and file Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill. If a Cloture Motion is filed, the vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) will occur at 2:15 PM on Wednesday, September 19.

S. 3552 (Reauthorize the Federal Insecticide and Fungicide Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. J. Res 44 (Granting the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 401 (Expressing appreciation for Foreign Service and Civil Service Professionals who represent the United States around the globe). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 5949 (Act to extend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 for five years). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00PM on Monday, September 17, 2012 for a Pro Forma session only. The Senate will then convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 and will resume S 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps) under the previous order. At 12:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Reid Motion to Waive the McConnell Budget Point of Order against the Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. Additionally, at 2:15 PM, if the Senate receives H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution) from the House, it will be in order to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H. J. Res. 117 (Continuing Resolution).

The Senate adjourned at 8:04 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps). All time during adjournment and morning business will be counted post-cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3457.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).**

The Senate recessed at 5:55 PM Subject to the Call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 8:45 PM.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed is agreed to by a vote of 84-8.

**S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).**

Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2808 (Perfecting amendment). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #2809 (Language proposed to be stricken).

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on Murray amend #2789 (Substitute amendment).

Reid amend #2810 (Of a perfecting nature) to Reid amend #2809 (Language proposed to be stricken). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #2811 (Of a perfecting nature) to Reid amend #2810 (Of a perfecting nature).

Reid Motion to Commit S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps) to the Committee on Veteran's Affairs with an amend #2812 (Instructions). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2813 (Of a perfecting nature) to Reid amend #2812 (Instructions). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #2814 (Of a perfecting nature) to Reid amend #2813 (Of a perfecting nature).

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).

Reid Motion to Proceed to S. 3521 (Family and Business Tax Cut Certainty Act of 2012).

Sen. Paul asked Unanimous Consent that the pending amendments be set aside so that he may be able to call up Paul amend #2783 (To provide that no United States assistance may be provided to Pakistan until Dr. Shakil Afridi is freed). Objected to by Sen. Reid.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 6336 (Frederick Douglass statue). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 551 (Commending the four American public servants who died in Bengazi, Libya, including Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 552 (National Principal's Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 553 (National Falls Prevention Awareness Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 13, 2012 and the Leader will be recognized.

The Senate adjourned at 9:38 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and the first hour will be under Leader time. At 11:00 AM, there will be a moment of silence in observance of the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001. The Senate will adjourn from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. When the Senate reconvenes, there will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3457 (Require the Secretary of the Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader time.

The following bills received their second reading en bloc:

H.R. 8 (Job Protection and Recession Prevention Act of 2012).

S. 3522 ((Provide for the expansion of affordable refinancing of mortgages).

S. 3525 (Protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting).

Further consideration of the bills were objected to en bloc.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 3457 (Require the Secretary of the Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).**

The Senate observed a moment of silence for the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001.

The Senate recessed from 12:24-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

**Motion to Proceed to S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. The Cloture Motion on the Motion to Proceed was invoked by a vote of 95-1.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).**

The following resolutions were agreed to en bloc by unanimous consent:

S. Res. 548

S. Res. 549

S. Res. 560

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 3457 (Requires the Secretary of Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps). All time during adjournment and morning business will be counted post-cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3457.

**The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.**

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012**

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed to Leader Time. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal #664 (Stephanie Rose to be US District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM. On Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 2:15 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3457 (Require the Secretary of the Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader Time.

**S. 3457 (Require the Secretary of the Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).**  
Laid aside until Tuesday's vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #664 (Stephanie Rose to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa).** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 89-1.

S 3519 (Require sponsoring Senators to pay the printing costs of ceremonial and commemorative Senate Resolutions). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and it was placed on the Senate Calendar.

The following were considered en bloc:

H. R. 8 (Extend certain tax relief provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

S. 3522 (Provide for the expansion of affordable refinancing of mortgages). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

S. 3525 (Protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. There first hour will be under Leader time. At 11:00 AM, there will be a moment of silence in observance of the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001. The Senate will adjourn from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. When the Senate reconvenes, there will be a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3457 (Require the Secretary of the Veteran's Affairs to establish a veteran's jobs corps).

The Senate adjourned at 7:55 PM.