

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014). At 2:00 PM, the Senate will conduct up to six votes. Sen. Reid announced the following:

1. Motion to Table the Reid second degree amend #2766 (Date change) to S. 1982.
2. Sen. Sessions will be recognized to raise a Budget Act Point of Order with respect to the S. 1982 and the Senate will then vote on Sen. Murray's Motion to Waive all applicable sections of the Budget Act with respect to the bill.
3. If the previous Motion to waive is successful, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to invoke cloture on Sanders amend #2747 (Substitute amendment).
4. If cloture is invoked on the substitute amendment, the next vote will be on adoption of Sanders amend #2747 (Substitute amendment).
5. Motion to invoke cloture on S.1982, as amended.
6. If cloture is invoked on the bill, the final vote will be on S.1982, as amended, if amended.

Sen Reid also announced his expectation that the Senate will consider the nomination of Cal. #561, Michael Connor to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior during today's session.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

### **S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014).**

Graham Motion to Table the Motion to Commit S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was not agreed to by a vote of 44-52.

A Budget Act Point of Order was raised with respect to the S. 1982. Motion to Waive all applicable sections of the Budget Act with respect to the bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive all applicable sections of the Budget Act with respect to the bill was not agreed to by a vote of 56-41. The Point of Order was sustained and the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #561 (Michael Connor to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior during today's session).** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-0.

Motion to Proceed to **Cal. #659, Debo Adegbile to be an Assistant Attorney General.** The Motion to Proceed to the nomination was agreed to.

**Cal. #659, Debo Adegbile to be an Assistant Attorney General.** Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Motion to proceed to **Cal. #568, Pedro A. Delgado Hernandez to be District Judge for Puerto Rico.** The Motion to Proceed to the nomination was agreed to.

**Cal. #568, Pedro A Delgado Hernandez to be District Judge for Puerto Rico.** Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Motion to Proceed to **Cal. #569, Pamela Reeves to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.** The Motion to Proceed was agreed to.

**Cal. #569, Pamela Reeves to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.** Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination.

Motion to Proceed to **Cal. #565, Timothy Brooks to be US District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.** The Motion to Proceed was agreed to.

**Cal. #565, Timothy Brooks to be US District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas.** Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination.

Motion to Proceed to **Cal. #571, Vince Chhabria to be US District Judge for the Northern District of California.** The Motion to Proceed was agreed to.

**Cal. #571, Vince Chhabria to be US District Judge for the Northern District of California.** Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination.

Motion to Proceed to **Cal. #636, Rose Gottemoeller to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.** The Motion to Proceed was agreed to.

**Cal. #636, Rose Gottemoeller to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.** Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

**S. 1086 (Childcare Development and Block Grant Act).** Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the bill.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 366 (). The resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 367 (). The resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 368 (). The resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent.

**S. 2062 (Authorize Members of Congress to bring an action for declaratory and injunctive relief in response to a written statement by the President or any other official in the Executive Branch directing officials of the Executive Branch to not enforce a provision of law).** The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 2066 (Amend Title 18, US Code, to prohibit the intentional discrimination of a person or organization by an employee of the IRS). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 2067 (Prohibit the Department of the Treasury from assigning tax statuses to organizations based on their political beliefs and activities). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H. R. 3865 (Prohibit the Internal Revenue Service from modifying the standard for determining whether an organization is operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare for purposes of Section 501-C-4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 3, 2014 and will proceed with three hours of Morning Business. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #659, Debo Adegbile to be an Assistant Attorney General.

The Senate adjourned at 6:20 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for two hours. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014), post-cloture. Votes are possible, but are unscheduled at this time.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014).** Post-Cloture time was yielded back. The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by unanimous consent.

**S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014).**

Sanders amend #2747 (In the nature of a substitute). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid Second degree amend #2766 (Date change) to Sanders amend #2747 (In the nature of a substitute).

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on Sanders amend #2747 (In the nature of a substitute) to the bill.

Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Veteran's Affairs with instructions to report back with Reid amend #2767 (Of a perfecting nature).

Reid amend #2768 (Of perfecting nature) Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid Second degree amend #2769 (Of a perfecting nature) to Reid amend #2768 (Of a perfecting nature).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014).

Sen. Reid announced the following agreement. At a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, the Senate will proceed to the consideration to S.1752 (Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013). If a cloture motion is filed on the bill, there will be two hours of debate on S.1752 (Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013) and S.1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014), equally divided between the two Leaders. Upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate would immediately proceed to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture. If cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time would be yielded back and the Senate immediately would proceed to vote on passage on the bill. No amendments, points of

order or motions are in order to the bill prior to the vote on passage. If the motion to invoke cloture on S.1752 (Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013) is not agreed to, the bill would be returned to the calendar. Upon disposition of S.1752 (Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013), the Senate would proceed immediately to the consideration of Calendar S.1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014). If a cloture motion is filed on the bill, the Senate would proceed immediately to the vote on the motion to invoke cloture. If cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time would be yielded back and the Senate would immediately proceed to vote on passage on the bill. No amendments, points of order or motions are in order to the bill prior to the vote on passage. If the motion to invoke cloture on S.1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014) is not agreed to, the bill be returned to the calendar.

**S. Res. 363 (Celebrating Black History Month).** Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 27, 2014 and there will be one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014). At 2:00 PM, the Senate will conduct up to six votes. Sen. Reid announced the following:

1. Motion to Table the Reid second degree amend #2766 (Date change) to S. 1982.
2. Sen. Sessions will be recognized to raise a Budget Act Point of Order with respect to the S. 1982 and the Senate will then vote on Sen. Murray's Motion to Waive all applicable sections of the Budget Act with respect to the bill.
3. If the previous Motion to waive is successful, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to invoke cloture on Sanders amend #2747 (Substitute amendment).
4. If cloture is invoked on the substitute amendment, the next vote will be on adoption of Sanders amend #2747 (Substitute amendment).
5. Motion to invoke cloture on S.1982, as amended.
6. If cloture is invoked on the bill, the final vote will be on S.1982, as amended, if amended.

Sen Reid also announced his expectation that the Senate will consider the nomination of Cal. #561, Michael Connor to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior during Thursday's session.

The Senate adjourned 6:57 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM. Senator King will be recognized to read Washington's Farewell Address. The Senate will then proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #564 (Jeffrey Alker Meyer, of Connecticut, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut). The Senate will vote on cloture on the nomination at 5:30 PM. If cloture is invoked, there will be up to two hours for post-cloture debate, equally divided and controlled, prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Following disposition of the Meyer nomination, the Senate will immediately proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of James Maxwell Moody, Jr., to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

The Senate convened and Senator King was recognized to read Washington's Farewell Address.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014).

S. 2024 (A bill to amend Chapter 1 of Title 1, United States code, with regard to the definition of marriage and spouse for federal purposes and to ensure respect for state regulation of marriage). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

Reid motion to proceed to both S. 1752 (Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013) and S. 1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014) with provisions to vote on Cloture and final passage was objected to by Moran.

Moran motion to proceed to both S. 1752 (Military Justice Improvement Act of 2013) and S. 1917 (Victims Protection Act of 2014) with provisions on Cloture and final passage with a vote on the Kirk amend #2295 (Regarding Iran sanctions) was objected to by Reid.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #564 (Jeffrey Alker Meyer to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was invoked by a vote of 55-37-1.**

**Cal. #564 (Jeffrey Alker Meyer to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Connecticut). All post-cloture time was yielded back by Unanimous Consent. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 91-2.**

**Cal. #570 (James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of 58-34-1.**

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 360 (Authorizes testimony and representation in United States vs. Onstad). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 11:05 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session. At 11:15 AM, all post-cloture time will be yielded back by Unanimous Consent to Cal. #570 (James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas) and the Senate will vote on the nomination of James Moody, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas. The Senate will then proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #566 (James Donato, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California). If cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time will be dispensed with and the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation. The Senate will then proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #567 (Beth Labson Freeman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California). If cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time will be dispensed with and the Senate will vote on confirmation. After the Freeman confirmation vote, the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session to consider the Motion to Proceed to S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014). At 3:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014).

The Senate adjourned at 7:56 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014

The Senate convened at 10:30 AM for a pro forma session.

The Senate will next convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 24, 2014. Senator King will be recognized to read Washington's Farewell Address. The Senate will then proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #564 (Jeffrey Alker Meyer, of Connecticut, to be U.S. District Judge for the ~~Western~~ District of ~~Arkansas~~). The Senate will vote on cloture on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

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The Senate adjourned at 10:30 AM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations: Cal. #525 (Tina Kaidanow to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Ambassador at Large). Cal. #595 (Daniel Smith to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research)). Cal. #527 (Catherine Novelli to be US Alternate Governor of the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, US Alternate Governor for the Inter-American Development Bank). Cal. #529 (Catherine Novelli to be an Undersecretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment)).

There will be roll call votes on the above nominations beginning at 11:30 AM. Senator Reid announced he expects the Senate to receive the debt limit legislation and the military retirement pay bill from the House, and hope to consider both during Wednesday's session.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #525 (Tina Kaidanow to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Ambassador at Large).** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 98-0.

**Cal. #595 (Daniel Smith to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research)).** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 98-0.

**Cal. #527 (Catherine Novelli to be US Alternate Governor of the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, US Alternate Governor for the Inter-American Development Bank).** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-0.

**Cal. #529 (Catherine Novelli to be an Undersecretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment)).** The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Pryor asked unanimous consent the Senate proceed to and Executive Session to consider the nominations of Cal. #565 (Timothy Brooks to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas) and Cal. #570 (James Maxwell Moody to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas) en bloc, and that the nominations be confirmed en bloc. The unanimous consent request was objected to by Grassley.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message to accompany S. 540 (Temporary Debt Limit Extension Act).** **Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 67-31

**Motion to Concur in the House Message to accompany S. 540 (Temporary Debt Limit Extension Act).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur in the House Message to accompany S. 540 (Temporary Debt Limit Extension Act) was agreed to by a vote of **55-43**.

**Motion to Concur in the House Message to accompany S. 25 (Legislative vehicle for the military retirement pay restoration with an offset, extension of sequestration).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur in the House Message to accompany S. 25 (Legislative vehicle for the military retirement pay restoration with an offset, extension of sequestration) was agreed to by a vote of **95-3**.

There will be no more roll call votes this week. The next vote will occur Monday, February 24, 2014 at 5:30 PM.

The Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and considered the following nominations:

**Cal. #497 (Kevin W. Techau, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years).** The nomination was confirmed by **voice vote**.

**Cal. #498 (Andrew Mark Luger, of Minnesota, to be United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota for the term of four years).** The nomination was confirmed by **voice vote**.

**Cal. #493 (Robert L. Hobbs, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of four years).** The nomination was confirmed by **voice vote**.

**Cal. #494 (Gary Blankinship, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years).** The nomination was confirmed by **voice vote**.

**Cal. #495 (Amos Rojas, Jr., of Florida, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years).** The nomination was confirmed by **voice vote**.

**Cal. #496 (Peter C. Tobin, of Ohio, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio for a term of four years).** The nomination was confirmed by **voice vote**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

By unanimous consent, S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013) was returned to the Calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #531 (Anthony Luzzatto Gardner, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary).** The nomination was confirmed by **voice vote**.

**Cal. #534 (Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Portuguese Republic).** The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014).**

Reid asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to Executive Session to confirm the following nominations en bloc:

Cal. #564 (Jeffrey Alker Meyer, of Connecticut, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas).

Cal. #570 (James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas).

Cal. #566 (James Donato, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California).

Cal. #567 (Beth Labson Freeman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California).

Cornyn objected to the unanimous consent request.

**Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #564 (Jeffrey Alker Meyer, of Connecticut, to be U.S. District Judge for the ~~Western~~ District of ~~Arkansas~~).** The Motion to Proceed to the nomination was agreed to by voice vote. Reid filed cloture on the nomination. <sup>CONNECTICUT</sup>

Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

**Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #570 (James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas).** The Motion to Proceed to the nomination was agreed to by voice vote. Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider **Cal. #566 (James Donato, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California).** The Motion to Proceed to the nomination was agreed to by voice vote. Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

Reid Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider **Cal. #567 (Beth Labson Freeman, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California).** The Motion to Proceed to the nomination was agreed to by voice vote. Reid filed cloture on the nomination.

Reid Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session was agreed to by voice vote.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014).**

Reid filed Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014).

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

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

597 Brad R. Carson, of Oklahoma, to be Under Secretary of the Army.

598 William A. LaPlante, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

**Air Force**

601 To be Major General - Brig. Gen. William D. Cobetto

602 Tobe Major General - Brig. Gen. Bart O. Iddins

603 1302 To be Brigadier General

Colonel Roy-Alan C. Agustin

Colonel Robert G. Armfield

Colonel Mark A. Baird

Colonel Dieter E. Bareihs

Colonel Mitchel H. Butikofer

Colonel Mark D. Camerer

Colonel Douglas A. Cox

Colonel Stephen L. Davis

Colonel Eric T. Fick

Colonel Keith M. Givens

Colonel Paul H. Guemmer

Colonel Gregory M. Guillot

Colonel Gregory M. Gutterman

Colonel Darren E. Hartford

Colonel David W. Hicks

Colonel Brian T. Kelly

Colonel David A. Krumm

Colonel Peter J. Lambert

Colonel Evan M. Miller

Colonel Thomas E. Murphy

Colonel David S. Nahom

Colonel Mary F. O'Brien

Colonel Stephen W. Oliver, Jr.

Colonel Scott L. Pleus  
Colonel John T. Rauch, Jr.  
Colonel Christopher M. Short  
Colonel Kirk W. Smith  
Colonel Robert W. Stanley, II  
Colonel Mark E. Weatherington  
Colonel Stephen C. Williams

604 To be Brigadier General  
Colonel Dennis J. Gallegos  
Colonel David D. Hamlar, Jr.  
Colonel John S. Tuohy

605 To be Brigadier General  
Colonel Paul D. Jacobs  
Colonel Timothy P. O'Brien

606 1320 To be Major General  
Brigadier General Cassie A. Strom  
Brigadier General Kenneth W. Wisian

607 To be Major General  
Brigadier General Daryl L. Bohac  
Brigadier General Robert M. Branyon  
Brigadier General Michael B. Compton  
Brigadier General James E. Daniel, Jr.  
Brigadier General Matthew J. Dzialo  
Brigadier General Richard N. Harris, Jr.  
Brigadier General Worthe S. Holt, Jr.  
Brigadier General Gary W. Keefe  
Brigadier General David T. Kelly  
Brigadier General Donald A. McGregor  
Brigadier General Robert L. Shannon, Jr.  
Brigadier General Robert S. Williams

608 To be Major General  
Brigadier General Christopher J. Bence  
Brigadier General Jack L. Briggs, II  
Brigadier General David J. Buck  
Brigadier General Thomas A. Bussiere  
Brigadier General Stephen A. Clark  
Brigadier General Stephen T. Denker  
Brigadier General John L. Dolan  
Brigadier General Michael E. Fortney  
Brigadier General Peter E. Gersten  
Brigadier General Gina M. Grosso  
Brigadier General Jerry D. Harris, Jr.

Brigadier General Daryl J. Hauck  
Brigadier General John M. Hicks  
Brigadier General John P. Horner  
Brigadier General James R. Marrs  
Brigadier General Lawrence M. Martin, Jr.  
Brigadier General John K. McMullen  
Brigadier General Bradford J. Shwedo  
Brigadier General Jay B. Silveria  
Brigadier General Linda R. Urrutia-Varhall  
Brigadier General Jacqueline D. Van Ovost  
Brigadier General Mark W. Westergren  
609 To be Brigadier General  
Col. Paul W. Tibbets, IV

**Army**

610 To be Lieutenant General  
Lt. Gen. David D. Halverson

611 Tobe Brigadier General, Judge Advocate  
General's Corps  
Col. Stuart W. Risch

**All of the above nominations were confirmed en bloc by voice vote.**

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1254 (Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2013).  
The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res. 81 (Providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 25).  
H. Con. Res. 82 (Providing a correction in the enrollment of S. 540).  
The concurrent resolutions were agreed to en bloc by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 350 (National Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 358 (Commending the Seattle Seahawks for winning the Super Bowl). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 359 (Constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the 113th Congress or until their successors are chosen). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2024 (A bill to amend Chapter 1 of Title 1, United States code, with regard to the definition of marriage and spouse for federal purposes and to ensure respect for state regulation of marriage).  
The bill was read for the first time. The second reading was objected to.

The Senate will convene for pro forma sessions on the following dates and times:  
Friday, February 14 at 10:30 AM

Tuesday, February 18 at 10:30 AM  
Friday, February 21 at 10:30 AM

The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 24, 2014. Senator King will be recognized to read Washington's Farewell Address. The Senate will then proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #564 (Jeffrey Alker Meyer, of Connecticut, to be U.S. District Judge for the ~~Western~~ District of ~~Arkansas~~). The Senate will vote on cloture on the nomination at 5:30 PM.  
Connecticut

The Senate adjourned at 6:46 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses. While votes are possible, none are scheduled.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader Remarks.

Senator-designate John Walsh (D-Montana) will be sworn in at 12:15 PM.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013).**

**Senator-designate John Walsh (D-Montana) was administered the oath of office by Vice President Joe Biden at 12:17 PM.**

The Senate recessed at 12:33 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

**Motion to Proceed to S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013).**

Reid requested that at 4:30 PM, the Senate proceed to Executive Session to consider the nominations of Cal. #516, Cal. #517, Cal. #518 and Cal. #593. He also requested that there be 30 minutes of debate, followed by votes on the nominations, in the announced order. His request was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #516, Richard Stengel to be Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 90-8.**

**Cal. #517, Sarah Sewall to be an Under Secretary of State (Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-1.**

**Cal. #518, Charles Hammerman Rivkin to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Economic and Business Affairs). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 92-6.**

**Cal. #593, Sloan D. Gibson to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.**

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 1068 (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act of 2013). Begich amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. #525 (Tina Kaidanow to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Ambassador at Large).

Cal. #595 (Daniel Smith to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research)).

Cal. #527 (Catherine Novelli to be US Alternate Governor of the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, US Alternate Governor for the Inter-American Development Bank).

Cal. #529 (Catherine Novelli to be an Undersecretary of State (Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment)).

There will be roll call votes on the above nominations beginning at 11:30 AM. Senator Reid announced he expects the Senate to receive the debt limit legislation and the military retirement pay bill from the House, and hope to consider both during Wednesday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 6:45 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013).

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

**Motion to Proceed to S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013).**

The following bills were considered en bloc:

H.R. 3590 (SHARE Act of 2013).

H.R. 3964 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act).

The bills were read for a second time, en bloc. Further readings were objected to and the bills were placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 94-0.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013).**

The Chair lays before the Senate the Letter of Resignation of Sen. Max Baucus of Montana dated Thursday, February 6, 2014. The letter is deemed read and accepted.

S. 1954 (Provide for the extension of the enforcement instructions on supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services and critical access in small rural hospitals through 2014). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 339 (Commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mayo Clinic). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 and will proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 6:38 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014**

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1845 (Unemployment Insurance Extension Bill). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Reed amend #2714 (Of a perfecting nature) to S. 1845 (Unemployment Insurance Extension Bill). Sen. Donnelly also announced the intent of the Majority Leader to proceed to the consideration of the Baucus nomination to be the U.S. Ambassador to China during Thursday's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader Remarks.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1996 (Protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting). 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.

### **S. 1845 (Unemployment Insurance Extension Bill).**

Reed amend #2714 (Of a perfecting nature). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture vote was not agreed to by a vote of 58-40.

**S. 1845 (Unemployment Insurance Extension Bill).** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture vote was not agreed to by a vote of 55-43.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #629, Max Sieben Baucus to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the U.S. to the People's Republic of China.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 96-0-1 Present.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013). The vote will occur Monday, February 10, 2014 at 5:30 PM.

S. Res. 270 (Supporting the goals and ideals of world polio day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent polio). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 289 (Expressing the Sense of the Senate that ambush marketing adversely affects the U.S. Olympic teams). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

**S. Res 333 (Recommend U.S. renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq). Agreed to by unanimous consent.**

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

**H.R. (An act to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting and for other purposes)**

**H.R. 3964 (Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley Emergency Water Delivery Act).**

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

**The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 10, 2014 and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013).**

**The Senate adjourned at 6:48 PM.**

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2014**

There will be no session today in order to accommodate Senate Party retreats. The Senate will next convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 6, 2014 and will proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1845 (Unemployment Insurance Extension Bill). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Reed amend #2714 (Of a perfecting nature) to S. 1845 (Unemployment Insurance Extension Bill). Sen. Donnelly also announced the intent of the Majority Leader to proceed to the consideration of the Baucus nomination to be the U.S. Ambassador to China during Thursday's session.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2642 (Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013), post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for Party caucuses. Under a previous agreement, all post-cloture time will expire at approximately 2:35 PM and the Senate will vote on final passage of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2642 (Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader Remarks.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1950 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014). Laid aside.

S. 1982 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2642 (Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013).**

The Senate recessed at 12:43 PM for Party caucuses.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2642 (Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report was adopted by a vote of 68-32.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 1950 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014).** The Motion to Proceed is withdrawn by Sen. Reid.

**S. 1845 (Unemployment Insurance Extension Bill).** Motion to commit is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Reed amend #2631 (Relating to extension and modification of emergency unemployment compensation program). Reid Motion to Table. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of 98-0.

Reed amend #2714 (Of a perfecting nature). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2715 (Of a perfecting nature) to Reed amend #2714 (Of a perfecting nature)

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Reed amend #2714 (Of a perfecting nature) to S. 1845 (Unemployment Insurance Extension Bill).

Motion to Commit the Bill to the Finance Committee with instructions to report back with an amendment.

Reid amend #2717 (Of a perfecting nature) to the Instructions to the Motion to Recommit the bill. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #2718 (Of a perfecting nature) to Reid amend #2717 (Of a perfecting nature).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the S. 1845 (Unemployment Insurance Extension Bill).

Motion to Proceed to S. 1963 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013).

S. Res. 344 (Congratulating the Penn State University Women's Volley Ball Team). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1996 (Protect and enhance the opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

There will be no session on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 in order to accommodate Senate Party retreats. The Senate will next convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 6, 2014 and will proceed with Leader Remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1845 (Unemployment Insurance Extension Bill). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Reed amend #2714 (Of a perfecting nature) to S. 1845 (Unemployment Insurance Extension Bill). Sen. Donnelly also announced the intent of the Majority Leader to proceed to the consideration of the Baucus nomination to be the U.S. Ambassador to China during Thursday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 6:58 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and following any leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2642 (Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013). There will be a cloture vote on the Conference Report at 5:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1950 (Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014). Laid aside.

S. 1977 (Repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, relating to an annual adjustment of retired pay for members of the Armed Forces under the age of 62, and to provide an offset). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to. The bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

**Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2642 (Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013).**

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2642 (Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 72-22.

S. 376 (Reauthorize the Integrated Drought Information System). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 340 (SoS that all measures must be taken to prevent human trafficking). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 341 (100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Civil Rights Leader Daisy Bates). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1982 (Veterans Medical Benefits Bill). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading was objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2642 (Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013), post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. Under a previous agreement, all post-cloture time will expire at approximately 2:35 PM and the Senate will vote on final passage of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 2642 (Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013).

**The Senate adjourned at 7:55 PM.**