

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015). At 12:00 PM, the Senate will begin the “vote-a-rama” on pending amendments to the resolution.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015).

The Senate will proceed to votes on the following amendments:

Sanders amend #881 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to promoting a substantial increase in the minimum Wage). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **48-52**.

Stabenow amend #523 (Prevent U.S. companies from getting tax benefits for moving jobs overseas). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **46-54**.

Wyden amend #1012 (Regarding Medicaid benefits). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **47-53**.

Rubio amend #423 (Increase new budget authority and outlays for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for National Defense (budget function 050). Sanders Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Rubio Motion to Waive all applicable sections of the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **32-68**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Paul amend #940 (Increase new budget authority for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 and modify outlays for fiscal years 2016 through 2022 for National Defense (budget function 050). Sanders Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Paul Motion to Waive all applicable sections of the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **4-96**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Murray amend #798 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund for legislation to allow Americans to earn paid sick time). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **59-41**.

Moran amend #356 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing health care to veterans who reside more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the

Department of Veterans Affairs that provides the care sought by the veteran). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **100-0**.

Baldwin amend #432 (Provide additional resources to create the opportunity for more Americans to obtain a higher education and advanced job skills by supporting two free years of community college paid for by raising revenue through requiring millionaires and billionaires to pay their fair share). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **45-55**.

Collins amend #810 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing access to higher education for low-income Americans through the Federal Pell Grant programs). Laid aside. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Franken amend #828 (Provide additional resources to save student financial aid and keep college affordable). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **46-54**.

Wyden amend #1026 (Transparency health premium billing). Agreed to by voice vote.

Scott amend #692 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to transparency in health premium billing). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **56-44**.

Blunt amend #928 (Establish a deficit-neutral fund to protect the U.S. from an energy tax). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by vote of **58-42**.

Durbin amend #817 (establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to provide tax benefits to patriot employers that invest in American jobs and provide fair pay and benefits to workers and to eliminate tax benefits for corporations that ship jobs overseas). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **46-54**.

Vitter amend #515 (Establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to requiring the Federal Government to allow states to opt out of Common Core without penalty). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **54-46**.

Bennet amend #947 (Ensure that small businesses are provided relief as part of tax reform by permanently increasing the maximum amount of the section 179 small business expensing allowance). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Murkowski amend #838 (Establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to the disposal of certain Federal land). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **51-49**.

Whitehouse amend #867 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to making it more difficult for corporations and billionaires to secretly influence elections by making unlimited undisclosed campaign expenditures, and to prevent such entities from evading campaign finance

law, including through making false statements to government agencies). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **47-52**.

Inhofe amend #649 (Establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting funding of international organizations during the implementation of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty prior to Senate ratification and adoption of implementing legislation). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **59-41**.

Kirk amend #545 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to re-imposing waived sanctions and imposing new sanctions against Iran for violations of the Joint Plan of Action or a comprehensive nuclear agreement). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **100-0**.

Coons amend #966 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to offsetting the costs of operations against the Islamic State). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **46-54**.

Isakson amend #839 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to supporting U.S. citizens held hostage in the U.S. embassy in Tehran, Iran, between November 3, 1979, and January 20, 1981). The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Stabenow amend #1072 (To provide additional resources to reject the Senate Republicans' proposed \$435 billion in cuts to Medicare). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **46-54**.

Portman amend #689 (Improve the dynamic scoring provision). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **59-41**.

Casey amend #632 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **100-0**.

Thune amend #607 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to allow for the permanent elimination of the Federal estate tax). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **54-46**.

Bennet amend #1014 (To establish a deficit-neutral fund relating to responding to the economic and national security threats posed by human-induced climate change, as highlighted by the Secretary of Defense, the Director of National Intelligence, the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **53-47**.

McConnell amend #836 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the regulation by the Environmental Protection Agency of greenhouse gas emissions, which may include a prohibition on withholding highway funds from States that refuse to submit State Implementation Plans required under the Clean Power Plan of the Agency). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **57-43**.

Merkley amend #842 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to consumer financial protection). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **46-54**.

Gardner amend #443 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting privately held water rights and permits). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **59-41**.

Murray amend #951 (Establish and fund a new Federal-State partnership to expand access to high-quality preschool programs for children from low- and moderate-income families, offset with revenue from closing loopholes). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **46-54**.

Graham amend #763 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to subjecting all Federal spending to sequestration). The amendment is withdrawn.

Blumenthal amend #825 (Expand the deficit-neutral reserve fund for veterans and servicemembers). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by Murray amend #951 (Establish and fund a new Federal-State partnership to expand access to high-quality preschool programs for children from low- and moderate-income families, offset with revenue from closing loopholes). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **46-54**.

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Blumenthal amend #825 (Expand the deficit-neutral reserve fund for veterans and servicemembers). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is **agreed to by Voice Vote**.

Flake amend #665 (Establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting awarding of construction contracts based on awardees entering or not entering into agreements with labor organizations.). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **51-49**.

Sanders amend #475 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to strengthening the United States Postal Service by establishing a moratorium to protect mail processing plants, reinstating overnight delivery standards, and protecting rural service). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was **agreed to by Voice Vote**.

Hatch amend #1029 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to prevent American jobs from being moved overseas by reducing the corporate income tax rate). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was **agreed to by Voice Vote**.

Schatz amend #1063 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ensuring all legally married same-sex spouses have equal access to the Social Security benefits they have earned and receive equal treatment under the law pursuant to the Constitution of the United States), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **57-43**.

Kirk amend #1038 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to increase wages for American workers). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **57-43**.

Nelson amend #944 (Create a point of order against legislation that would use tax dollars to censor publically-funded climate science). Sen. Enzi raised a point of order that the amendment is not germane to the budget act. Nelson Motion to Waive the point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of **51-49**. The point of order is sustained, and the amendment falls.

McCain amend #360 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to deterring the migration of unaccompanied children from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **58-42**.

Wyden amend #968 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to enacting middle class tax relief, including extending and expanding refundable tax credits, such as tax provisions and policies included in legislation like the Working Families Tax Relief Act, American Opportunity Tax Credit Permanence and Consolidation Act, Helping Working Families Afford Child Care Act, or the 21st Century Worker Tax Cut Act, among other legislation), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **73-27**.

Lee amend #750 (Modify the spending-neutral reserve fund reauthorizing funding for payments to counties and other units of local government to ensure payment at levels roughly equivalent to property tax revenues lost due to the presence of Federal land), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **56-43**.

Reed amend #919 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to eliminating deductions for corporate compensation in excess of \$1,000,000). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **44-54**.

Cotton amend #659 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting the designation of critical habitat). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **52-42**.

Menendez amend #993 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to strengthening the national do-not-call registry). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is **agreed to by Voice Vote**.

Cotton amend #664 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to construction of new facilities and improvement to existing facilities at the detention facilities at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba). Sanders Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Cotton Motion to Waive the applicable provisions. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of **48-48**.

The Senate stands in recess Subject to the Call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened and resumed consideration of S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015).

Brown amend #994 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to end “too big to fail” bailouts for Wall Street mega-banks (over \$500 billion in total assets)). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Vitter amend #811 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ending Washington's illegal exemption from Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **52-46**.

Warren amend #1094 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to expanding Social Security), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **42-56**.

Lee amend #855 (Prohibit increasing the public debt limit under reconciliation). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **54-44**.

Cardin amend #367 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing a funding stream for a voter reinfranchisement initiative). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **47-51**.

Rubio amend #552 (Establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to increasing funding for the relocation of the U. S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is **agreed to by Voice Vote**.

Kaine amend #1047 (To provide for sequestration replacement), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **50-48**.

Manager's Package of amendments agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The pending amendments are withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015), as amended. The bill is read for a third time. **Final Passage.** The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **52-46**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 535 (A bill to promote energy efficiency). The bill is read for a third time. Final passage. The bill passed by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #8 (Mary Jordan to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission). The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #9 (Michael Young to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission). The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #13 (Michael Kennedy to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board). The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #14 (David Jones to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board). The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The following nominations were considered, en bloc:

Cal. #32 (Air Force Maj. Generals).

Cal. #33 (Col. Christopher Coffelt to be Brig. General, US Air Force).

Cal. #34 (Col. Jeffrey Kruse to be Brig. General, US Air Force).

Cal. #35 (Air Force Reserve Major Generals).

Cal. #36 (Brig. General Dixie Morrow to be Major General, Air Force Reserves).

Cal. #37 (Air Force Reserve Major Generals).

Cal. #38 (Col. Jay Selanders to be Brig. General, Air National Guard).

Cal. #39 (Col. Todd Audet to be Brig. General, Air Force Reserve).

Cal. #40 (Col. Arthur Jackman Jr. to be Brig. General, Air Force Reserve).

Cal. #41 (Brig. Generals, Air Force Reserves).

Cal. #42 (Brig. Generals, Air Force Reserves).

Cal. #43 (Lt. Gen. Ellen Pawlikowski to be General, US Air Force).

Cal. #44 (Col. William Knight to be Brig. General, US Air Force).

Cal. #45 (Maj. Gen. John Cooper to be Lt. General, US Air Force).

Cal. #46 (Brig. Gen. John Dolan to be Lt. General, US Air Force).

Cal. #47 (Maj. Gen. Lee Levy II to be Lt. General, US Air Force).

Cal. #52 (Col. Randall Reed to be Brig. General, US Air Force).

Cal. #53 (Col. Brian Mennes to be Brig. General, US Army)

Cal. #54 (Maj. Gen. Mark Ediger to be Lt. General, Surgeon Gen. of the Air Force).

Cal. #55 (Gen. Robin Rand to be General, US Air Force).

Cal. #56 (Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Clark to be Maj. General, US Army Medical Corps).
Cal. #57 (Col. Ronald Place to be Brig. General, US Army Medical Corps).
Cal. #58 (Brig. Gen. Burke Whitman to be Maj. General, US Marine Corps Reserve).
Cal. #59 (Col. Michael Fahey III to be Brig. General, US Marine Corps Reserve).
Cal. #60 (Maj. Generals in US Marine Corps).
Cal. #61 (Col. Paul Hurley to be Maj. General in the US Army).
Cal. #62 (Maj. Gen. Timothy Kadavy to be Lt. General, Army National Guard).
Cal. #63 (Maj. Gen. Stephen Townsend to be Lt. General, US Army).
Cal. #64 (Col. Tammy Miracle to be Brig. General, Army National Guard).
Cal. #65 (Col. Maria Powers to be Brig. General, Army National Guard).
Cal. #66 (Capt. John Hannink to be Rear Admiral, Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Navy).
Cal. #67 (Maj. Gen. Arnold Bunch Jr. to be Lt. General, US Air Force).
Cal. #68 (Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson to be Lt. General, US Air Force).
Cal. #69 (Vice Adm. James Caldwell Jr. to be Vice Admiral, US Navy).
Cal. #70 (Rear Adm. Michael Franken to be Vice Admiral, US Navy).
Cal. #71 (Maj. Gen. Joseph DiSalvo to be Lt. General, US Army).
Cal. #72 (Major Generals except for Funkhauser, Jackson and Sover nominations, US Army).
All nominations placed on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service, Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

H.R. 1092 (Federal building naming). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1527 (Accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable contributions). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. J. Res. 10 (Reappointment of David Rubenstein). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 105 (194th Anniversary of the independence of Greece). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 125

S. Res. 126

S. Res. 127

S. Res. 128

S. Res. 129

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

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

H. Con. Res. 31 (Providing for a conditional adjournment for the House

H. Con. Res. 32 (Providing for a conditional adjournment or a recess for the Senate).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 13, 2015 and will be in a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #23 (Alfred Bennett to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 4:23 AM on Friday, March 27, 2015.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015). There are 18 hours for debate remaining on the resolution. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will recess, Subject to the Call of the Chair, for a Joint Session to receive an address by Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani. There are no votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015).

Barrasso amend #347 (To establish a spending-neutral reserve fund to keep the Federal Water Pollution Control Act focused on protection of water quality, to establish bright lines for Federal jurisdiction, and to create clear and unambiguous exemptions for features that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, claim they are not seeking to regulate). Laid aside.

Burr amend #622 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relation to manageable Federal student loan repayment options). Laid aside.

Reed for Warren amend #652 (To make college more affordable for middle-class families by allowing borrowers with outstanding Federal and private student loans to refinance at the equivalent interest rates that were offered to Federal student loan borrowers during the 2013-2014 school year and to fully offset the cost of such a program by requiring millionaires to pay at least a 30 percent effective Federal tax rate). Laid aside.

The Senate recessed at 10:30 AM, Subject to the Call of the Chair, for a Joint Session to receive an address by Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani.

The Senate reconvened and resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015).

Burr amend #622 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relation to manageable Federal student loan repayment options). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Warren amend #652 (To make college more affordable for middle-class families by allowing borrowers with outstanding Federal and private student loans to refinance at the equivalent interest rates that were offered to Federal student loan borrowers during the 2013-2014 school year and to fully offset the cost of such a program by requiring millionaires to pay at least a 30 percent effective Federal tax rate). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **46-53**.

Cotton amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to supporting Israel. (#481) Laid aside.

Kirk amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to re-imposing waived sanctions and imposing new sanctions against Iran for violations of the Joint Plan of Action or a comprehensive nuclear agreement. (#545) Laid aside.

Rounds amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service from engaging in closed-door settlement agreements that ignore impacted States and counties. (#412) Laid aside.

Rubio amendment to increase new budget authority and outlays for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for National Defense (budget function 050). (#423, as modified). Laid aside.

Daines amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the designation of national monuments. (#388) Laid aside.

Daines amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to holding Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives accountable for failing to pass a balanced budget. (#389) Laid aside.

Barrasso amendment to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund to keep the Federal Water Pollution Control Act focused on protection of water quality, to establish bright lines for Federal jurisdiction, and to create clear and unambiguous exemptions for features that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, claim they are not seeking to regulate. (#347) Laid aside.

Bennet-Stabenow amendment to create a point of order against legislation that would privatize Medicare, cut guaranteed benefits, increase out-of-pocket spending, or turn Medicare into a premium support plan. (#601) Laid aside.

Stabenow amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to keeping the Federal Water Pollution Control Act focused on protection of water quality, to establish bright lines for Federal jurisdiction, and to create clear and unambiguous exemptions for features that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, claim they are not seeking to regulate. (#755) Laid aside.

Blunt amendment to create a point of order against legislation that would create a Federal tax or fee on carbon emissions. (#350) Laid aside.

Sanders amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to recognize that climate change is real and caused by human activity and that Congress needs to take action to cut carbon pollution. (#777, as modified) Laid aside.

Moran amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing health care to veterans who reside more than 40 miles driving distance from the closest medical facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs that provides the care sought by the veteran. (#356) Laid aside.

Hatch amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to saving Medicare. (#796) Laid aside.

Roberts amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to Federal employee performance awards. (#352) Laid aside.

Roberts amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to over-the-counter medications. (#462) Laid aside.

Vitter amendment to establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to requiring the Federal Government to allow states to opt out of Common Core without penalty. (#515) Laid aside.

Vitter amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to ending Washington's illegal exemption from Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. (#811) Laid aside.

Gardner amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to protecting privately held water rights and permits. (#443) Laid aside.

Murray amendment to build on the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 by restoring a below-sequester level cut of \$9,000,000,000 to nondefense discretionary spending in 2017, replacing sequestration in 2016 and 2017 and increasing funding above sequester by a total of \$148,000,000,000 for the 2 years, increasing defense and nondefense discretionary spending above sequester levels by equal amounts, eliminating the overseas contingency operations gimmick contained in the committee-reported resolution, and offsetting the net increase in defense and nondefense discretionary spending by closing tax loopholes. (#801) Laid aside.

Coats amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve cybersecurity. (#595) Laid aside.

Coats amendment to establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing States the Medicaid flexibility they need to implement innovative reforms to improve care and enhance access for our Nation's most vulnerable. (#368) Laid aside.

Stabenow amend #755 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to keeping the Federal Water Pollution Control Act focused on protection of water quality, to establish bright lines for Federal jurisdiction, and to create clear and unambiguous exemptions for features that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, claim they are not seeking to regulate). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to **99-0**.

Barrasso amend #347 (To establish a spending-neutral reserve fund to keep the Federal Water Pollution Control Act focused on protection of water quality, to establish bright lines for Federal jurisdiction, and to create clear and unambiguous exemptions for features that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, claim they are not seeking to regulate). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to **59-40**.

Sanders amend #777 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to recognize that climate change is real and caused by human activity and that Congress needs to take action to cut carbon pollution) as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **49-50**.

Blunt amend #350 (To create a point of order against legislation that would create a Federal tax or fee on carbon emissions). **Withdrawn**.

Hatch amend #796 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to saving Medicare). Bennet-Stabenow amend #601 (To create a point of order against legislation that would privatize Medicare, cut guaranteed benefits, increase out-of-pocket spending, or turn Medicare into a premium support plan). Agreed to by **voice vote**.

Bennet-Stabenow amend #601 (To create a point of order against legislation that would privatize Medicare, cut guaranteed benefits, increase out-of-pocket spending, or turn Medicare into a premium support plan). Enzi raises a Budget Point of Order. Stabenow made a Motion to Waive the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **46-53**. The point of order was sustained and the amendment **falls**.

Murray amend #801 (To build on the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 by restoring a below-sequester level cut of \$9,000,000,000 to nondefense discretionary spending in 2017, replacing sequestration in 2016 and 2017 and increasing funding above sequester by a total of \$148,000,000,000 for the 2 years, increasing defense and nondefense discretionary spending above sequester levels by equal amounts, eliminating the overseas contingency operations gimmick contained in the committee-reported resolution, and offsetting the net increase in defense and nondefense discretionary spending by closing tax loopholes). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **46-53**.

Cotton amend #481 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to supporting Israel). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **99-0**.

The following amendments were called up and then laid aside:

Paul amend #940 ()

McCain amend #360

Wyden amend #708

Wyden amend #791

Wyden amend #870

Murray amend #697 (secondary education).

Murray amend #798 (paid sick time).

Cantwell amend #800 (crude-by-rail safety).

Murray amend #812 (women's access to healthcare).

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Gardner amend #345 (seaport labor disputes).

Durbin amend #817 (tax benefits for patriot employers).

Coons amend #343 (agricultural conservation programs).

Coons amend #391 (health insurance expenses of small employers).

Coons amend #392 (college savings accounts).
Coons amend #394 (research expenditures for start-up companies).
Coons amend #802 (off-set costs of war against the Islamic State).
Baldwin amend #432 (2 free years of community college).
Baldwin amend #436 (point of order against legislation that would increase the deficit or reduce a surplus).
Manchin amend #694 (investing in fossil energy technology).
Whitehouse amend #700 (repairing nation's bridges and infrastructure).
Whitehouse amend #867 (prevent evading campaign finance law).
Whitehouse 895 (budget cutting).
Casey amend #632 (reasonable accommodations for pregnant women).
Casey amend #633 (child tax credit).
Blumenthal amend #825 (servicemembers).
Thune amend #607 (elimination of Estate Tax).
743 (reduce funding of General Services Administration).
Murkowski amend #838(disposal of Federal land).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 26, 2015 and will resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015) for debate only until 12:00 Noon. The Vote-a-rama will begin at 12:00 Noon tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned at 8:09 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of **S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015)**. There will be 38 hours of debate time remaining before the vote-a-rama. At 12 Noon, the Senate will vote on Sanders amend #323 (To create millions of middle class jobs by closing loopholes in the corporate and international tax system). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015).

Sanders amend #323 (To create millions of middle class jobs by closing loopholes in the corporate and international tax system), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Portman amend #349 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve health outcomes and lower the costs of caring for medically complex children in Medicaid). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #386 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect Medicaid beneficiaries from benefit cuts). Laid aside.

At 12:00 PM, the Senate will vote on Sanders amend #323, Sanders amend #386 and Portman amend #349. Sen. Enzi announced there will be additional votes beginning at 4:30 PM.

Sanders amend #323 (To create millions of middle class jobs by closing loopholes in the corporate and international tax system), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **45-52**.

Sanders amend #386 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect Medicaid beneficiaries from benefit cuts). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **94-3**.

Portman amend #349 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to improve health outcomes and lower the costs of caring for medically complex children in Medicaid). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **96-0**.

The Senate recessed from 1:15-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened and resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015).

Mikulski amend #362 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to amending the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to allow for punitive damages, limit the any factor "other than sex" exception, and prohibit retaliation against employees who share salary information). Laid aside.

Fischer amend #409 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to promoting equal pay, which may include preventing discrimination on the basis of sex and preventing retaliation against employees for seeking or discussing wage information). Laid aside.

Cornyn amend #357 (Raise taxes and spending by enacting President Obama's fiscal year 2016 budget). Laid aside.

Wyden amend #471 (Create a point of order against legislation that would cut benefits, raise the retirement age, or privatize Social Security). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #474 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to protect and strengthen the Department of Veterans Affairs, hire more health care professionals for the Department and ensure quality and timely access to health care for all veterans). Yeas and nays ordered. Agreed to by voice vote.

Ayotte amend #400 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to maintain and enhance access, choice, and accountability in veterans care through the Veterans Choice Card program under section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014). Yeas and nays ordered. Agreed to by voice vote.

Fischer amend #409 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to promoting equal pay, which may include preventing discrimination on the basis of sex and preventing retaliation against employees for seeking or discussing wage information). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **56-43**.

Mikulski amend #362 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to amending the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to allow for punitive damages, limit the any factor "other than sex" exception, and prohibit retaliation against employees who share salary information). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **45-54**.

Hatch amend #498 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to legislation submitted to Congress by President Obama to protect and strengthen Social Security). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **75-24**.

Wyden amend #471 (Create a point of order against legislation that would cut benefits, raise the retirement age, or privatize Social Security). Enzi Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act of 1974. Wyden Motion to Waive all applicable sections of the Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive was not agreed to by a vote of **51-48**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Cornyn amend #357 (Raise taxes and spending by enacting President Obama's fiscal year 2016 budget). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **1-98**.

Kirk amend #545 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to reimposing waived sanctions and imposing new sanctions against Iran for violations of the joint Plan of Action or a comprehensive nuclear agreement). Laid aside.

Rounds amend #412 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund to prevent the EPA and the US Fish and Wildlife Service from engaging in closed-door settlement agreements that ignore impacted States and counties). Laid aside.

Rubio amend #423 (Increase new budget authority and outlays for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for National Defense). Laid aside.

Daines amend #388 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the designation of national monuments). Laid aside.

Daines amend #389 (Establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to holding Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives accountable for failing to pass a balanced budget).

S. 301 (Require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of Boy's Town). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 72 (Sense of the Senate regarding the January 24, 2015 attacks carried out by Russian-backed rebels). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended by the Lee amendment.

S. Res. 110 (Sense of the Senate about a strategy for the internet to promote economic growth and consumer empowerment). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 and will immediately resume consideration of S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015). There are 18 hours for debate remaining on the resolution. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will recess, Subject to the Call of the Chair, for a Joint Session to receive an address by Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani. There are no votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 7:51 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM and will proceed with a Legislative Session. The Senate will then proceed to the Budget Resolution. Sen. McConnell announced there will be a vote at 5:30 PM on an amendment to the resolution.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015).

Sanders amend #323 (To create millions of middle class jobs by closing loopholes in the corporate and international tax system). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Calendar #19, William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner.
The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 89-0.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 and will resume consideration of **S. Con. Res. 11 (Budget Resolution for fiscal year 2015)**. There will be 38 hours of debate time remaining before the vote-a-rama. At 12 Noon, the Senate will vote on Sanders amend #323 (To create millions of middle class jobs by closing loopholes in the corporate and international tax system). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will resume consideration S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to up to two roll call votes on the following:

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Committee Reported Substitute amendment to S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

If cloture is not invoked, then Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

H.R. 1191 (Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Committee Reported Substitute amendment to S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was not agreed to by a vote of 56-42. McConnell Motion to Reconsider the vote.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was not agreed to by a vote of 56-42. McConnell Motion to reconsider the vote.

S. Res. 106 (Designating March 22, 2015 as National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2015 and will proceed with a Legislative Session. The Senate will then proceed to the Budget Resolution. Sen McConnell announced there will be a vote at 5:30 PM on an amendment to the resolution.

The Senate adjourned at 5:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). There are no votes scheduled at this time.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

McConnell Motion to Proceed to the Motion to Reconsider the Cloture Vote on the Committee Reported Substitute Amendment to S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). Agreed to by voice vote.

McConnell Motion to Reconsider the Cloture Vote on the Committee Reported Substitute Amendment to S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). Agreed to by voice vote.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Committee Reported Substitute Amendment to S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of 57-41.

H.R. 1191 (Protecting Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Responders Act). The bill was 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 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 19, 2015 and will resume consideration S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to up to two roll call votes on the following:

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Committee Reported Substitute amendment to S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

If cloture is not invoked, then Motion to Invoke on S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

The Senate adjourned at 5:24 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Leader remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Committee Substitute to S. 178. If cloture is not invoked on the Committee Substitute, the Senate will immediately vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 178. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

Committee Reported Substitute amendment to S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was not agreed to by a vote of **53-43**. McConnell Motion to Reconsider the vote.

S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was not agreed to by a vote of **55-43**. McConnell Motion to Reconsider the vote.

The Senate recessed from 12:04-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

McConnell filed cloture on the Committee Reported Substitute amendment to S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

McConnell filed cloture on S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). There are no votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 6:32 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and following any leader remarks, will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. #17 (Carlos Monje, Jr. to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation).

Cal. #18 (Manson Brown to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce).

The Senate will proceed to votes on the nominations at 5:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #17 (Carlos Monje, Jr. to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **94-0**.

Cal. #18 (Manson Brown to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. The Senate will resume consideration of S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Committee Substitute to S. 178. If cloture is not invoked on the Committee Substitute, the Senate will immediately vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 178. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for Party Caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 6:56 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015

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. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). At 1:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #20, Christopher Hart to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years and Cal. #16, Tho Dinh-Zarr to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2018. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Hart nomination, followed by a voice vote on the Dinh-Zarr nomination.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

McConnell asked unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes debate on S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015), that it be in order for Senator Leahy or his designee to offer an amendment to strike the limitations language, that there be up to one hour of debate on the amendment equally divided between the managers or their designees and that following the use or yielding back of the time the Senate vote on the amendment. Further that following disposition of this amendment the managers or their designees be allowed to offer amendments in alternating fashion. Reid objected.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #20, Christopher Hart to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-0.

Cal. #16, Tho Dinh-Zarr to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2018. The nomination as confirmed by voice vote.

McConnell filed Cloture on Committee Reported Substitute amendment to S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

McConnell filed Cloture on S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

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The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #3 (Michael Greco to be the US Marshal for the Southern District of New York).

Cal. #4 (Ronald Lee Miller to be US Marshal for the District of Kansas).

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

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 85 (Life and legacy of Georgia Jones Ayers). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 7 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitors' Center for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal to World War II members of the Doolittle Tokyo Raids). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 16, 2015 and following any leader remarks, will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. #17 (Carlos Monje, Jr. to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation).

Cal. #18 (Manson Brown to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce).

The Senate will proceed to votes on the nominations at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:01 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). There are no votes scheduled at this time.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

Vitter 2nd degree amend #284 (To amend Section 301 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify those classes of individuals born in the United States who are nationals and citizens of the United States at birth) to Portman amend #271 (To amend the definition of "homeless person" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth).

At 4:00 PM, the Senate recessed for one hour.

The senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 12, 2015. There will be one hour of Morning business. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). At 1:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #20, Christopher Hart to be Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term of two years and Cal. #16, Tho Dinh-Zarr to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2018. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Hart nomination, followed by a voice vote on the Dinh-Zarr nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 7:03 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then proceed to S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus lunches.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

The Senate recessed at 12:37 PM.

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

S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015).

Portman amend #270 (To amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act to enable State child protective services systems to improve the identification and assessment of child victims of sex trafficking). Laid aside.

Portman amend #271 (To amend the definition of "homeless person" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include certain homeless children and youth).

Vitter asked to offer his amendment. Leahy objected.

Kirk asked to offer his amendment #273. Leahy objected.

S. Res. 93 (SoS Honoring the Work and Life of Boris Nemtsov). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, and will proceed with Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 178 (Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015). There are no votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 6:03 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015

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 (Daniel Marti to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator).

Cal. #22 (Michelle Lee to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office). Voice Vote expected.

Cal. #49 (Jeffrey Hall to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board). Voice Vote expected.

Cal. #50 (Dallas Tonsager to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board). Voice Vote expected.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Marti nomination, and then voice votes on the following nominations.

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

McConnell withdrew the Cloture Motion on the Motion to Proceed to S. 625 (Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015).

H.R. 1213 (Office of Compliance Administrative and Technical Corrections Act of 2015). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #15 (Daniel Marti to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 92-0.

Cal. #22 (Michelle Lee to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office). Voice Vote expected. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #49 (Jeffrey Hall to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board). Voice Vote expected. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #50 (Dallas Tonsager to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board). Voice Vote expected. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 and will be in a period of Morning Business until 11:00 AM. The Senate will then proceed to S. 178 (Justice for Victims

of Trafficking Act of 2015). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:04 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM for a Pro Forma session. The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 9th, and following Leader remarks, will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. #15 (Daniel Marti to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator).

Cal. #22 (Michelle Lee to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office). Voice Vote expected.

Cal. #49 (Jeffrey Hall to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board). Voice Vote expected.

Cal. #50 (Dallas Tonsager to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board). Voice Vote expected.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Marti nomination, and then voice votes on the following nominations.

The Senate convened for a Pro Forma Session.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 9th, 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 (Daniel Marti to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator).

Cal. #22 (Michelle Lee to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office). Voice Vote expected.

Cal. #49 (Jeffrey Hall to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board). Voice Vote expected.

Cal. #50 (Dallas Tonsager to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board). Voice Vote expected.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Marti nomination, and then voice votes on the following nominations.

The Senate adjourned at 9:31 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 8 (Congressional Review Act on Ambush Elections) for two hours of debate. At approximately 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on passage of S. J. Res. 8, followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Veto Message on S. 1 (An Act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 625 (Provide for a Congressional Review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to

S.J. Res. 8 (Congressional Review Act on Ambush Elections). Yeas and nays ordered. The Joint Resolution passed by a vote of 53-46.

The Cloture Motion on the Veto Message on S. 1 (An Act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline) was vitiated.

At 2:20 PM, the Senate will vote on the Question of Overriding the President's Veto of S.1 (An Act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline). This will be the last vote in the Senate this week.

Veto Message on S. 1 (An Act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline).

Question of Overriding the President's Veto of S.1 (An Act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline). A two-thirds majority vote is required to override the Presidential veto. Yeas and nays ordered. The veto was not overridden by a vote of 62-37.

Motion to Proceed to S. 625 (Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015). McConnell **filed a Cloture Motion** on the Motion to Proceed. The cloture vote will occur one hour after the Senate convenes on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 98 (Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, March 6th, for a pro forma only session. The Senate will then convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 9th, and following Leader remarks, will proceed to a period of Morning Business.

At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Cal. #15 (Daniel Marti to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator).

Cal. #22 (Michelle Lee to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the US Patent and Trademark Office). Voice Vote expected.

Cal. #49 (Jeffrey Hall to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board). Voice Vote expected.

Cal. #50 (Dallas Tonsager to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board). Voice Vote expected.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Marti nomination, and then voice votes on the following nominations.

The Senate adjourned at 6:02 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM to allow for the Joint Meeting of Congress with the Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu, followed by the weekly party caucus lunches.

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

The Senate recessed from 10:30 AM – 2:15 PM to allow for the Joint Meeting of Congress with the Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu, followed by the weekly party caucus lunches.

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

Motion to Proceed to S.J. Res. 8 (Congressional Review Act on Ambush Elections). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed to the bill was agreed to by a vote of **53-45**.

S.J. Res. 8 (Congressional Review Act on Ambush Elections). Laid aside.

S. Res. 94 (Supporting the goals and ideals of “Career and Technical Education Month”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Cal. #48, Lt. Gen. Kenneth Tovo to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

All nominations on the Secretary’s Desk in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and the Navy. Confirmed by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 95 (Designating March 3, 2015 as World Wildlife Day”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 4, 2015. The Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 8 (Congressional Review Act on Ambush Elections) for two hours of debate. At approximately 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on passage of S. J. Res. 8, followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Veto Message on S. 1 (An Act to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline).

The Senate adjourned at 7:26 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H.R. 240 (Department of Homeland Security Appropriations 2015). At 5:30 PM the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Agree to the House request to go to a conference on H.R. 240 (Department of Homeland Security Appropriations 2015).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

House Message to Accompany **H.R. 240 (Department of Homeland Security Appropriations 2015)**.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Agree to the House request to go to a conference on H.R. 240 (Department of Homeland Security Appropriations 2015). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **47-43**.

Motion to Table the request to go to conference on H.R. 240 (Department of Homeland Security Appropriations 2015). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **58-31**.

McConnell filed cloture on the Veto Message on S. 1 (Approve the Keystone XL Pipeline).

H.R. 431 (Award a congressional gold medal to the foot soldiers who participated in Bloody Sunday). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 and will be in a period of Morning Business. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM to allow for the Joint Meeting of Congress with the Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu, followed by the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:28 PM.