

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and proceed to a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session to consider the Motion to Proceed to S. 524 (Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 524 (Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. Cloture was invoked by a vote of 89-0.

S. Res. 365 (America's Heat Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 379 (Celebrating Black History Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

In Executive Session, the Senate confirmed the following nominations en bloc:

AIR FORCE

#468 Maj. Gen. Robert S. Williams – to be Lieutenant General

#469 Col. Brook J. Leonard – to be Brigadier General

#470 Col. Michael A. Guetlein – to be Brigadier General

#471 To be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Steven L. Basham

Brig. Gen. Carl A. Buhler

Brig. Gen. James C. Dawkins, Jr.

Brig. Gen. Dawn M. Dunlop

Brig. Gen. Albert M. Elton, II

Brig. Gen. Michael A. Fantini

Brig. Gen. Cedric D. George

Brig. Gen. Patrick C. Higby

Brig. Gen. Mark K. Johnson

Brig. Gen. Brian T. Kelly

Brig. Gen. Brian M. Killough

Brig. Gen. Scott A. Kindsvater

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Kirkland

Brig. Gen. Robert D. LaBrutta

Brig. Gen. Russell A. Mack

Brig. Gen. Charles L. Moore, Jr.

Brig. Gen. Mary F. O'Brien

Brig. Gen. John T. Quintas

Brig. Gen. Duke Z. Richardson

Brig. Gen. Robert J. Skinner
Brig. Gen. Bradley D. Spacy
Brig. Gen. Ferdinand B. Stoss
Brig. Gen. Jeffrey B. Taliaferro
Brig. Gen. Christopher P. Weggeman
Brig. Gen. Stephen N. Whiting
Brig. Gen. John M. Wood

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM on Tuesday March 1st, 2016. Following Leader remarks the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 524 (Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016), post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 - 2:15 PM for the weekly caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:58 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 25, 2016 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on S. Res. 374 (Relating to the death of Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 374 (Relating to the death of Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States). Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution passed by a vote of 93-0.

Motion to Proceed to S. 524 (Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016). McConnell filed Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, February 29th and proceed to a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session to consider the Motion to Proceed to S. 524 (Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act of 2016). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate adjourned at 5:48 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume post-cloture debate on Cal. #443, Robert Califf to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. The Senate will vote on the Califf nomination at 11:00 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #443, Robert Califf to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **89-4**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 25, 2016 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on S. Res. 374 (Relating to the death of Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States).

The Senate adjourned at 6:22 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2016

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #443, Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #443, Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

The Senate recessed from 12:26-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM and resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #443, Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, February 24th and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume post-cloture debate on Cal. #443, Robert Califf to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. The Senate will vote on the Califf nomination at 11:00 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:13 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and Senator Coons will be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. The Senate then proceed to a period of morning business. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #443, Robert McKinnon Califf to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

The Senate convened and Senator Coons was recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address.

Following the deliverance of Washington's Farewell Address (approximately 3:40 PM) the Senate will observe a moment of silence in honor of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

The Senate observed a moment of silence in honor of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #443, Robert McKinnon Califf to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of **80-6**.

H.R. 890 (An act to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in Florida). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 3262 (An act to provide for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4056 (An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to convey to the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs all right, title, and interest of the United States to the property known as "The Community Living Center" at the Lake Baldwin Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, Orlando, Florida). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4437 (An act to extend the deadline for the submittal of the final report required by the Commission on Care). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2234 (The Office of Strategic Services Congressional Gold Medal Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 371 (A resolution congratulating the Denver Broncos for winning Super Bowl 50). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #443, Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

The Senate adjourned at 6:56 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during Friday's Session.

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

Cal. #153 (Sunil Sabharwal, to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund).

Cal. #148 (Azita Raji, to be U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden).

Cal. #204 (Brian James Egan to Legal Adviser of the Department of State).

Cal. #263 (Samuel Heins to be U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway).

Cal. #329 (John Estrada to be U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago).

Cal. #375 (Thomas Shannon to be Under Secretary of State).

Cal. #421 (David McKean to be U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg).

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 2451 (A bill to designate the area between the intersections of International Drive Northwest and Van Ness Street and International Drive Northwest and International Place Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia). The bill was agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 31 (Adjournment Resolution). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, February 22nd, 2016. Following the prayer and pledge, Senator Coons will be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. Following the reading of Washington's Farewell Address, the Senate will be in a period of morning business until 5:30 PM with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. At 5:30 PM the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #443, Robert McKinnon Califf, of South Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

The Senate adjourned at 10:18 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 644 (Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act). At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report to accompany H.R.644 (Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act). If cloture is invoked, a vote on adoption to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 644 (Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act) is expected.

The Senate convened at 9:30 AM and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Conference Report to accompany H.R. 644 (Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of **73-22**.

Vote on adoption of the Conference Report is expected at 12 Noon.

At 1:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to vote on Calendar #361, the nomination of Leonard Terry Strand, of South Dakota, to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.

Conference Report to accompany H.R. 644 (Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The Conference Report was adopted by a vote of **75-20**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Calendar #361, Leonard Terry Strand, of South Dakota, to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **93-0**.

McConnell Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #443, Robert Califf to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. McConnell Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Cloture vote will occur at 5:30 PM on Monday, February 22nd.

The following privileged nominations were considered, en bloc:

PN 1039, Morton Halperin to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

PN 1040, Michael Johanns to be a Member of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

The nominations were confirmed, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:
All nominations at the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service.
Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 487 (To allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain land). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 99 (Robert Levinson). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 298 (Connecticut's submarine century). Blumenthal amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The resolution, as amended, agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate will convene on Friday, February 12th at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during Friday's Session.

The Senate adjourned at 6:21 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 10th and will be in a period of Morning Business until 10:30 AM.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 757 (Enforcement of Sanctions against the Government of North Korea). Yeas and nays ordered. The bill as amended was agreed to by a vote of **96-0**.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 11th. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 644 (Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act). At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report to accompany H.R.644 (Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act). If cloture is invoked, a vote on adoption to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 644 (Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act) is expected.

The Senate adjourned at 7:03 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2016

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM. Following any leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM to allow for the weekly caucus meetings. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and vote on confirmation of Scot Alan Marciel to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Union of Burma.

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

The Senate recessed from 12:36-2:15 PM.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. # 464, Scot Alan Marciel to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Union of Burma. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 90-0.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Chair lays before the Senate the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 644 (Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015).

McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 644 (Trade Facilitation and Trade Enforcement Act of 2015).

S. 2109 (Directing Dollars to Disaster Relief Act of 2015). Johnson amend agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1428 (Judicial Redress Act of 2015). Committee reported amend agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 367 (Career and Technical Education Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 369 (Digital Learning Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 10th and will be in a period of Morning Business until 10:30 AM. There are currently no roll call votes scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 6:06 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #360, Rebecca Ebinger to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 PM.

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #360, Rebecca Ebinger to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **83-0**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

Klobuchar asked unanimous consent that the Senate enter Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Executive Calendar #263, Samuel D. Heins, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway; and Executive Calendar #148, Azita Raji, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden;

and that the Senate then proceed to vote on confirmation of the nominations. McConnell objected to the request on behalf of Cruz.

S. Res. 366 (Lunar New Year). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. Following any leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM to allow for the weekly caucus meetings. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and vote on confirmation of Scot Alan Marciel to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Union of Burma.

The Senate adjourned at 6:39 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2016

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act). At 11:30 AM, the Senate will have a Cloture vote on Murkowski amend #2953 (Substitute amendment).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

Murkowski amend #2953 (Substitute amendment). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **46-50**, with one Senator voting **Present**.

McConnell Motion to Reconsider the Vote.

S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **43-54**.

McConnell Motion to Reconsider the Vote.

Klobuchar asked unanimous consent that the Senate enter Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Executive Calendar #263, Samuel D. Heins, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway; and Executive Calendar #148, Azita Raji, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden;

and that the Senate then proceed to vote on confirmation of the nominations. Lee objected to the request on behalf of Cruz.

Shaheen asked unanimous consent that the Senate enter Executive Session to consider the following nominations:

Executive Calendar #375, Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., to be an Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs); and
PN 371, Adam J. Szubin, to be Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Crimes;

and that the Senate then proceed to vote on confirmation of the nominations. Lee objected to the request on behalf of Cruz (Shannon) and Shelby (Szubin).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #465, Lt. Gen. John W. Nicholson, Jr. to be General, U.S. Army. Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H. Con. Res. 109 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 363 (University of Mount Union football team). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 364 (Honoring the death of Marlow Cook, U.S. Senator from Kentucky). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 8th and will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 5:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #360, Rebecca Ebinger to by U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 5:47 PM under the provisions of S. Res. 364 (Honoring the death of Marlow Cook, U.S. Senator from Kentucky).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 4168 (Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement Act). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration was objected to, and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

Murkowski amend #2953 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

By the unanimous consent, the Senate agreed that following morning business on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of Calendar #359, H.R.757 (North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2016). There will be up to 7 hours of debate equally divided in the usual form. Following the use or yielding back of time, the committee-reported amendment will be agreed to and the Senate will vote on the bill, as amended.

H.R.3033, Research Excellence and Advancements for Dyslexia Act, with Lee/Murray amendment. Agreed to by UC.

H.R.907, U.S.-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act, with Rubio amendment. Agreed to by UC.

S.Res.357, recognizing the goals of Catholic School Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States. Agreed to by UC.

S.Res.358, designating February 1 through 5, 2016, as "National School Counseling Week". Agreed to by UC.

S.Res.359, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the unification of the air and marine assets of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish the Air and Marine Operations of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Agreed to by UC.

S.Res.360, congratulating the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture on the celebration of its 100th anniversary. Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 4, 2016. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will have a Cloture vote on Murkowski amend #2953 (Substitute amendment).

The Senate adjourned at 7:22 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:30 PM, there will be roll call votes on Lee amendment #3023 (National monuments) and Franken amendment #3115 (Energy efficiency). A 60 vote affirmative threshold is required for adoption for both amendments.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

Murkowski amend #2953 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

The Senate recessed from 12:49-2:15 PM.

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

S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

Murkowski amend #2953 (Substitute amendment). For the purposes of debate, the amendment will be considered as original bill text.

Lee amend #3023 (To modify the authority of the President of the United States to declare national monuments). A 60 vote affirmative threshold is required for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **47-48**.

Franken amend #3115 (To establish a Federal energy efficiency resource standard for electricity and natural gas suppliers). A 60 vote affirmative threshold is required for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **43-52**.

Rounds amend #3182 (To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a conservation incentives landowner education program), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Barrasso amend #3030 (To establish deadlines and expedite permits for certain natural gas gathering lines on Federal land and Indian land). A 60 vote affirmative threshold is required for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **52-43**.

Sullivan amend #2996 (To require each agency to repeal or amend one or more rules before issuing or amending a rule). A 60 vote affirmative threshold is required for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **49-46**.

Schatz amend #3176 (Phase out tax preference-fossil fuels). A 60 vote affirmative threshold is required for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **45-50**.

Durbin amend #3095 (To increase funding for DOE Office of Science). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Whitehouse amend #3125 (To require campaign finance disclosures for certain persons benefitting from fossil fuel activities). A 60 vote affirmative threshold is required for adoption. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **43-52**.

McConnell filed Motion to Invoke Cloture on Murkowski amend #2953 (Substitute amendment).

McConnell filed Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

The following amendments were considered, en bloc:

Hirono amend #3064 (To modify a provision relating to the energy workforce pilot grant program).

Hirono amend #3065 (To modify a provision relating to the energy workforce pilot grant program), as modified.

Klobuchar amend #3179 (To modify the areas of focus under the grid storage program).

Inhofe amend #3145 (To provide that for purposes of the Federal purchase requirement, renewable energy includes thermal energy).

Heitkamp amend #3174 (To affirm a Federal commitment to carbon capture utilization and storage research, development, and implementation and to study the costs and benefits of contracting authority for price stabilization).

Collins amend #3140 (To require certain Federal agencies to establish consistent policies relating to forest biomass energy to help address the energy needs of the United States), as modified.

Baldwin amend #3156 (To strike an appeal under a provision relating to manufacturing energy efficiency).

Carper amend #3143 (To reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program).

Boxer amend #3194 (To direct the Secretary of Energy to establish a task force to analyze and assess the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak), as modified.

Inhofe amend #3205 (To provide for the use of geomatic data in consideration of applications for Federal authorization).

Booker amend #3160 (To strike a provision relating to identifying and characterizing methane hydrate resources using remote sensing and seismic data in the Atlantic Ocean Basin).

The amendments were agreed to, en bloc, by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 2306 (Requires the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to undertake remediation oversight of the West Lake Landfill located in Bridgeton, Missouri). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 353

S. Res. 354

S. Res. 355

S. Res. 356

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

H.R. 4168 (Small Business Capital Formation Enhancement 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 9:30 AM on Wednesday, February 3rd and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:38 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and following Leader remarks will resume consideration of S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act). The next roll call vote is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, February 2nd.

The Senate convened at 3:00 PM and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act).

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc by voice vote:

Gardner #2970 (energy management requirements)

Reed #2989 (electric grid energy funds)

Inhofe #2991 (Brownfields grants)

Daines #3119 (cybersecurity)

Murphy #3019 (reclaimed refrigerants)

Hirono #3066 (energy workforce pilot grant program)

Udall #3137 (Secretarial Order)

Flake #3056, as modified (green buildings programs)

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

Executive Calendar #458, Ricardo Aguilera, to be Assistant Secretary Air Force

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 347 (Honoring the memory and legacy of Anita Ashok Datar and condemning the terrorist attack in Bamako, Mali, on November 20, 2015). Adopted by UC.

The Senate will convene on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 2012 (The Energy Policy Modernization Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:30 PM, there will be roll call votes on Lee amendment #3023 (national monuments) and Franken amendment #3115 (energy efficiency). A 60 vote affirmative threshold is required for adoption for both amendments.

The Senate adjourned at 6:41 PM.