

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session to consider H.J. Res. 67 (The Municipal Savings CRA). The Senate will have two votes at 10:00 AM: Adoption of H.J. Res. 67 (the Municipal Savings CRA) and the Motion to proceed to H.J. Res. 43 (The Title X CRA).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

H.J. Res. 67 (The Municipal Savings CRA). Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution passed by a vote of **50-49**.

McConnell Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 43 (the Title X CRA). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of **50-50** with Vice President Pence casting the tiebreaking vote.

H.J. Res. 43 (the Title X CRA). Yeas and nays ordered. The joint resolution was adopted by a vote of **50-50** with Vice President Pence casting the tiebreaking vote.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, April 3, 2017. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 89 (The Delta Queen bill), with the time until 5:30 PM equally divided. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on passage of S. 89.

Following the disposition of S. 89, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session for consideration of Cal. #24, Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. The Senate is expected to vote on the confirmation of the Duke nomination on Tuesday, April 4th.

The Senate adjourned at 6:16 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 67 (the Municipal Savings CRA). Motion is agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.J. Res. 67 (the Municipal Savings CRA).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 98 (National Asbestos Awareness Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 103 (Vietnam Veterans Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 353 (Improves the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Weather Research). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 30th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session to consider H.J. Res. 67 (the Municipal Savings CRA). At that time, all debate time will be expired and the Senate will vote on the resolution.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #1 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro), post-cloture. The Senate is expected to recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #1 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro).

The Senate recessed from 12:52-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

Cal. #1 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro).
Yeas and Nays ordered. The Treaty was ratified by a vote of **97-2**.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 95 (designating March 22, 2017, as "National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day). The resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 101 (Providing for members on the part of the Senate on the Joint Committee of Critical Printing and the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library) The resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 29th, 2017.

The Senate adjourned at 6:12 PM.

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #1 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #1 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Executive Session.

Executive Calendar #1 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro). Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **97-2**.

S.J.Res.30 – Smithsonian Board of Regents. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S.J.Res.35 – Smithsonian Board of Regents. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S.J.Res.36 – Smithsonian Board of Regents. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

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

AIR FORCE

Cal. #25 – The following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Tony D. Bauernfeind
Brig. Gen. William T. Cooley
Brig. Gen. Stephen L. Davis
Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Doherty
Brig. Gen. James A. Jacobson
Brig. Gen. David A. Krumm
Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Kruse
Brig. Gen. Michael A. Minihan
Brig. Gen. Shaun Q. Morris
Brig. Gen. Thomas E Murphy
Brig. Gen. David S. Nahom
Brig. Gen. Stephen W. Oliver, Jr.
Brig. Gen. John M. Pletcher
Brig. Gen. Scott L. Pleus
Brig. Gen. John T. Rauch, Jr.
Brig. Gen. Brian S. Robinson
Brig. Gen. Ricky N. Rupp
Brig. Gen. Dirk D. Smith
Brig. Gen. Kirk W. Smith
Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets, IV
Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Toth
Brig. Gen. Mark E. Weatherington

Cal. #26 – the following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Dagvin R. M. Anderson
Col. Jason R. Armagost
Col. Craig R. Baker
Col. Gentry W. Boswell
Col. Richard H. Boutwell
Col. Ryan L. Britton
Col. Brian R. Bruckbauer
Col. Lance R. Bunch
Col. Todd D. Canterbury
Col. Case A. Cunningham
Col. Evan C. Dertien
Col. Michael L. Downs
Col. Troy E. Dunn
Col. Derek C. France
Col. David M. Gaedecke
Col. Philip A. Garrant
Col. Anthony W. Genatempo
Col. Kristin E. Goodwin
Col. Christopher J. Ireland
Col. David R. Iverson
Col. Joel D. Jackson
Col. Ronald E. Jolly, Sr.
Col. Michael G. Koscheski
Col. David J. Kumashiro
Col. John D. Lamontagne
Col. Leah G. Lauderback
Col. Charles B. McDaniel
Col. John C. Millard
Col. Albert G. Miller
Col. John J. Nichols
Col. Robert G. Novotny
Col. Lansing R. Pilch
Col. Donna D. Shipton
Col. Jeremy T. Sloane
Col. Phillip A. Stewart
Col. David H. Tabor

ARMY

Cal. #27 – Maj. Gen. Paul A. Ostrowski to be Lieutenant General

Cal. #28 – Lt. Gen. Sean B. MacFarland to be Lieutenant General

Cal. #29 – Brig. Gen. Francisco A. Espaillat to be Major General

Cal. #30 – Col. Jeffrey A. Roach to be Brigadier General

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 28, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #1 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro), post-cloture. The Senate is expected to recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:24 PM.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 34 (FCC Privacy CRA).

S.J. Res. 34 (FCC Privacy CRA). Yeas and Nays ordered. The Joint Resolution was passed by a vote of **50–48**.

Cal. #20, David Friedman, to be Ambassador to Israel. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **52–46**.

Cal. #20, David Friedman, to be Ambassador to Israel. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **52–46**.

McConnell Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote

McConnell Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Treaty Doc 114-12 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Treaty Doc 114-12 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro). McConnell filed cloture on the Treaty.

S. Res. 96 (Cerebral Palsy Awareness). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 97 (Printing Committee Rules). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 27, 2017. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #1 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #1 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the Accession of Montenegro).

The Senate adjourned at 5:53 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM. The Senate is expected to move to proceed to H.J. Res. 83 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Clarification of Employer's Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness").

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

H.R. 1181 (Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

McConnell Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 83 (the OSHA Record Keeping CRA). The Motion was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

H.J. Res. 83 (the OSHA Record Keeping CRA).

Yeas and Nays ordered. The Joint Resolution was adopted by a vote of **50–48**.

McConnell motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #20, David Friedman, to be Ambassador to Israel. The motion to proceed was agreed to by a voice vote.

McConnell filed cloture on the motion.

McConnell motion to proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by voice vote.

McConnell motion to proceed to S.J. Res 34 (FCC Privacy CRA). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S.J. Res 34 (FCC Privacy CRA).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 23rd, 2017. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 34 (FCC Privacy CRA).

The Senate adjourned at 7:07 PM.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

The Senate will next convene at 10:30 AM. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session for the consideration of the following nominations, en bloc:

Executive Calendar #21, Charles R Breyer, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission

Executive Calendar #22, Danny Reeves, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation of the nominations, en bloc. The Senate is expected to recess 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered, en bloc:

Cal. #21, Charles R Breyer, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Cal. #22, Danny Reeves, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

Yeas and nays ordered. The nominations were confirmed by a vote of **98-0**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

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

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

McConnell Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 69 (Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to “Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska”). Agreed to by **voice vote**.

H.J. Res. 69 (Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the final rule of the Department of the Interior relating to “Non-Subsistence Take of Wildlife, and Public Participation and Closure Procedures, on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska”). Yeas and nays ordered. The joint resolution passed by a vote of **52-47**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 1228 (To provide for the appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to replace members whose terms expire during 2017). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 244 (To encourage effective, voluntary investments to recruit, employ, and retain men and women who have served in the US military with annual Federal awards to employers recognizing such efforts). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 81 (196th Anniversary of the Independence of Greece). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1181 (Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act). The bill was read for a first time. Further readings were objected to and the bill will be read for the second time on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 and following the prayer and pledge, the Majority Leader will be recognized.

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #23, Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #23, Daniel Coats to be Director of National Intelligence. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **88-11**.

The cloture motion on Cal. #19, Lt. Gen. Herbert R. McMaster Jr. to be Lieutenant General is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

At 1:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of votes on the following nominations:

Cal. #23, Daniel Coats to be Director of National Intelligence.

Cal. #19, Lt. Gen. Herbert R. McMaster Jr. to be Lieutenant General.

Cal. #23, Daniel Coats to be Director of National Intelligence. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **85-12**.

Cal. #19, Lt. Gen. Herbert R. McMaster Jr. to be Lieutenant General. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **86-10**.

Motion to Table agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 1362 (To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Pago Pago, American Samoa, the Faleomavaega Eni Fa'aua'a Hunkin VA Clinic). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 83 (A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the trafficking of illicit fentanyl into the United States from Mexico and China). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 9 (Honoring in Parise and Remembrance the extraordinary life, steady leadership, and remarkable reign of the king of Thailand). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 76 (A resolution expressing support for the designation of March 21, 2017, as "National Rosie the Riveter Day"). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 89 (A resolution supporting the designation of March 2017 as "National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month"). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene for Pro Forma Sessions only at the following dates and times:

Thursday, March 16th at 11:30 am

Monday March 20th at 10:00 am.

The Senate will next convene on Tuesday, March 21st, 2017 at 10:30 AM. Following Leader Remarks, The Senate will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. After morning business, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session for the consideration of the following nominations, en bloc:

Executive Calendar #21, Charles R Breyer, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission

Executive Calendar #22, Danny Reeves, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission.

The Senate adjourned at 6:04 PM.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session to consider H.J. Res. 42 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants). The Tuesday party caucus lunches will take place from 12:30 to 2:15 PM.

H.J. Res. 42 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants). The Senate adopted the Joint Resolution by a vote of **51-48**.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 15th, 2017. At 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #23, Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume debate of Executive Calendar #18, Seema Verma, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate recessed at 2:08 PM subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 2:24 PM and resumed Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #18, Seema Verma to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **55-43**.

Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider the Vote. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #23, Daniel Coats to be Director of National Intelligence. Agreed to by **Vote Vote**. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination.

Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider the Vote. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #19 Lt. Gen. HR McMaster to be Lt. General. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nomination.

Motion to Proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 42 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

H.J. Res. 42 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants).

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, March 14th and proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session to consider H.J. Res. 42 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants).

The Senate adjourned at 6:16 PM.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of H.J. Res. 57 (Disapproving the Department of Education rule relating to accountability and state plans). At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will vote on the resolution. At 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #18, Seema Verma to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

H.J. Res. 57 (Disapproving the Department of Education rule relating to accountability and state plans). Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution passed by a vote of **50-49**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #18, Seema Verma, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **54-44**.

Cal. #18, Seema Verma, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 13, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume debate of Executive Calendar #18, Seema Verma, to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on confirmation of the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 5:48 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 8th. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.J. Res. 58 (The Teacher Prep CRA).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.J. Res. 58 (The Teacher Prep CRA). Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution was agreed to by a vote of **59-40**.

Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 57 (Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education

relating to accountability and State plans under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.J. Res. 57 (Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to accountability and State plans under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965).

S. 496 (Repeals the rule issued by the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transport Administration). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. J. Res. 1 (Operation Desert Storm and Operation Desert Shield Memorial). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 84 (International Women's Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 9th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of H.J. Res. 57 (Disapproving the Department of Education rule relating to accountability and state plans). At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will vote on the resolution. At 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #18, Seema Verma to be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The Senate adjourned at 8:34 PM.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM, and following Leader remarks, will resume consideration of H.J. Res. 44 (The BLM Rule CRA) for 8 hours of debate. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. Unless time is yielded back, the Senate will vote on H.J. Res. 44 at approximately 6:00 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative session.

H.J. Res. 44 (The BLM Rule CRA).

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

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

H.J. Res. 44 (The BLM Rule CRA). Yeas and nays ordered. The Joint Resolution was agreed to by a vote of **51–48**.

McConnell motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #18, Seema Verma to be the Administrator of the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services. The motion to proceed was agreed to by a **voice vote**.

McConnell filed cloture on the Verma nomination.

McConnell motion to proceed to Legislation Session. The motion to proceed was agreed to by a **voice vote**.

McConnell motion to proceed to H.J. Res 58 (The Teacher Prep CRA). The motion to proceed was agreed to by a **voice vote**.

H.J. Res. 58 (The Teacher Prep CRA).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res 68 (Raising Awareness of Modern Slavery). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res 82 (Congratulating the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab on the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the laboratory). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 8th. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.J. Res. 58 (The Teacher Prep CRA).

The Senate Adjourned at 6:16 PM.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.J. Res. 37 (The Blacklisting Rule CRA). All debate time will expire at 6:00 PM and the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on adoption of H.J. Res. 37. Following disposition of H.J. Res. 37, the Senate is expected to proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to proceed to H.J. Res. 44 (The BLM Rule CRA).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.J. Res. 37 (The Blacklisting Rule CRA). The Joint Resolution passed by a vote of **49-48**.

The Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 44 (The BLM Rule CRA) was agreed to by voice vote.

H.J. Res. 44 (The BLM Rule CRA).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 7, 2017. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.J. Res. 44 (The BLM Rule CRA) for 8 hours of

debate. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. Unless time is yielded back, the Senate will vote on H.J. Res. 44 at approximately 6:00 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:59 PM.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 2nd, 2017. At approximately 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the confirmation of Cal. #5, Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Following the disposition of the Carson nomination, there will be up to 10 minutes of debate, followed by a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Cal. #9, James Richard Perry, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy. If cloture is invoked on the Perry nomination, time will be counted as if invoked at 7:00 AM on Thursday, March 2nd.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #5, Benjamin S. Carson, Sr. to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **58-41**.

Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider the nomination was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #9, James Richard Perry to be Secretary of Energy. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of **62-37**.

Cal. #9, James Richard Perry to be Secretary of Energy. All post-cloture time was yielded back. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **62-37**.

Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider the nomination was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.J. Res. 37 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of **51-46**.

H.J. Res. 37 (Disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration relating to the Federal Acquisition Regulation).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res 79 (Designating March 2nd, 2017 as Read Across America Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res 80 (Designating March 3rd, 2017 as World Wildlife Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to Leader remarks. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #8, Ryan Zinke to be Secretary of the Interior. There will be 20 minutes of debate prior to a vote on the Zinke nomination. The Senate will then proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #5, Ben Carson, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. If cloture is invoked, post-cloture time will be counted as if it was invoked at 1:00 AM on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #8, Ryan Zinke to be Secretary of the Interior. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **68 – 31**.

Cal. #5, Ben Carson, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **62–37**.

S. Res 74 (Nebraska on the 150th Anniversary of admission into the United States.) Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 74 (150th Anniversary of the State of Nebraska). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 77 (Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 2nd, 2017. At approximately 10:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the confirmation of Executive Calendar #5, Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., of Florida, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Following the disposition of the Carson nomination, there will be up to 10 minutes of debate, followed by a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #9, James Richard Perry, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy. If cloture is invoked on the Perry nomination, time will be counted as if invoked at 7:00 AM on Thursday, March 2nd.

The Senate adjourned at 4:34 PM.