

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #312, Ralph Erickson to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Erickson nomination at 10:30 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #312, Ralph Erickson to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **95-1**.

Cal. #312, Ralph Erickson to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **95-1**.

Cal. #251, Ajit Varadaraj Pai to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission. Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3823 (Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017), as amended. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #251, Ajit Varadaraj Pai to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of **55-41**.

Cal. #251, Ajit Varadaraj Pai to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

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

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Executive Calendar #328 John R. Bass – to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Executive Calendar #334 Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. – to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Russian Federation

Executive Calendar #335 Justin Hicks Siberell – to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Bahrain

Executive Calendar #336 A. Wess Mitchell – to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Executive Calendar #316 Robert J. Higdon, Jr. – to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina for the term of four years

Executive Calendar #317 J. Cody Hiland – to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas for the term of four years

Executive Calendar #318 Joshua J. Minkler – to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana for the term of four years

Executive Calendar #319 Byung J. Pak – to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years

ARMY

Executive Calendar #338 - Col. Michael R. Fenzel to be Brigadier General

AIR FORCE

Executive Calendar #339 - Maj. Gen. Jacqueline D. Van Ovost to be Lieutenant General

Executive Calendar #340 – The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Jeffery D. Aebischer

Col. Nathan B. Alholinna

Col. Boris R. Armstrong

Col. Kimberly A. Baumann

Col. Robert L. Bell

Col. Shawn N. Bratton

Col. Jeffrey L. Butler

Col. Michael E. Callahan

Col. Kevin J. Campbell

Col. Thomas S. Cauthen

Col. Lawrence L. Christensen

Col. Shawn A. Clouthier

Col. Darwin L. Craig

Col. Robert C. Desko

Col. Kevin M. Donovan

Col. Bobbi J. Doorenbos

Col. David M. Dziobkowski

Col. Randal K. Efferson

Col. Howard L. Eissler, III

Col. Shawn D. Ford

Col. Jed J. French

Col. Daniel E. Gabrielli

Col. Mark P. Gaul

Col. Rainer G. Gomez

Col. Patrick M. Guinee

Col. Penny C. Hodges-Goetz

Col. Jeremy C. Horn

Col. Cassandra D. Howard
Col. Paul D. Johnson
Col. Edward S. Jones
Col. Gary W. Kirk
Col. Heidi L. Kjos
Col. Meaghan Q. LeClerc
Col. Gregor J. Leist
Col. Suzanne B. Lipcaman
Col. Keith G. MacDonald
Col. Rolf E. Mammen
Col. Gerald E. McDonald
Col. Christopher G. McGraw
Col. Michael R. Morgan
Col. Rebecca L. O'Connor
Col. Duke A. Pirak
Col. Jeffrey L. Ryan
Col. Jon S. Safstrom
Col. William L. Sparrow
Col. James R. Stevenson, Jr.
Col. Jeffrey D. Storey
Col. Bryan J. Teff
Col. Edward L. Vaughan, IV
Col. April D. Vogel
Col. Charles M. Walker
Col. Christopher S. Walker
Col. David A. Weishaar
Col. Wendy B. Wenke
Col. Gregory T. White
Col. Brent W. Wright
Col. William T. Yates
Col. Daniel S. Yenchsky

ARMY

Executive Calendar #341 – Brig. Gen. John E. Cardwell to be Major General
Executive Calendar #342 – Col. Joseph D'Costa to be Brigadier General
Executive Calendar #343 – Maj. Gen. Michael A. Bills to be Lieutenant General
Executive Calendar #344 – Brig. Gen. Daniel J. Christian to be Major General
Executive Calendar #345 – Brig. Gen. Kenneth H. Moore to be Major General
Executive Calendar #346 – Col. Matthew P. Easley to be Brigadier General
Executive Calendar #347 – Col. Johnny R. Bass to be Brigadier General
Executive Calendar #348 – Col. Tony L. Wright to be Brigadier General

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2519 (The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act). Passed by voice vote

S. 770 (To require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate resources to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks, and for other purposes, with committee-reported amendment and Schatz amendment). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 267 (Designating September 2017, as “National Workforce Development Month”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 272 (Commemorating the 230th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 273 (Expressing support for the designation of September 2017 as “Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month” in order to educate communities across the United States about sickle cell disease and the need for research, early detection methods, effective treatments, and preventative care programs with respect to sickle cell disease, complications from sickle cell disease, and conditions related to sickle cell disease). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 274 (Supporting the goals and ideals of National Retirement Security Week, including raising public awareness of the various tax-preferred retirement vehicles, increasing personal financial literacy, and engaging the people of the United States on the keys to success in achieving and maintaining retirement security throughout their lifetimes). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 275 (Congratulating Northeastern Illinois University on the sesquicentennial of the University). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 276 (Designating September 2017, as “Pulmonary Fibrosis Awareness Month”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 277 (Designating the week of September 25, through September 29, 2017, as “National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week”). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1894 (To exempt Puerto Rico from the coastwise laws of the United States, commonly known as the “Jones Act”). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, October 2, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #251, Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission. At 5:30 PM, and the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Pai nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 5:17 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1519 (A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense). No votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3354 (Interior and Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development, Commerce, Justice, Science, Financial Services and General Government, Homeland Security, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, State and Foreign Operations, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, Legislative Branch, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2018). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill was placed on the calendar.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1519 (A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered, en bloc:

Cal. #95, Heath Tarbert to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Cal. #106, Makan Delrahim to be Assistant Attorney General.

Cal. #95, Heath Tarbert to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 87-8.

Cal. #106, Makan Delrahim to be Assistant Attorney General. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 73-21.

Cal. #312, Ralph Erickson to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 3819 (To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend certain expiring provisions of law administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2266 (Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2017). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 269 (National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #349, General Joseph F. Dunford Jr. to be Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 28th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #312, Ralph Erickson to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Erickson nomination at 10:30 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:23 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1519 (A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1519 (A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense).

The Senate recessed from 12:37-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1519 (A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense).

McConnell Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #312, Ralph Erickson, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #312, Ralph Erickson, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.
McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

McConnell Motion to Proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #251, Ajit Varadaraj Pai, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #251, Ajit Varadaraj Pai, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate resumed Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1519 (A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 1866 (To provide the Secretary of Education with Waiver Authority and so forth and for other purposes.) The bill was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1028 (A bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a national caregiving strategy and for other purposes). Collins substitute amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The Collins Title amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 114 (A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on humanitarian crises in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen). The Lee amendment and the amendment to the Preamble are agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The Resolution, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 504 (APEC Business Travel Cards Reauthorization Act of 2017). The Hirono amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1057 (Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2017). The Committee-reported substitute amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The Lee amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 870 (A bill to amend Title 18 of the Social Security Act to Implement Medicare Payment Policies and so forth). The Committee-reported substitute amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 3354 (An Act for the Department of Interior for Fiscal Year 2018 and for other purposes). The bill was read for the first time. Further readings of the bill were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 27th, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1519 (A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense).

The Senate adjourned at 7:08 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

The Senate will convene at 4:00 PM and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #176, William Emanuel, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #176, William Emanuel, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **49-47**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1519 (A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1519 (A bill to authorize appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM to allow for the weekly conference meetings.

The Senate adjourned at 7:49 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #105, Noel J. Francisco to be Solicitor General of the United States, with the time until the Cloture Vote, expected to be at 11:00 AM, be equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees. If Cloture is invoked all Post-cloture time will expire at 12:15 PM and the Senate will proceed to a vote on confirmation of Cal. #105, Noel J. Francisco, to be Solicitor General of the United States. Following the disposition of the nomination, the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #105, Noel J. Francisco to be Solicitor General of the United States. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 49-47.

Cal. #105, Noel J. Francisco to be Solicitor General of the United States. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 50-47.

Cal. #176, William Emanuel, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

The Senate recessed from 1:00-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #176, William Emanuel, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of 49-44.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 3110 (Financial Stability Oversight Council Insurance Member Continuity Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 265 (National Falls Prevention Awareness Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene on Thursday, September 21st at 8:30 AM for a pro forma session. The Senate will next convene at 4:00 PM on Monday, September 25th and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #176, William Emanuel, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:14 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018). At 5:30 PM, the McCain amend #545 (Making technical corrections) will be withdrawn and the Senate will adopt McCain amend #1003 (Substitute amendment), as modified. The Senate will then vote on the Motion to Invoke cloture on H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018), and if cloture is invoked, all time will be yielded back and the Senate will then vote on passage of the bill.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018).

McCain amend #1003 (Substitute amendment), as modified.

McCain amend #545 (Making technical corrections) is withdrawn with Unanimous Consent.

McCain amend #1003 (Substitute amendment), as modified is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018), as amended. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of 90–7.

The following amendments were agreed to by Unanimous Consent, en bloc:

Kaine amend #277

Tester amend #434

Heitkamp amend #574

Merkley amend #660

Whitehouse amend #750

Van Hollen amend #756

Murray amend #833

Brown amend #890

Cardin amend #900

Leahy amend #903

Baldwin amend #904

Peters amend #950

Heitkamp amend #976

Cantwell amend #995

Stabenow amend #1014

Whitehouse amend #1015

Harris amend #1021
Sanders amend #1023
Cantwell amend #1065
Bennet amend #1087
Wyden amend #1088
Kaine amend #1089
Cortez Masto amend #1094
Durbin amend #1100
Lee amend #470
Moran amend #601
Portman amend #712
Inhofe amend #780
Ernst amend #873
McCain amend #874
Johnson amend #879
Murkowski amend #908
Rubio amend #927
Isakson amend #943
Flake amend #945
Moran amend #1006
Tillis amend #1031
Perdue amend #1033
Strange amend #1034
Lankford amend #1038
Rounds amend #1039
Scott amend #1050
Portman amend #1055
Tillis amend #1063
Sullivan amend #1073
Strange amend #1086
Graham amend #1096
Isakson amend #1032

H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018), as amended. The bill was read for a third time. Final Passage. Yeas and Nays ordered. The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **89–8**.

McConnell motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #176, William Emanuel, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board. The motion was agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #176, William Emanuel, to be a member of the National Labor Relations Board.
McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 188 (To prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government). The bill was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were agreed to by Unanimous Consent, en bloc:

S. Res. 260 ()

S. Res. 261 ()

S. Res. 262 ()

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 19th, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #105, Noel J. Francisco, to be Solicitor General of the United States, with the time until the Cloture Vote be equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees. If Cloture is invoked all Post-cloture time will expire at 12:15 PM and the Senate will proceed to a vote on confirmation of Cal. #105, Noel J. Francisco, to be Solicitor General of the United States. Following the disposition of the nomination, the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 10:39 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018).

McCain amend #1003 (Substitute amendment), as modified.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #105, Noel J. Francisco to be Solicitor General of the United States. The motion to proceed to the nomination was agreed to by voice vote. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #109, Pamela Hughes Patenaude to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **80-17**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018).

McCain amend #1003 (Substitute amendment), as modified. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion is agreed to by a vote of **84-9**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The Senate proceeded to the following nominations, en bloc:

Cal. #280 (Peter Deegan Jr. to be US Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa).

Cal. #281 (Marc Krickbaum to be US Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa).

Cal. #283 (D. Michael Dunavant to be US Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee).

Cal. #284 (Louis Franklin Sr. to be US Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama).

Cal. #285 (Jessie Liu to be US Attorney for the District of Columbia).

Cal. #286 (Richard Moore to be US Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama).

Cal. #304 (Bart Davis to be US Attorney for the District of Idaho).

Cal. #305 (Kurt Alme to be US Attorney for the District of Montana).

Cal. #306 (Donald Cocharn Jr. to be US Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee).

Cal. #307 (Russell Coleman to be US Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky).

Cal. #308 (Brian Juester to be US Attorney for the Eastern District of Oklahoma).

Cal. #309 (R. Trent Shores to be US Attorney for the Northern District of Oklahoma).

Cal. #310 (Daniel Kaniewski to be Deputy Administrator for the National Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency).

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

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 129 (National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2017). Wicker amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 1393 (Jobs for Our Heroes Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1532 (No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1536 (Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act). Committee-amendment substitute agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered, en bloc:

S. Res. 256

S. Res. 257

S. Res. 258

S. Res. 259

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

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, September 18th and following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018). At 5:30 PM, the McCain amend #545 (Making technical corrections) will be withdrawn and the Senate will vote on adoption of McCain amend #1003 (Substitute amendment), as modified. The Senate will then vote on the Motion to Invoke cloture on H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018), and if cloture is invoked, all time will be yielded back and the Senate will then vote on passage of the bill.

The Senate adjourned at 6:04 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Following Leader remarks the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act). Votes are expected but not yet scheduled.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018). The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by **voice vote**.

H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018).

McCain amend #1003 (Substitute amendment).

Paul amend #871 (To repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force and the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002). Corker Motion to Table. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **61-36**.

McCain Amend #545 (Substitute Amendment).

McCain amend #1003 (Substitute amendment). McConnell filed cloture on the amendment.

H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018). McConnell filed cloture on the bill.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #293, Douglas Domenech, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 252 (National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month). The Resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 253 (National Hispanics Serving Institutions Week.) The Resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 254 (Relative to the Death of Pietro "Pete" Vichi Deomenici, former United States Senator for the State of New Mexico). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 14, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018).

The Senate stands adjourned at 7:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 12th and following Leader remarks, will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #110, Kevin Hassett to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. The Senate will vote on the nomination at approximately 2:35 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018).

The Senate recessed from 12:05-2:15 PM for weekly caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #110, Kevin Hassett to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **81-16**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Following Leader remarks the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act). There will be no post-cloture time remaining and the Senate will proceed to the bill. Votes are expected but not yet scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 6:02 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, September 11, 2017. Following the prayer and pledge the Senate will observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost in the attacks of September 11, 2001. Following the moment of silence, the Senate will proceed with Leader remarks, and then will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810.

The Senate convened and observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost in the attacks of September 11, 2001.

The Senate proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **89-3**.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 3732 (Amends Section 1113 of the Social Security Act). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. J. Res. 49 (Condemning the violence and domestic terrorist attacks in Charlottesville, VA). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 416 (Amends the Small Business Investment Incentive Act of 1980). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 327 (Fair Access to Investment Research Act of 2017). Committee amendments agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Warren amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 444 (Supporting America's Innovators Act of 2017). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 462 (Requires the SEC to refund or credit certain excess payments made to the commission). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 484 (U.S. Territories Investor Protection Act of 2017). Committee amendments agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 488 (Encouraging Employee Ownership Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 102 (Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act of 2017). Committee amendments agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1311 (Provides assistance in abolishing human trafficking in the US). Committee amendments agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Cornyn amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1312 (Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2017). Committee amendments agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Grassley amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 12th and following Leader remarks, will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #110, Kevin Hassett to be Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. The Senate will vote on the nomination at approximately 2:35 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:44 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 601 (Legislative vehicle for Hurricane Harvey aid, debt limit increase, and CR).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

S. J. Res. 49 (Charlottesville attacks). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to, and the joint resolution was placed on the calendar.

S. Res. 243 (Expressing the sense of the Senate that Joseph Leon George should be honored for heroism at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941). Agreed to by Unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

House Message to accompany H.R. 601 (Legislative vehicle for Hurricane Harvey aid, debt limit increase, and CR).

Paul Motion to refer with instructions (re: offset the disaster spending). McConnell Motion to Table the Motion to Refer. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table is agreed to by a vote of **87-10**.

Sasse motion to refer with instructions (re: consider the House disaster request without additional provisions on the CR/Debt limit/added Harvey money). McConnell Motion to Table the Motion to Refer. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table is agreed to by a vote of **72-25**.

Motion to concur with further amendment #808 to the House Message. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur is agreed to by a vote of **79-18**.

McConnell amendment #809 is withdrawn.

House Message to accompany H.R. 601 (Legislative vehicle for Hurricane Harvey aid, debt limit increase, and CR). Motion to concur in the House amendment to H.R. 601 with Senate amendment #808. Final passage. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of **80-17**.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018). McConnell filed a cloture motion on the Motion to Proceed.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and confirmed the following nomination by unanimous consent: Cal. #250, John Muller to be Brigadier General of the Army.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Con Res. 24 (Providing for correction in the enrollment of H.R. 601). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res. 69 (Authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 597 (A bill to increase federal pell grants for the children of fallen safety officers and for other purposes). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1165 (A bill to designate the medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Huntington, West Virginia, as the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, September 11, 2017. Following the prayer and pledge the Senate will observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the lives lost in the attacks of September 11, 2001. Following the moment of silence, the Senate will proceed with Leader remarks, and then will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2810.

The Senate adjourned at 6:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and following Leader remarks will proceed to a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate recessed from 12:18-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened and resumed a period of Morning Business.

The Senate recessed from 3:00-4:15PM for an all-Senator's briefing.

The Senate reconvened and resumed a period of Morning Business.

S. J. Res. 49 (Condemning the violence of the domestic terrorist attack that took place between August 11th and August 12th, 2017 in Charlottesville, VA). The bill was read for the first time. Further readings of the bill were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

S. Con. Res. 23 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for a Ceremony to present a Congressional Gold Medal). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 160 (A resolution honoring the service to United States Armed Forces provided by military working dogs and contract working dogs, also known as "war dogs"). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 652 (Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2017). The substitute amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. 849 (SMASH Act). The substitute amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by voice vote.

S. 920 (National Clinical Care Commission Act). Shaheen amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was passed by unanimous consent.

H.R. 624 (Social Security Number Fraud Prevention Act of 2017). The bill was passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1359 (John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2017). The bill was passed by Unanimous Consent.

House Message to Accompany H.R. 601. Motion to concur on the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment H.R. 601 with Amendment #808. McConnell filed cloture on Amendment #808. McConnell filed a Second Degree Amendment #809 to Amendment #808.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 7th, 2017. Following Leader remarks the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 601.

The Senate adjourned at 11:42 PM.