

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #368, Amy Barrett to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #368, Amy Barrett to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

The Senate recessed from 12:59-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

Cal. #368, Amy Barrett to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, post cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 55–43.

Cal #369, Joan Larsen, of Michigan, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 60–38.

Cal #369, Joan Larsen, of Michigan, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

The following nominations were confirmed by Unanimous Consent:

Cal #443, Lt. Gen. Stayce D. Harris to be Lieutenant General.

Cal. #444, Maj. Gen. Paul J. LaCamera to be Lieutenant General.

Cal. #445, Col. Twanda E. Young to be Brigadier General.

Cal. #446, Col. Roger D. Murdock to be Brigadier General.

Cal. #447, Maj. Gen. David D. Thompson to be Lieutenant General.

Cal. #448, Col. Ralph L. Schwader to be Brigadier General.

Cal. #449, Col. Donald B. Absher to be Brigadier General.

Cal. #450, The Following names to be Brigadier General:

Col. Richard E. Angle

Col. Milford H. Beagle, Jr.

Col. Sean C. Bernabe

Col. Maria A. Biank

Col. James P. Bienlien

Col. Brian R. Bisacre

Col. William M. Boruff

Col. Richard R. Coffman

Col. Charles D. Costanza

Col. Joy L. Curriera

Col. Johnny K. Davis
Col. Robert B. Davis
Col. Thomas R. Drew
Col. Michael R. Eastman
Col. Brian S. Eifler
Col. Christopher L. Eubank
Col. Omuso D. George
Col. William J. Hartman
Col. Darien P. Helmlinger
Col. David M. Hodne
Col. Jonathan E. Howerton
Col. Heidi J. Hoyle
Col. Thomas L. James
Col. Christopher C. Laneve
Col. Otto K. Liller
Col. Vincent F. Malone, II
Col. Charles R. Miller
Col. James S. Moore, Jr.
Col. Michael T. Morrissey
Col. Antonio V. Munera
Col. Frederick M. O'Donnell
Col. Paul E. Owen
Col. Walter T. Rugen
Col. Michelle A. Schmidt
Col. Mark T. Simerly
Col. Michael E. Sloane
Col. William D. Taylor
Col. William L. Thigpen
Col. Thomas J. Tickner
Col. Matthew J. Vanwagenen
Col. Darren L. Werner

Cal. #451, Brig. Gen. Keith Y. Tamashiro to be Major General.
Cal. #452, Maj. Gen. Eric P. Wendt to be Lieutenant General.
Cal. #453, Vice Adm. Christopher W. Grady to be Vice Admiral.
Cal. #454, Read Adm. Bruce H. Lindsey to be Vice Admiral.

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

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 245 (A resolution calling on the Government of Iran to release unjustly detained United States citizens and legal permanent resident aliens, and for other purposes). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following resolutions were agreed to en bloc:

S. Res. 315 (Bison Day)

S. Res. 316 (Native American Heritage Month)

S. Res. 317 (Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Senate Black Legislative Staff Caucus)

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to Leader Remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal #369, Joan Larsen, of Michigan, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, post-cloture.

The Senate adjourned at 6:35 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #179, Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

- 1) Confirmation of Executive Calendar #179, Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.
- 2) Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #368, Amy Barrett, of Indiana, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #179, Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **84-10**.

Cal. #368, Amy Barrett, of Indiana, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **54-42**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 211 (Condemning the violence and persecution in Chechnya). The resolution was agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 75 (Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered, en bloc:

S. Res. 312

S. Res. 313

S. Res. 314

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

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 31st and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #368, Amy Barrett to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:39 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of the nomination of Cal. #117, Scott Palk to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, post-cloture. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation of the Palk nomination. Following disposition of the nomination, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #179, Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #117, Scott Palk to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, post-cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 79-16.

Cal. #179, Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of 85-12.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Executive Calendar #368, Amy Barrett, of Indiana, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

The Senate Proceeded to Executive Session.

Executive Calendar 369, Joan Larsen, of Michigan, to be U. S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Executive Calendar #432, Allison Eid, of Colorado, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Executive Calendar #433, Stephanos Bibas, of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

By unanimous consent, the Senate concurred in the House amendment to S. 782 (Providing Resources, Officers, and Technology to Eradicate Cyber Threats to Our Children Act of 2017).

S. Con. Res. 28 (Providing for a correction in the enrollment of S.782). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 297 (Supporting Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration of after school programs held on October 26, 2017). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Executive Calendar #386, Gregory Ibach, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs. Confirmed by voice vote.

Executive Calendar #413, Daniel J. Kritenbrink, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate reached an agreement that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader, the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar #247, John H. Gibson, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department Defense. There will be 60 minutes of debate followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination. A vote on the Gibson nomination is expected sometime next week.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, October 30, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #179, Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

- 1) Confirmation of Executive Calendar #179, Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.
- 2) Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #368, Amy Barrett, of Indiana, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit

The Senate adjourned at 4:32 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration Cal. #117, Scott Palk to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Palk nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

H. Con. Res. 85 (Providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2266). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #117, Scott Palk to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **79-18**.

Cal. #117, Scott Palk to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 1329 (Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2017). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 280 (National Health and Information Technology Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered, en bloc:

S. Res. 305

S. Res. 306

S. Res. 307

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

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 26th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of the nomination of Cal. #117, Scott Palk to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, post-cloture. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation of the Palk nomination. Following disposition of the nomination, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #179, Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017), post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM 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.

House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017), post-cloture.

The Senate recessed from 12:29-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017), post-cloture. A Budget Point of Order was raised against the House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266. Motion to Waive the Budget Act with respect to the House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was agreed to by a vote of **80-19**. The Point of Order fails.

Motion to Concur in the House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017), The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of **82-17**.

Motion to proceed to H. J. Res. 111 (Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Arbitration Agreements"). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

H. J. Res. 111 (Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to "Arbitration Agreements"). The joint resolution was read for a third time. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Joint Resolution was agreed to by a vote of 51 – 50.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. 226 (A bill to exclude power supply circuits, drivers, and devices to be connected to, and power, light-emitting diodes or organic light-emitting diodes providing illumination or ceiling fans using direct current motors from energy conservation standards for external power supplies). The bill was agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 304 (Protecting Patient Access to Emergency Medications Act of 2017). The Cassidy substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 234 (A resolution recognizing the Sailors and Marines who sacrificed their lives for ship and shipmates while fighting the devastating 1967 fire onboard USS Forrestal and, during the week of the 50th anniversary of the tragic event, commemorating the efforts of those who survived). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 301 (Designating the week beginning on Oct 22, 2017 as National Chemistry Week). The resolution as agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 302 (Authorizing limited still photography of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol, and so forth). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday October, 25th, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration Cal. #117, Scott Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

At 10:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Cal. #117, Scott Palk, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. .

The Senate adjourned at: 10:28 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017) with time equally divided until 5:30 PM. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Motion to Proceed to Cal. #117, Scott L. Palk to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. Agreed to by voice vote.

McConnell filed cloture Cal. #117, Scott L. Palk to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Motion to Proceed to Cal. #179, Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

McConnell filed cloture on Cal. #179, Trevor N. McFadden, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017). Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 79-16.

House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266

(Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017), post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:46 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H. Con. Res. 71 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018). At 11:45 AM, the Senate will vote on the following amendments:

1. Wyden amendment #1302 (strike Finance reconciliation)
2. Capito amendment #1393 (Cantwell side-by-side)
3. Cantwell amendment #1141 (SALT)

Further, at 2:00 PM, the Senate will vote on Warner amendment #1138 (strike PAYGO). There will be a series of additional amendment votes during Thursday's session in order to complete action on the budget resolution.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. Con. Res. 71 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018).

Wyden amend #1302 (To strike the reconciliation instructions relating to tax reform). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **47-52**.

Capito amendment #1393 (To help provide tax relief to middle-class Americans by reducing deductibility for Federal tax purposes, of federal deductions, such as the state and local tax deduction which disproportionately favors high-income individuals). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **52-47**.

Cantwell amendment #1141 (To create a point of order against legislation that would raise taxes on middle class families by double-taxing income already taxed at the state or local level). A Budget Point of Order was raised against the amendment. Motion to Waive the Budget Act with respect to the amendment. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to **47-52**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Warner amend #1138 (Strike PAYGO). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **47-51**.

Flake amend #1178 (Make the American tax system simpler and fairer). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **98-0**.

Baldwin amend #1139 (To prohibit reconciliation legislation that would increase the deficit or reduce a surplus). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **47-51**.

Rubio amend #1205 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to tax cuts for working American families). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Heitkamp amend #1228 (To create a point of order against legislation that would increase taxes of taxpayers whose annual income is below \$250,000). A Budget Point of Order was raised against the amendment. Motion to Waive the Budget Act with respect to the amendment. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **47-51**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Portman amend #1422 (To provide for an international tax system that provides to enhance incentives for businesses to invest in America, generate American jobs, retain American jobs, and return jobs to America). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Donnelly amend #1234 (To create a point of order against legislation that allows companies that have outsourced jobs to foreign countries to benefit from any tax breaks) as modified. The amendment as modified was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Kaine amend #1249 (To modify section 4111 to reinstate and strengthen a prohibition on voting on legislation without a Congressional Budget Office score). Laid aside.

Brown amend #1578 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to providing tax benefits to patriot employers that invest in American jobs and provide fair pay and benefits to workers.). Yeas and Nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **47-51**.

Paul amend #1296 (To modify reconciliation instructions to reduce the deficit). Yeas and Nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed by a vote of **4-94**.

Cardin amend #1375 (To create a point of order against legislation that includes deficit-financed tax cuts). Yeas and Nays ordered. A Budget Point of Order was raised against the amendment. Motion to Waive the Budget Act with respect to the amendment. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **47-52**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Kaine amend #1249 (To modify section 4111 to reinstate and strengthen a prohibition on voting on legislation without a Congressional Budget Office score). A Budget Point of Order was raised against the amendment. Motion to Waive the Budget Act with respect to the amendment. Yas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **48-51**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment fails.

Paul amend #1298 (To reduce discretionary spending by 43,000,000,000). Yeas and Nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **5-95**.

Lee amend #1430 (To expand the deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the repeal of provisions of title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Yeas and Nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **32-67**.

Paul amend #1277 (To provide for reconciliation instructions to the relevant committees for the purpose of repealing and replacing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Yeas and Nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **33–66**.

Udall amend #1553 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to the provision of full, permanent, and mandatory funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program). Yeas and Nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **58–41**.

Lee amend #1428 (To modify a deficit neutral reserve fund relating to public land and the environment to address making payments under the payments in lieu of taxes program equivalent to the property tax revenue that would be due to a State or local government if the State or local government owned the land). Yeas and Nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **50–50**.

Paul amend #1404 (To ensure that all Americans receive a tax cut, keeping more of their hard earned money, and enjoy the benefit of tax reform). Yeas and Nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **7–93**.

Lee amend #1429 (To establish a spending-neutral reserve fund relating to prohibiting Federal regulation of entirely intra-state species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973). Yeas and Nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **49–51**.

Fischer-Collins amend #1552 (To provide tax relief to American workers, families, and job creators in a manner which maintains the progressivity of the tax system by maintaining or raising the share of taxes paid by high income taxpayers). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Cantwell amend #1301 (To strike the reconciliation instructions for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate to prevent oil and gas development within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge). Yeas and Nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **48–52**.

Enzi amend #1561 (To provide other enforcement provisions related to the House of Representatives). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **52–48**.

Perdue–Whitehouse amend #1167 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to significantly improving the budget process). The amendment was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Enzi amend #1116, as amended. The amendment, as amended, was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

H. Con. Res. 71 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018) as amended. Final Passage. The concurrent resolution as amended was agreed to by a vote of **51–49**.

House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017). Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the

Senate amendment to H.R. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017). McConnell filed cloture on the Motion to Concur.

Leader McConnell filled all available motion and amendment slots.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The following resolutions were agreed to, en bloc:

S. Res.298

S. Res. 299

S. Res. 300

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, October 23rd, 2017. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the **House Message to Accompany H.R. 2266 (Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017)** with time equally divided until 5:30 PM.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the cloture motion.

The Senate adjourned at 10:23.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H. Con. Res. 71 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018). At 11:45 AM, the Senate will vote on the following amendments:

1. Wyden amendment #1302 (strike Finance reconciliation)
2. Capito amendment #1393 (Cantwell side-by-side)
3. Cantwell amendment #1141 (SALT)

Further, at 2:00 PM, the Senate will vote on Warner amendment #1138 (strike PAYGO). There will be a series of additional amendment votes during Thursday's session in order to complete action on the budget resolution.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. Con. Res. 71 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018). At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of votes on the following amendments:

Hatch amend #1144 (Sanders side-by-side).
Sanders amend #1119 (Medicaid).

Additional votes are possible during the series.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. Con. Res. 71 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018).

Enzi amend #1116 (Substitute amendment).

Hatch amend #1144 (To establish a deficit-neutral reserve fund relating to Medicare and Medicaid). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **89-9**.

Sanders amend #1119 (To provide additional resources to the \$1,000,000,000,000 in tax cuts paid for by reducing the tax breaks for the wealthy). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **47-51**.

Nelson amend #1150 (To provide additional resources to restore the \$473,000,000,000 in cuts to pay for by closing special interest tax loopholes). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **47-51**.

Heller amend #1146 (To provide tax relief to American families with children to provide them with more money in their paychecks to make ends meet). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **98-0**.

Sanders amend #1120 (To ensure that there are no tax cuts for the top 1 percent of Americans). Enzi raised a Point of Order that the amendment violates the Budget Act. Sanders Motion to Waive the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **46-52**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Collins amend #1151 (To provide tax relief to small businesses and to include provisions to prevent upper-income taxpayers from sheltering income from taxation at the appropriate rate). Agreed to by **voice vote**.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 19, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H. Con. Res. 71 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018). At 11:45 AM, the Senate will vote on the following amendments:

1. Wyden amendment #1302 (strike Finance reconciliation)
2. Capito amendment #1393 (Cantwell side-by-side)
3. Cantwell amendment #1141 (SALT)

Further, at 2:00 PM, the Senate will vote on Warner amendment #1138 (strike PAYGO). There will be a series of additional amendment votes during Thursday's session in order to complete action on the budget resolution.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Cal. #191, David Joel Trachtenberg to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. A vote on confirmation of the nomination is expected at 10:30 AM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2:15 PM to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #191, David Joel Trachtenberg to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **79-17**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

House Message to Accompany H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018). Sen. McConnell Moves that the Senate insists on its amendment and that the two Chambers meet in Conference. Sen. McConnell named the following as conferees: Sens. McCain, Inhofe, Fischer, Wicker, Cotton, Rounds, Ernst, Tillis, Sullivan, Purdue, Cruz, Graham, Sasse, Strange, Reed, Nelson, McCaskill, Shaheen, Gillibrand, Blumenthal, Donnelly, Hirono, Kaine, King, Heinrich, Warren, and Peters.
Motion agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Motion to Proceed to H. Con. Res. 71 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed was adopted by a vote of **50-47**.

H. Con. Res. 71 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018).

The Senate recessed at 12:42 PM for the weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H. Con. Res. 71 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018).

Enzi amendment #1116 (Substitute Amendment).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 18th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. Con. Res. 71 (Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018). At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of votes on the following amendments:

Hatch amend #1144 (Sanders side-by-side).
Sanders amend #1119 (Medicaid).

Additional votes are possible during the series.

The Senate adjourned at 7:04 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017

The Senate will convene at 4:00 PM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #226, Callista L. Gingrich to be Ambassador to the Holy See. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #226, Callista L. Gingrich to be Ambassador to the Holy See. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **70-23**.

Cal. #191, David Joel Trachtenberg, to be Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Cal. #164, Henry Kerner, to be Special Counsel, office of Special Counsel. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to Morning Business.

S. Res 99 (A resolution recognizing the 11 African-American soldiers of the 333rd Field Artillery Battalion who were massacred in Wereth, Belgium, during the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944.) The Resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 292 (Condemning the brutal and senseless attack at a country music festival in Las Vegas, Nevada and so forth). The Resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Con. Res. 26 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the unveiling of the American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Chair of Honor). The Resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 705 (Child Protection Improvements Act of 2017). Hatch substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. Title amendment agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 695 (Child Protection Improvements Act of 2017). Hatch substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. Title amendment agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday October 17th, 2017. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Cal. #191, David Joel Trachtenberg, to be Principal

Deputy Under Secretary of Defense., with 10 minutes of debate equally divided prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination.

The Senate will recess from 12:30pm until 2:15pm to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

The Senate adjourned at 6:44 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #301, Randal Quarles, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, with the time until 10:00 AM equally divided.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #301, Randal Quarles to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **65-32**.

Cal. #303, Randal Quarles to be Vice Chairman of the Federal Reserve System. The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #119, Lee Francis Cissna to be Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion is agreed to by a vote of **54-43**.

Cal. #119, Lee Francis Cissna to be Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. By a Unanimous Consent agreement, all post-cloture time is yielded back. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **54-43**.

Cal. #226, Callista L. Gingrich to be Ambassador to the Holy See. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion is agreed to by a vote of **75-20**.

Cal. #226, Callista L. Gingrich to be Ambassador to the Holy See.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #327, Stephen King to be U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

Cal. #332, Barbara Lee to be U.S. Representative to the 72nd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Cal. #333, Christopher Smith to be U.S. Representative to the 72nd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Cal. #337, J. Steven Dowd to be U.S. Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

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

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #365, Timothy Gallaudet to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Cal. #366, Howard Elliott to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

Cal. #367, Walter Copan to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology. The nominations were confirmed, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

Cal. #360, Bruce Walker to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability). The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 692 (Provides for integrated plan permits). Committee-reported substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1103 (Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1595 (Hizballah International Financing Prevention Amendments Act of 2017). Rubio amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered, en bloc:

S. Res. 287

S. Res. 288

S. Res. 289

S. Res. 290

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

The Senate will convene for pro forma sessions only on the following dates and times:

Friday, October 6th at 10:30 AM

Tuesday, October 10th at 9:15 AM

Friday, October 13th at 8:30 AM

The Senate will then next convene at 4:00 PM on Monday, October 16th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #226, Callista L. Gingrich to be Ambassador to the Holy See. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM. On Tuesday, October 17th at 10:40 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the nomination of Cal. #191, David Trachtenberg to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

The Senate adjourned at 5:51 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader remarks, and will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #112, Eric D. Hargan, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Hargan nomination. At 3:15 PM, the Senate will hold two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #112, Eric D. Hargan, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #301, Randal Quarles, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #112, Eric D. Hargan to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion is agreed to by a vote of **57-38**.

Cal. #112, Eric D. Hargan to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **57-38**.

Cal. #301, Randal Quarles, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion is agreed to by a vote of **62-33**.

Cal. #301, Randal Quarles, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business

H.R. 1117 (To require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a report regarding certain plans regarding assistance to applicants and grantees during the response to an emergency or disaster). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 147 (A resolution commemorating the 25th anniversary of the 1992 Los Angeles civil unrest). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 283 (Designating the week beginning October 15, 2017 as National Character Counts Week). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 284 (Calling on Congress, schools, and state and local education agencies to recognize the significant educational implications of Dyslexia that must be addressed in designating the month of October 2017 as National Dyslexia Awareness Month). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday Oct. 5th, 2017. Following Leader Remarks, The Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #301, Randal Quarles, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, with the time until 10:00 AM equally divided.

The Senate adjourned at 4:29 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM Today and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #119, Lee Francis Cissna to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #119, Lee Francis Cissna to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

The Senate recessed at 12:34 PM for the weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:17 PM.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #119, Lee Francis Cissna to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

By unanimous consent, the following votes were scheduled:

Wednesday, October 4th at 11:00am – 1 Roll Call Vote

1. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #112, Eric D. Hargan, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services

Wednesday, October 4th at 3:15pm – 2 Roll Call Votes

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #112, Eric D. Hargan, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #301, Randal Quarles, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Thursday, October 5th at 10:00am – 3 Roll Call Votes

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #301, Randal Quarles, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #119, Lee Francis Cissna, to be Director of US Citizenship and Immigration Services
3. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #119, Lee Francis Cissna, to be Director of US Citizenship and Immigration Services

Thursday, October 5th at 1:45pm – 1 Roll Call Vote

1. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #226, Callista L. Gingrich to be Ambassador to the Holy See

Monday, October 16th at 5:30pm – 1 Roll Call Vote

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #226, Callista L. Gingrich to be Ambassador to the Holy See

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

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Executive Calendar #351 Halsey B. Frank – to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years

Executive Calendar #352 D. Michael Hurst, Jr. – to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years

Executive Calendar #353 Jeffrey B. Jensen – to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri for the term of four years

Executive Calendar #354 Thomas L. Kirsch II – to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana for the term of four years

Executive Calendar #355 William J. Powell – to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia for the term of four years

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Executive Calendar #357 Stephen Censky – to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture

Executive Calendar #358 Ted McKinney – to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 4th, 2017. Following Leader remarks, and will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Executive Calendar #112, Eric D. Hargan, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Hargan nomination. At 3:15 PM, the Senate will hold two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #112, Eric D. Hargan, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #301, Randal Quarles, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The Senate adjourned at 6:25 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. There will be a moment of silence for the tragedy in Las Vegas, NV. 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 convened. There was a moment of silence for the tragedy in Las Vegas, NV.

The Senate proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #251, Ajit Varadaraj Pai, of Kansas, to be a member of the Federal Communications Commission. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **52-41**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #119, Lee Francis Cissna to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #119, Lee Francis Cissna to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. 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 an Executive Session to consider Cal. #112, Eric Hargan to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #112, Eric Hargan to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services. 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 an Executive Session to consider Cal. #301, Randal Quarles to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #301, Randal Quarles to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. 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 an Executive Session to consider Cal. #226, Callista Gingrich to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United State of America to the Holy See. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #226, Callista Gingrich to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United State of America to the Holy See. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1924 (A bill to exempt Puerto Rico from the coastwise laws of the United States (commonly known as the "Jones Act"). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

S. 396 (A bill to make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 1616 (Strengthening State and Local Cyber Crime Fighting Act of 2017). Cornyn amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, passed by Voice Vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 3rd and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #119, Lee Francis Cissna to be Director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:31 PM.