

SENATE FLOOR LOG

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 1370 (The Short Term CR), Paul raised a Budget Point of Order. Collins Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order. The Motion to Waive was agreed to by a vote of **91-8**.

Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to **H.R. 1370 (The Short Term CR)**. 60 vote threshold. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of **66-32**.

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

Cal. #525 - Kenneth J. Braithwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Norway.

Cal. #526 - M. Lee McClenny, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Paraguay.

Cal. #528 - Brock D. Bierman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Cal. #530 - Christopher Ashley Ford, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Security and Non-Proliferation).

Cal. #311, Robert P. Storch of the District of Columbia to be Inspector General of the National Security Agency.

Cal. #456, Securities and Exchange Commission, Hester Maria Peirce of Ohio to be a member.

Cal. #457, Securities and Exchange Commission, Robert J. Jackson, Jr., of New York to be a member.

Cal. #545, Timothy Petty of Indiana to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

Cal. #546, Linda Capuano of Texas to be Administrator of the Energy Information Administration. Department of Energy

Cal. #576, Department of Energy John G. Vonglis to be Chief Financial Officer.

Cal. #578, Irving Dennis of Ohio to be Chief Financial Officer, HUD

Cal. #503, Susan Israel Tufts to be an Assistant Secretary, HUD

Cal. #577, Leonard Wolfson to be an Assistant Secretary, HUD

Cal. #299, Robert Charrow to be General Counsel of HHS

PN 1286 Tadd Johnson to be Member of the Board of Trustees, Morris K Udall Foundation

PN 1287 Lisa Johnson-Billy to be Member of the Board of Trustees, Morris K Udall Foundation

PN 1288 Lisa Johnson-Billy to be Member of the Board of Trustees, Morris K Udall Foundation
(reappointment)

PN 1035, Tennessee Valley Authority, Kenneth Allen to be a member of the board

PN 1036, Tennessee Valley Authority, A. Frazier to be a member of the board

PN 1037, Tennessee Valley Authority, Dennis Smith to be a member of the board

PN 1038, Tennessee Valley Authority, James Thompson to be a member of the board

PN 1172, Christopher Caldwell, of Arkansas, to be Federal Cochairperson, Delta Regional
Authority

Cal. #502, Katherine Brunett McGuire to be Assistant Secretary of Labor

Cal. #554, Kate O'Scannlain to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor

Cal. #556, Preston Rutledge to be Assistant Secretary of Labor

Cal. #559, John Collett to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education, Education Department

PN 1196, Douglas Webster to be CFO, Department of Education

PN 1109 Jon Rychalski, CFO, VA Department

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S 1438, Gateway Arch National Park Designation Act. Agreed to by UC.

H.R.1927, African American Civil Rights Network Act of 2017. Agreed to by UC.

S. 35, Black Hills National Cemetery Land Conveyance w/ Committee amdt. Agreed to by UC.

S. 432, Rio Grande del Norte National Monument Wilderness. Agreed to by UC.

S. 466, Northern Arizona Land Exchange Amendment. Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 267, Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Park Addition. Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 560, Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Road Fees. Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 699, Mt. Hood – Cooper Spur Land Exchange. Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 863, Coltsville National Historical Park Amendments. Agreed to by UC.

S. 167, National Memorial to Fallen Educators w/ Committee amdt. Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 381, Sky Point Designation. Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 954, Rockingham County, VA land uses. Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 1242 – 400 years of African-American History Commission. Agreed to by UC.

S 1447, A bill to reauthorize the diesel emissions reduction program and for other purposes. Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 1306, Oregon Tribal Land Conveyances. Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 2611, Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site Boundary Modification Act. Agreed to by UC.

S 1208, A bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to provide for an option under the secure mail initiative, and so forth and for other purposes. Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 195, An act to amend Title 44, US Code. Agreed to by UC.

S 2070, A bill to amend the violent crime, control, and law enforcement act of 1994, and so forth. Agreed to by voice vote.

S Res. 139, Iran. Agreed to by UC.

S 2030, A bill to deem the compliance date for amended energy conservation standards and so forth and for other purposes. Agreed to by UC.

S 2273, a bill to extend the period during which vessels that are shorter than 79 feet in length and so forth. Agreed to by UC.

S Res. 336, recognizing the seriousness of cystic ovary syndrome and so forth. Agreed to by UC.

S Res. 364, congratulating the University of Central Missouri's women's soccer team and so forth. Agreed to by UC.

S Res. 327, National Carbon Monoxide Poisoning awareness week. Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 518, EPS Improvement Act. Agreed to by UC.

HR 2142, an act to improve the ability of the US customs and border protection to interdict fentanyl, other synthetic opioids and so forth and for other purposes. Agreed to by UC.

HR 2228, an act to provide support for law enforcement agency efforts and so forth and for other purposes. Agreed to by UC.

HR 2331, an act to require a new or updated federal website and so forth and for other purposes. Agreed to by UC

HR 4661, an act to authorize the US Fire Administration and so forth and for other purposes. Agreed to by UC.

S 2274, a bill to provide for the compensation of federal employees affected by lapses in appropriations. First reading.

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

Saturday, December 23, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 27, 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 29, 11:30 a.m

Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 4:00 p.m.

The Senate will then convene at 12:00 noon on January 3, 2018, pursuant to the Constitution. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on Nomination of John C. Rood to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy/Consent Agreement.

The Senate adjourned at 10:02 PM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2017

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business.

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

S. Res. 150 (A resolution recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance). The Resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 326 (A resolution recognizing the crew of the San Antonio Rose, B-17F, who sacrificed their lives during World War II, and honoring their memory during the week of the 75th anniversary of that tragic event). The Resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 345 (A resolution designating August 3, 2018, as "National Ernie Pyle Day"). The Resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 362 (Recognizing the service of the Los Angeles Class Attack Submarine, The U.S.S. Jacksonville and so forth) The Resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session

The following nominations were confirmed by Voice Vote, en bloc:

Cal. #489, Bruce D. Jette, to be Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Cal. #498, James E. McPherson, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army

Cal. #509, Randall G. Schriver, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense

Cal. #531, Thomas Harker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy

Cal. #532, John P. Roth, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force

The following nominations were confirmed by Voice Vote, en bloc:

Cal. #571, Duane A. Kees, of Arkansas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas

Cal. #572, Stephen R. McAllister, of Kansas, to be United States Attorney for the District of Kansas

Cal. #573, Ronald A. Parsons, Jr., of South Dakota, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota

Cal. #574, Ryan K. Patrick, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas

Cal. #575, Michael B. Stuart, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia

The following nominations were confirmed by Voice Vote, en bloc:

Cal. #560 – 569.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The following bills were agreed to by unanimous consent, en bloc:

S. 117 (Alex Diekmann Peak Designation Act of 2017)

S. 501 (East Rosebud Wild and Scenic Rivers Act)

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM Thursday, December 20th, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned at 6:04 PM.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 19th and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #430, Jennifer Newstead to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. The

Senate will vote on confirmation at 12:10 PM, and after disposition of the nomination, the Senate will adjourn until 2:15 PM for policy luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

McConnell motion to proceed to S. 1519 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #430, Jennifer Newstead to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **88-11**.

The Senate recessed at 12:52 PM until 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches.

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

Motion to proceed to the Conference Report accompanying H.R. 1 (the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act). Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of **51-48**.

Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1 (the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act). Sanders raised budget points of order against the Conference Report. Enzi Motion to Waive. The Motion to Waive was not agreed to by a vote of **51-48**.

Motion to recede from the Senate Amendment to the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 1 (the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act), and concur, with an amendment. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **51-48**.

The Senate will convene on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned at 12:53 AM.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations, en bloc:

Cal. #241, J. Paul Compton, Jr. to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Cal. #193, Owen West to be Assistant Secretary of Defense.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the nominations in the order above.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #241, J. Paul Compton, Jr. to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **62-34**.

Cal. #193, Owen West to be Assistant Secretary of Defense. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **74-23**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 19th and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #430, Jennifer Newstead to be Legal Adviser of the Department of State. The Senate will vote on confirmation at 12:10 PM, and after disposition of the nomination, the Senate will adjourn until 2:15 PM for policy luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:33 PM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on December 13th, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Cal. #535, James Ho to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #535, James Ho to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **53-43**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered, en bloc:

Cal. #405, Matthew Leopold to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Cal. #406, David Ross to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

The following nominations were considered, en bloc:

Cal. #499, Scott Brady to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Cal. #500, Andrew Lelling to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. The nominations were confirmed, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

The following nominations were considered, en bloc:

Cal. #548, Rear Admirals to be Rear Admirals in the United States Coast Guard.

Cal. #549, Rear Admiral Andrew McKinley to be Rear Admiral, Director of the Coast Guard Reserve.

Cal. #550, Captain James Kelly to be Rear Admiral in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve.

Cal. #551, Captains to be Rear Admirals in the United States Coast Guard.

All nominations on the Secretary's Desk.

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

The Senate resumed a period of Morning Business.

S. 654 (To revise Section 48 of Title 18, United States Code). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 18th. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations, en bloc:

Cal. #241, J. Paul Compton, Jr. to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Cal. #193, Owen West to be Assistant Secretary of Defense.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the nominations in the order above.

The Senate adjourned at 5:19 PM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Cal. #534, Don R. Willett to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, post-cloture. No votes are scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #534, Don R. Willett to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **50–47**.

Cal. #535, James Ho to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on December 13th, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Cal. #535, James Ho to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

The Senate adjourned at 7:02 PM.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and following Leader remarks, will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #533, Leonard Grasz to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

S. 447 (Justice for Uncompensated Survivors Today (JUST) Act of 2017). The committee-reported amended was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill was passed by unanimous consent, as amended.

Cal. #533, Leonard Steven Grasz to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

The Senate recessed from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM.

Cal. #533, Leonard Steven Grasz to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **50-48**.

Cal. #534, Don R. Willett to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **50-48**.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #356, Mary Kirtley Waters to be an Assistant Secretary of State. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

S. Res. 357 (Expressing the sense of the Senate that international education and exchange programs for the United States national security and foreign policy priorities). Adopted by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Cal. #534, Don R. Willett to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, post-cloture. No votes are scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 7:03 PM.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

The Senate will convene on at 4:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #533, Leonard Grasz to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #533, Leonard Grasz to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of **48-47**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 356 (Sense of the Senate that Members of Congress should substitute teach at least one day per year in a public school to gain firsthand knowledge on how to address the prevailing challenges facing educators and how to remove obstacles to learning for students). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 12th and following Leader remarks, will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #533, Leonard Grasz to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eight Circuit. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 PM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 11:00 AM, Senator Strange will be recognized to give his farewell address. At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #321, Joseph Balash to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

S. 2199 (A bill to authorize appropriations for border infrastructure construction, to provide conditional resident status to certain aliens, and to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to include grounds of inadmissibility and deportability for alien members of criminal gangs and cartels, and for other purposes). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #321, Joseph Balash to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **61-38**.

Cal. #167, Susan Bodine to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

H.J. Res. 123 (Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2018). The Joint Resolution was agreed to by a vote of **81-14**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Exec. Cal. #533 Leonard Grasz to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

Exec. Cal. #534 Don Willett to be a Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

Exec. Cal. #535 James Ho to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 4:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Exec. Cal. #533, Leonard Grasz to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

The Senate adjourned at 6:21 PM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business.

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

House Message to accompany H.R. 1 (A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018).

Compound Motion to go to conference with respect to the House message. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion is agreed to by a vote of **51-47**.

King Motion to Instruct Conferees. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **48-50**.

Stabenow Motion to Instruct Conferees. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **44-54**.

The Senate recessed from 4:30-5:10 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 5:10 PM and resumed a Legislative Session.

Rubio Motion to Instruct Conferees. The Motion is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Booker Motion to Instruct Conferees. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion is not agreed to by a vote of **47-51**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 2192 (A bill to strengthen border security, increase resources for enforcement of immigration laws). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to, and the bill was placed on the calendar.

S. 2199 (To authorize appropriations for border infrastructure). The bill was read for the first time. Further readings were objected to, and the bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 7th and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. At 11:00 AM, Senator Strange will be recognized to give his farewell address. At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #321, Joseph Balash to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

The Senate adjourned at 6:46 PM.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #495, Kirstjen Nielsen to be Secretary of Homeland Security, post-cloture. The Senate will 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. #495, Kirstjen Nielsen to be Secretary of Homeland Security. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 4:00 PM.

The Senate recessed at 12:40 PM Subject to the Call of the Chair.

The Senate convened at 2:36 PM and resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #495, Kirstjen Nielsen to be Secretary of Homeland Security. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **62-37**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #455, Emily Murphy, to be Administrator of General Services. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #501 Glen Smith, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 2192 (A bill to increase resources for immigration laws and for other purposes). The bill was read for the first time and placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday December 6th, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned at 6:26 PM.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #495, Kirstjen Nielsen to be Secretary of Homeland Security. At 5:30PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #495, Kirstjen Nielsen to be Secretary of Homeland Security. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **59-33**.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #495, Kirstjen Nielsen to be Secretary of Homeland Security, post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:42 PM.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1 (Tax Reconciliation Act). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the Nelson Motion to Commit and the Baldwin Motion to Commit.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

H.R. 1 (Tax Reconciliation Act).

Hatch amend #1618 (To improve the bill).

Nelson Motion to Commit H.R. 1 (Tax Reconciliation Act) to the Committee on Finance. The Motion to Commit was not agreed to by a vote of **48-52**.

Baldwin Motion to Commit H.R. 1 (Tax Reconciliation Act) to the Committee on Finance. The Motion to Commit was not agreed to by a vote of **48-52**.

Cardin Motion to Commit H.R. 1 (Tax Reconciliation Act) to the Committee on Finance. The Motion to Commit was not agreed to by a vote of **43-57**.

Schumer Motion to Adjourn until Monday, December 4, 2017. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **48-52**.

Hatch amend #1855 (To provide a perfecting amendment). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Hatch amend #1618 (To improve the bill), as amended. The amendment is considered original text for purposes of further amendment.

Sanders amend #1720 (To create a point of order against legislation that cuts Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid benefits). Enzi Point of Order that the amendment violates provisions of the Congressional Budget Act. Sanders Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive was not agreed to by a vote of **46-54**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Brown amend #1854 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the Child Tax Credit). Enzi Point of Order that the amendment violates provisions of the Congressional Budget Act. Brown Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive was not agreed to by a vote of **48-52**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Rubio amend #1850 (To increase the refundability of the child tax credit). Wyden Point of Order that the amendment violates provisions of the Congressional Budget Act. Rubio Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive was not agreed to by a vote of **29-71**. The Point or Order is sustained and the amendment falls

Menendez Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Finance. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Commit was not agreed to by a vote of **48-52**.

Cruz amend #1852 (To allow limited 529 account funds to be used for elementary and secondary education, including homeschool). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **51-50 with Vice President Pence voting in the affirmative**.

Kaine amend #1846 (To provide middle class tax relief). Toomey Point of Order that the amendment violates provisions of the Congressional Budget Act. Kaine Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **34-65**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Manchin Motion to Commit the bill to the Committee on Finance. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **38-61**.

Cantwell amend #1717 (To strike Title II). Murkowski Point of Order that the amendment violates provisions of the Congressional Budget Act. Cantwell Motion to Waive the Budget Point of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **48-52**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Merkley amend #1856 (Strikes provision). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **52-48**.

Hatch amend #1618 (To improve the bill), as amended. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

H.R. 1 (Tax Reconciliation Act), 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 **51-49**.

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

Cal. #495, Kirstjen Nielsen to be Secretary of Homeland Security. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Nielsen nomination.

The following nominations were considered, en bloc:

Cal. #510 (Col. Stitt to be Brigadier General in the US Army).

Cal. #511 (Captain Boyle to be Rear Admiral in the US Navy).

Cal. #512 (Rear Admiral Franchetti to be Vice Admiral in the US Navy).

Cal. #513 (Brig. General Jackman to be Major General in the Reserve of the Air Force).

Cal. #514 (Brig. General Schmid to be Major General in the Reserve of the Air Force).

Cal. #515 (Cols to be Brig. Generals in the Reserve of the Air Force).

Cal. #516 (Col. Botha to be Brig. General in the Air National Guard).

Cal. #517 (Cols to be Brig. Generals in the Air National Guard).

Cal. #518 (Cols to be Brig. Generals in the Air National Guard).

Cal. #519 (Cols to be Brig. Generals in the Air National Guard).

Cal. #520 (Brig. Generals to be Major Generals in the Air National Guard).

Cal. #521 (Brig. Generals to be Major Generals in the Air National Guard).

Cal. #522 (Brig. Generals to be Major Generals in the Air National Guard).

All nominations on the Secretary's Desk.

Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 347 (62nd Anniversary of the Dedication of Air Force Base). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 4th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #495, Kirstjen Nielsen to be Secretary of Homeland Security. At 5:30PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 2:06 AM on Saturday, December 2nd.