

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #622, David Ryan Stras to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Stras nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #622, David Ryan Stras to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

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

The Senate reconvened and resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #622, David Ryan Stras to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **56-42**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #297, Matthew Bassett, of Tennessee, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services. The nomination was confirmed by **voice vote**.

The Senate confirmed the following nominations by unanimous consent:

AIR FORCE

Brig. Gen. Charles L. Plummer to be Major General

Col. Sharon R. Bannister to be to be Brigadier General

Maj. Gen. Jeffery A. Rockwell to be to be Lieutenant General

ARMY

Maj. Gen. Scott D. Berrier to be Lieutenant General

To be Brigadier General:

Col. Anthony R. Hale

Col. Garrick M. Harmon

Maj. Gen. Eric J. Wesley to be Lieutenant General

Maj. Gen. Theodore D. Martin to be Lieutenant General

Col. Susie S. Kuilan to be Brigadier General
Maj. Gen. Leslie C. Smith to be Lieutenant General

NAVY

Rear Adm. (lh) Johnny R. Wolfe, Jr. to be Vice Admiral
Capt. John C. Ring to be Rear Admiral (lower half)
Rear Adm. (lh) Scott D. Conn to be Rear Admiral

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

House Message to accompany S. 534 (Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017). McConnell Motion to Concur in the House amendment. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by **voice vote**.

H.R. 4708 (Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act). The bill passed by **voice vote**.

S. Res. 389 (Commemorating the commissioning of the U.S.S. Omaha). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate recessed at 5:33 PM.

At 8:25 PM, the Senate reconvened and proceeded as a body to the Hall of the House of Representatives for the Joint Session of Congress under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 101 (Providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President). Upon dissolution of the Joint Session of Congress, the Senate will adjourn until a pro forma session on Friday, February 2, at 11:00 AM.

The Senate will next convene on Monday, February 5 at 3:00 PM. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Cal. #570, Andrei Iancu, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The Senate adjourned at 10:31 PM.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 2311 (Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed at 5:30 PM. If cloture is not invoked, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #622, David Ryan Stras, of Minnesota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session,

Motion to Proceed to S. 2311 (Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **51-46**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #622, David Ryan Stras to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of **57-41**.

Cal. #497, Gregory E. Maggs to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces. Confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H. Con. Res. 101 (Providing for a Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 30th and proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #622, David Ryan Stras to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Stras nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 7:56 PM.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #552, R.D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. At 1:45 PM the Senate will proceed to a vote on the confirmation of the James nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #552, R.D. James to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **89-1**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #474, Jonathan Pittman to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. The nomination is confirmed by a Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 1873 (Veteran Partners' Efforts to Enhance Reintegration Act). Blunt amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 381 (National School Choice Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 382 (Supporting the contributions of Catholic schools). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, January 29th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 2311 (Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 4:01 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #597, Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to roll call votes on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #597, Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #620, Samuel Dale Brownback, of Kansas, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.
- Confirmation of Cal. #552, R.D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army (voice vote expected).

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #597, Alex Michael Azar II to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **55–43**.

Cal. #620, Samuel Dale Brownback, of Kansas, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **50–49** with the Vice President voting in the affirmative.

Cal. #620, Samuel Dale Brownback, of Kansas, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **50–49**. With the Vice President in the affirmative.

McConnell Motion to Proceed to Legislative Session agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to proceed to S. 2311 (Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act). McConnell filed cloture on the motion.

McConnell Motion to Proceed to Executive Session agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #622 David Stras, of Minnesota, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #552, R.D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM Thursday, January 25th, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #552, R.D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army. At 1:45 PM the Senate will proceed to a vote on the confirmation of the James nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 6:03 PM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #594, Jerome H. Powell to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. No votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #594, Jerome H. Powell to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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

Cal. #594, Jerome H. Powell to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **84–12**.

Cal. #594, Jerome H. Powell, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **84-13**.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #597, Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **54-43**.

The Senate will convene on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #597, Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #597, Alex Michael Azar II, of Indiana, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #620, Samuel Dale Brownback, of Kansas, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom.
3. Confirmation of Cal. #552, R.D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army (voice vote expected).

The Senate adjourned at 6:38 PM.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 195 (The Continuing Resolution Act). At 12:00 Noon the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R.195 (The Continuing Resolution Act), with further amendment.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

House Message to accompany H.R. 195 (The Continuing Resolution Act).

At 10:34 AM, the Senate stands in recess until 11:30 AM.

The Senate reconvened and resumed a Legislative Session.

House Message to accompany H.R. 195 (The Continuing Resolution Act).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 195 (The Continuing Resolution Act), with a further amendment. Yeas

and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of **81-18**. Cloture being invoked, the Motion to Refer falls.

S. Con. Res. 33 (Providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 195 relative to federal employees). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 195 (The Continuing Resolution Act), with a further amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of **81-18**.

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

Cal. #594, Jerome H. Powell to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.

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

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

Cal. #597, Alex Michael Azar II to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.

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

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

Cal. #620, Sam Brownback to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 23rd and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #594, Jerome H. Powell to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 5:20 PM.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM and will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 195 (CHIP/CR). McConnell filed cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 195 (CHIP/CR). Unless an agreement is reached, the Senate will have a cloture vote at 1:00 AM on Monday, January 22.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 195 (The Continuing Resolution Act).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Monday, January 22nd, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 195 (The Continuing Resolution Act). At 12:00 Noon the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R.195 (The Continuing Resolution Act), with further amendment.

The Senate adjourned at 9:25 PM.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, January 20th. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 195 (CHIP/CR). Votes are expected but not scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

House Message to accompany H.R. 195 (CHIP/CR).

Stabenow asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of HR. 1301 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017), that the Stabenow-Brown-Casey amendment (providing for permanent extension of CHIP, a five-year extension of community health center programs, and extensions of other expired Medicaid, Medicare, and health extenders) be considered and agreed to, and that the bill as amended be considered, read a third time, and passed. McConnell objected.

McConnell asked unanimous consent that notwithstanding Rule 22, the Senate immediately vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on **Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 195 (CHIP/One Month CR)**, that if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time considered expired and the Senate immediately vote on the Motion to Concur with further amendment. Wyden objected.

Cardin asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 2274 (Federal Employee Fair Treatment Act of 2017), that the bill be read a third time and passed. McConnell objected.

McConnell asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of HR. 1301 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017), that the McConnell amendment (provides for full funding for authorized activities in the National Defense Authorization Act) be agreed to, and the bill as amended be considered read a third time and passed. Cardin objected.

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM on Sunday, January 21 and will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 195 (CHIP/CR). McConnell filed cloture on the Motion to

Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 195 (CHIP/CR). Unless an agreement is reached, the Senate will have a cloture vote at 1:00 AM on Monday, January 22.

The Senate adjourned at 7:35 PM.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2018

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 195 (CHIP/One Month CR). No votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 195 (CHIP/One Month CR). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **50-49**. McConnell entered a Motion to Reconsider the Vote.

McConnell Motion to Table the Motion to Refer. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **55-44**.

McConnell Motion to Table the Motion to Refer with a further amendment. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

McConnell Motion to Concur with an amendment #1917 (). McConnell filed a Cloture Motion on the Motion to Concur.

McConnell Motion to Refer the House Message to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back with amend #1918 ().

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, January 20th. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 195 (CHIP/CR). Votes are expected by not scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 1:29 AM.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act vehicle), post-cloture.

At 12:15 PM the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Concur.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Concur in the House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act vehicle), post-cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **65–34**.

H. Con. Res. 98 (Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 139). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Portman Motion to Proceed to S. 1519 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 375 (Congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team for winning the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association College Football play-off National Championship). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to Proceed to the House Message to accompany H.R. 195 (CHIP/One Month CR). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **97-2**.

House Message to accompany H.R. 195 (CHIP/One Month CR). McConnell Motion to Concur.

McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur.

McConnell Motion to Concur with a further amendment #1903 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell 2nd degree amendment #1904 () to McConnell amend #1903 ().

McConnell Motion to Refer to the Committee on Appropriations to report back with instructions being amend #1905 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell amend #1906 () to the instructions. Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell 2nd degree amend #1907 () to McConnell amend #1906 ().

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 19th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 195 (CHIP/One Month CR).

The Senate adjourned at 10:15 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act vehicle), post cloture.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

S. 2311 (A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect pain-capable unborn children, and for other purposes.) The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act vehicle).

The Senate stands in recess from 12:47 PM to 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act vehicle).

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 18th, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Concur to the House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act vehicle).

At 12:15 PM the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Concur.

The Senate adjourned at 8:14 PM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2018

The Senate will convene at 4:30 PM and will resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act vehicle). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act vehicle).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

House Message to accompany S. 139 (FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act vehicle).
Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **60-38**.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act vehicle), post cloture.

The Senate adjourned at 7:57 PM.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #389, Michael Lawrence Brown, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #389, Michael Lawrence Brown, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #435, Walter David Counts III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

If cloture is invoked on the Counts nomination, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #389, Michael Lawrence Brown, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **92-0**.

Cal. #435, Walter David Counts III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **90-1**.

H.R. 984 (Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2017). The measure was agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #435, Walter David Counts III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **96-0**.

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

Motion to Proceed to the consideration of the House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA 702). Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed agreed to by a vote of **69-26**.

House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA 702).

McConnell Motion to Concur in the House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA 702). McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur.

McConnell Motion to Concur in the House amendment with amendment #1870 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell 2nd degree amendment #1871 () to amend #1870 ().

McConnell Motion to Refer the House message to Judiciary Committee report back with an amend #1872 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell amend #1873 () to the Instructions of amend #1872 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell 2nd degree amend #1874 () to amend #1873 ().

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 372 (North Dakota State University football team). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4641 (Presidential Medal of Honor). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene for pro forma session only at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 12th. The Senate will then convene on Tuesday, January 16th at 4:30 PM and will resume the consideration of the House Message to Accompany S. 139 (FISA 702).

The Senate adjourned at 4:29 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration Cal. #371, Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. The Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on Confirmation of the Parker nomination at 2:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #371, Thomas Lee Robinson Parker to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **98-0**.

Cal. #389, Michael Lawrence Brown to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Motion to Invoke Cloture. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **97-1**.

Cal. #389, Michael Lawrence Brown to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

S. 875 (A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit a report on filing requirements under the Universal Service Fund programs). The

committee reported substitute amendment was agreed to. The bill as amended was passed by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 11, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #389, Michael Lawrence Brown, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #389, Michael Lawrence Brown, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #435, Walter David Counts III, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

If cloture is invoked on the Counts nomination, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:42 PM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018

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. #370, William Campbell, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 PM. 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 an Executive Session.

Cal. #370, William Campbell, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

The Senate recessed from 12:24-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

Cal. #370, William Campbell, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **97-0**.

Cal. #371, Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **96-1**.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The following resolutions were agreed to by unanimous consent, en bloc:
S. Res. 369 (To Constitute the Majority Party's membership on certain committees for the 115th

Congress or until their successors are chosen.)

S. Res. 370 (To Constitute the Minority Party's membership on certain committees for the 115th Congress or until their successors are chosen.)

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday Jan 10th, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration Cal. #371, Thomas Lee Robinson Parker, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. The Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on Confirmation of the Parker nomination at 2:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:27 PM.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #370 William Campbell, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. A vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Campbell nomination is expected at 5:30 PM Monday.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #370, William Campbell, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **89-1**.

Cal. #370, William Campbell, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 3759 (RAISE Family Caregivers Act). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 1425 (Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act). Wicker amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 9th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #370, William Campbell, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. The Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at 2:15 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:24 PM.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 4th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #435, Walter Counts III to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM. No further roll call votes during this week's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

H.R.4667 (Making further supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and calendar year 2017 wildfires). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #435, Walter Counts III to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

The Senate recess from 12:51-2:15 PM.

The Senate reconvened and resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #435, Walter Counts III to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, January 8th. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #370 William Campbell, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. A vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination is expected at 5:30 PM Monday.

The Senate adjourned at 5:38 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon, pursuant to the Constitution. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on Nomination of John C. Rood to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

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

The President of the Senate administered the Oaths of Office to Senator-Elect Doug Jones of Alabama and Senator-Designate Tina Smith of Minnesota.

S. 2274 (A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal employees affected by lapses in appropriations). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to, and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. # 508, John C. Rood to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **81-7**.

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

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

Cal. #370, William Campbell to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Tennessee. 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. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #371, Thomas Lee Robinson Parker to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee. 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. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #385, Michael Brown to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. 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. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #435, Walter Counts III to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 925 (Amends Title 38, U.S. Code). Ernst amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4667 (Making further supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and calendar year 2017 wildfires). 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 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 4th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #435, Walter Counts III to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM. No further roll call votes during this week's session.

The Senate adjourned at 6:35 PM.