

## SENATE FLOOR LOG

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

The Senate will convene at 12:45 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #153, Russell Vought to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

At 4:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #153, Russell Vought to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
- Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #437, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #153, Russell Vought to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.**

S. J. Res. 53 (Joint Resolution Honoring the life of William “Billy” F. Graham JR). The Joint Resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2464 (A bill to improve border security and to provide conditional provision residence to certain long-term residents who entered the United States as children). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to, and the bills were placed on the calendar.

**Cal. #153, Russell Vought to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **50-49**. With the Vice President voting in the affirmative.

**Cal. #437, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **69-29**.

H.R. 535 (Encourage visits between United States and Taiwan). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 1625 (TARGET Act). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 409 (Buffalo soldiers). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 1865 (Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #437, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina. At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

- Confirmation of Cal. #437, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina.
- Cloture on Cal. #438, Karen Gren Scholer, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.
- Cloture on Cal. #439, Tilman Eugene Self III, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia.

At 1:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #536, Terry A. Doughty, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

The Senate adjourned at 6:45 PM.

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #623, Elizabeth L Branch to be United States Circuit for the Eleventh 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. #387, William Northey to be Under Secretary for Farm and Agricultural Services for the Department of Agriculture. Confirmed by Voice Vote.

**Cal. #623, Elizabeth L Branch to be United States Circuit for the Eleventh Circuit**, post-cloture. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 4:00 PM.

The Senate recessed from 12:19-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

**Cal. #623, Elizabeth L Branch to be United States Circuit for the Eleventh Circuit.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **73-23**.

**Cal. #153, Russell Vought to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **49-48**.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. 2464 (A Bill to improve border security and to provide conditional provision residents to certain long-term residents who enter the United States as children). The bill was read for the first time. Further readings were objected to, and the bills were placed on the calendar.

S. Res. 415 (Designating March 2, 2018 as National Speech and Debate Education Day). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 416 (Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Career and Technical Education Month). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 35 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall and the Capitol Visitors Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the members of The Office of Strategic Services). The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 12:45 PM on Wednesday, February 28th, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #153, Russell Vought to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. .

At 4:30 PM the Senate is expected to vote on the following:

- 1) Confirmation of Cal. #153, Russell Vought to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.
- 2) Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #437, A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina

The Senate adjourned at 6:26 PM.

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. Following the closing of Morning Business, Senator Peters will be recognized to give Washington's Farewell Address. Following the address, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #623, Elizabeth L Branch to be United States Circuit for the Eleventh Circuit. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture vote on the Branch nomination.

The Senate convened and Senator Peters was recognized to give Washington's Farewell Address.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #623, Elizabeth L Branch to be United States Circuit for the Eleventh Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **72-22**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. Con. Res. 103 (Use of Emancipation Hall as part of the Celebration of Days of Remembrance for the victims of the holocaust). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 107 (Rev. Billy Graham Lying in Honor). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #623, Elizabeth L Branch to be United States Circuit for the Eleventh Circuit, post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 6:41 PM.

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation). No votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

#### **H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation).**

Coons amend #1955 (To provide relief from removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States before reaching the age of 18, improve border security, and foster United States engagement in Central America) to Schumer amend #1958, as modified (The text of which is identical to Rounds/King amendment #2010). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **52-47**.

Toomey amend #1948 (To ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorist who are illegally in the United States) to Grassley amend #1959 (In the nature of a substitute). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **54-45**.

Schumer amend #1958, as modified (The text of which is identical to Rounds/King amendment #2010) to the language proposed to be stricken in Grassley amend #1959 (In the nature of a substitute). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **54-45**.

Grassley amend #1959 (In the nature of a substitute). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **39-60**.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

McConnell motion to proceed to Executive Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #623, Elizabeth L Branch to be United States Circuit for the Eleventh Circuit. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

McConnell motion to proceed to Executive Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #153 Russell Vought to be Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget. 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. #437 Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr. to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

McConnell motion to proceed to Executive Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

McConnell motion to proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

McConnell motion to proceed to Executive Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. 438, Karen Gren Scholer to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

McConnell motion to proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

McConnell motion to proceed to Executive Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #439, Tilman Eugene Self III to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

McConnell motion to proceed to Legislative Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

McConnell motion to proceed to Executive Session. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #536, Terry a Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The following nominations were confirmed by voice vote, en bloc:

Cal. #617, Joel Daines to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Gabonese Republic and to the Democratic Republic of South Tome and Principe.

Cal. #667, Peter Vrooman, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Rwanda.

The following nominations were confirmed by voice vote, en bloc:

Cal. #590, Normal Euell Arflack, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky

Cal. #591, Ted Kamatchus, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Iowa.

Cal. #643, Michael Baylous, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia.

Cal. #644, Daniel McKittrick, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi.

Cal. #682, David Jolley, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Cal. #683, Thomas Griffin, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Carolina.

Cal. #472, Neil Jacobs to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #661, Holly W Greaves to be Chief Financial Officer, Environmental Protection Agency. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. 465, John Demers, to be an Assistant Attorney General. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

Cal. 359, John Marshall Mitnick, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

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

Cal. #645, John Henderson, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.  
Cal. #646, Michael Griffin, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.  
Cal. #647, William Roper, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.  
Cal. #648, Phyllis Bayer, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.  
Cal. #662, John Gibson II, to be Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.  
Cal. #684, Lisa Gordon-Hagerty, to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security.  
Cal. #685, Kevin Fahey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.  
Cal. #687, Thomas Ayers, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

Cal. # 663, Melissa Burnison, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The Senate confirmed the following nominations by Voice Vote., en bloc:

Cal. #588, Joseph Brown, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas.  
Cal. #589, Matthew Krueger, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.  
Cal. #642, John Durham, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut.  
Cal. #677, John Anderson, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico.  
Cal. #678, Brandon Fremin, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana.  
Cal. #679, Joseph Kelly, to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska.  
Cal. #680, Scott Murray, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire.  
Cal. #681, David Weiss, to be United States Attorney for the District of Delaware.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 413 (Celebrating Black History Month). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 946 (Veterans Treatment Court Improvement Act of 2017). The Flake substitute amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent. The bill, as amended was passed by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1725 (Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2017). The bill was passed by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 3122 (Veterans Care Financial Protection Act of 2017). The bill was passed by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4533 (To designate the health care system of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Lexington VA Health Care System" and to make certain other designations). The bill was passed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene on the following dates and time for a Pro Forma Session only:  
Friday, February 16th at Noon

Tuesday, February 20th at 5:00 PM  
Friday, February 23rd at 2:00 PM.

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Following the closing of Morning Business, Senator Peters will be recognized to give Washington's Farewell Address. Following the address, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #623, Elizabeth L Branch to be United States Circuit for the Eleventh Circuit. At 5:30 PM the Senate will proceed to a Cloture vote on the Branch nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 5:58 PM.

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Leader remarks. At approximately 10:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Legislative Session.

**Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation).** The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

**H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation).**

Grassley amend #1959 (In the nature of a substitute).

Toomey amend #1948 (To ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorist who are illegally in the United States) to Grassley amend #1959 (In the nature of a substitute). Laid aside.

Schumer amend #1958 (In the nature of a substitute) to the language proposed to be stricken in Grassley amend #1959 (In the nature of a substitute), as modified. Laid aside.

Coons amend #1955 (To provide relief from removal and adjustment of status of certain individuals who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States before reaching the age of 18, improve border security, and foster United States engagement in Central America) to Schumer amend #1958 (In the nature of a substitute). **McConnell filed cloture on the amendment.**

Toomey amend #1948 (To ensure that State and local law enforcement may cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorist who are illegally in the United States) to Grassley amend #1959 (In the nature of a substitute). **McConnell filed cloture on the amendment.**

Schumer amend #1958 (In the nature of a substitute) to the language proposed to be stricken in Grassley amend #1959 (In the nature of a substitute), as modified. **McConnell filed cloture on the amendment.**

Grassley amend #1959 (In the nature of a substitute). **McConnell filed cloture on the amendment.**

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #586, Margaret Weichert to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

PN 474-02 (Nominations). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 2246 (Sgt. Boots VA Clinic designation). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 406 (US vs. V.Aluminadilaca). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation).

The Senate adjourned at 7:38 PM.

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation).**

The Senate recessed from 12:28-2:15 PM for weekly party caucuses.

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

**Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation).**

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

Cal. #155, Adam J. Sullivan, of Iowa, to be Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Cal. #261, Ronald L. Batory, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration.

Cal. #469, Raymond Martinez, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 and will proceed with Leader remarks. At approximately 10:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation).

The Senate adjourned at 6:35 PM.

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation).** Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **97-1**.

**Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation).**

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 403 (Designating February 2016 as American Hearth Month and February 2, 2018 as National Wear Red Day). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative vehicle for immigration legislation). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:15 PM.

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the **House Message to Accompany H.R. 695 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018)**. At 11:30 AM tomorrow, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote

on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the House Message to accompany H.R.695 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 695 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018). Motion to Invoke Cloture in the House amendment to the Senate amendment.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **55-44**.

**Motion to Lay before the Senate the House Message to Accompany H.R. 1892 (Further Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act).** Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 1892 (Further Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act).**

The Senate stands in recess until 12:01 AM.

The Senate reconvened at 12:01 AM.

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 1892 (Further Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act).**

**Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1892 with further Amendment (CR to March 23, 2018 and bipartisan budget agreement).** Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **73-26**.

**Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1892, with further Amendment (CR to March 23, 2018 and bipartisan budget agreement).** The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of **71-28**.

McConnell filed cloture on Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative Vehicle for Immigration Debate).

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, February 12. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2579 (Legislative Vehicle for Immigration Debate).

The Senate adjourned at 1:57 AM.

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H.R. 695 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 695 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018).**

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session

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

Cal. #599, Barbara Stewart to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Cal. #602, Bret Giroir, to be Medical Director in Regular Corps of the Public Health Services and to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

S. Res. 385 (A resolution supporting the observation of "National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month" during the period beginning on January 1, 2018, and ending on February 1, 2018, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, human trafficking and modern slavery.). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

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

S. Res. 397 ( )

S. Res. 398 ( )

S. Res. 399 (A resolution congratulating the Philadelphia Eagles on their triumph in Super Bowl LII).

The Senate stands in recess subject to the call of the chair.

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The Senate reconvened.

McConnell motion to proceed to the House Message to Accompany HR 1892 (Further Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

**House Message to Accompany HR 1892 (Further Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act). Motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment with an Amendment #1930 (Making technical changes).** McConnell filed Cloture on the Motion to Concur with further Amendment. Yeas and Nays ordered.

McConnell 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #1931 (Making technical changes) to amend #1930 (Making technical changes).

Motion to Refer the House Message to the Committee on Appropriations to report back forthright with instructions as amend #1932 (Making technical changes). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell amend #1933 (Making technical changes) to the instructions on the Motion to Refer to H.R. 1892 (Further Extension of Continuing Appropriations Act). Yeas and Nays ordered.

McConnell 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #1934 (Making technical changes) to amend #1933 (Making technical changes).

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H.R. 695 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018). At 11:30 AM tomorrow, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the House Message to accompany H.R.695 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018).

The Senate adjourned at 11:43 PM.

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. Votes expected but not scheduled at this time.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The following bills were read, en bloc:

H.R. 1551 (An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for production for advanced nuclear power facilities).

H.R. 2372 (An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the rules relating to Veteran health insurance and eligibility for the premium tax credit).

H.R. 2579 (An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage).

The bills were read for a second time, en bloc. Further readings were objected to, and the bills were placed on the calendar.

**Motion to Proceed to House Message to Accompany H.R. 695 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018).** Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 695 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018).** **Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment.** McConnell filed cloture on the Motion to Concur.

Motion to Refer the House Message to the Committee on Appropriations to report back forthright with instructions as amend #1922 (Making technical changes). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell amend #1923 (Making technical changes) to the Instructions to the Motion to Refer amend #1922 (Making technical changes). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #1924 (Making technical changes) to amend #1923 (Making technical changes).

The Senate recessed at 12:29 PM.

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

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 695 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018).**

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 393 (Making Minority Party appointments for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 394 (National Mentoring Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 11:30 AM on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H.R. 695 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018).

The Senate adjourned at 6:55 PM.

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #570, Andrei Iancu to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.** The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **94-0**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The following bills received their first reading, en bloc:

H.R. 1551 (An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the credit for production for advanced nuclear power facilities).

H.R. 2372 (An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the rules relating to Veteran health insurance and eligibility for the premium tax credit).

H.R. 2579 (An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow the premium tax credit with respect to unsubsidized COBRA continuation coverage).

The second readings of the bills were objected to en bloc.

HR 582 (An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934). The amendment at the desk was agreed to. The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. No votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 6:33 PM.