

TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 31st and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of the Grant nomination, post-cloture. At 12:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and vote on the Motion to Concur in the House Message to Accompany S. 1182 (To extend the National Flood Insurance Program). The Senate will then recess after 12:15 vote until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will resume an Executive Session and proceed to vote on Cal. #1006, Britt Grant to be United States Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit. Following disposition of the Grant nomination, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute amendment) to H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #1006, Britt Grant to be United States Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

House Message to Accompany S. 1182 (To extend the National Flood Insurance Program). Motion to Concur. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **86-12**.

The Senate stands in recess from 12:55 PM to 2:15 PM.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #1006, Britt Grant to be United States Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **52-46**.

The Senate proceed to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute amendment). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **94-4**.

H.R. 5554 (Animal Drug and Animal Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2018). The bill was passed by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were confirmed by Unanimous Consent:

ARMY

Cal. #1017, Lt. Gen. Stephen R. Lyons to be General

AIRFORCE

Cal. #1018, Maj. Gen. Brian T. Kelly to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #1019, Lt. Gen. Mark D. Kelly to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #1020, Col. Timothy J. Madden to be Brigadier General
Cal. #1021, Lt. Gen. Jeffrey L. Harrigian to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #1022, Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Bussiere to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #1023, Lt. Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach to be Lieutenant General

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Cal. #1024, Lt. Gen. Stephen M. Twitty to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #1025, Lt. Gen. Gary L. Thomas to be General
Cal. #1026, Col. Susan J. Pietrykowski to be Brigadier General
Cal. #1027, Maj. Gen. Jon T. Thomas to be Lieutenant General
Cal. #1028, The following names to be Brigadier General:
Col. Gregory K. Anderson
Col. Christine A. Beeler
Col. Peter N. Benchoff
Col. Mark S. Bennett
Col. Gregory J. Brady
Col. Michele H. Bredekamp
Col. Edmond M. Brown
Col. Robert M. Collins
Col. Kimberly M. Colloton
Col. David S. Doyle
Col. Thomas J. Edwards, Jr.
Col. Marcus S. Evans
Col. Brett T. Funck
Col. James J. Gallivan
Col. Brian W. Gibson
Col. Amy E. Hannah
Col. Jered P. Helwig
Col. Donn H. Hill
Col. Scott A. Jackson
Col. John D. Kline
Col. Gavin A. Lawrence
Col. Kevin C. Leahy
Col. Michelle M. Letcher
Col. Charles J. Masaracchia
Col. Michael C. McCurry, II
Col. John V. Meyer, III
Col. Duane R. Miller
Col. Scott M. Naumann
Col. Christopher R. Norrie
Col. Allan M. Pepin
Col. Andrew D. Preston
Col. Mark C. Quander

Col. John L. Rafferty, Jr.
Col. Jeth B. Rey
Col. Joseph A. Ryan
Col. James M. Smith
Col. Brett G. Sylvia
Col. Joel B. Vowell
Col. Todd R. Wasmund
Cal. #1029, Maj. Gen. James F. Pasqualette to be Lieutenant General

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute amendment).

The following amendments were agreed to by Voice Vote, en bloc:

Cornyn amend #3670, as modified.

Schatz amend #3406

Heller amend #3428

Johnson amend #3436

Gardner amend #3437

Risch amend #3438

Jones amend #3447

Whitehouse amend #3454

Murphy amend #3468

Shaheen amend #3476

Inhofe amend #3480

Cassidy amend #3482

Fischer amend #3492

Cornyn amend #3493

Heller amend #3517

Heller amend #3540

Smith amend #3546

Rubio amend#3551

Rubio amend #3560

Rubio amend #3562

Barrasso amend #3563

Murkowski amend #3566

Murray amend #3578

Brown amend #3582

Murkowski amend #3585

Collins amend #3595

Stabenow amend #3607

Reed amend #3608

Toomey amend #3613

Jones amend #3615

Peters amend #3621
Cardin amend #3633
McConnell amend #3645
Boozman amend #3646
Shaheen amend #3650
Muprhy amend #3651
Coons amend #3661
Moran amend #3665
Coons amend #3666 as amended by #3684
Casey amend #3668
Fischer amend #3669

H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations). The motion to invoke cloture is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. At 11:00 AM tomorrow the Senate will proceed to 5 roll call votes on the following in relation to H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations):

1. Leahy amend #3464 (60 vote affirmative threshold)
2. Lee amend #3522 (60 vote affirmative threshold)
3. Baldwin amend #3524 (60 vote affirmative threshold)
4. Cruz amend #3402
5. Passage of H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations), as amended

Message to Accompany H.R. 2 (Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018). Moran compound motion to go to conference. The motion was agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM Wednesday, August 1st, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of **H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations)**. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to 5 roll call votes on the following in relation to H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations):

1. Leahy amend #3464 (60 vote affirmative threshold)
2. Lee amend #3522 (60 vote affirmative threshold)
3. Baldwin amend #3524 (60 vote affirmative threshold)
4. Cruz amend #3402
5. Passage of H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations), as amended

The Senate adjourned at 8:14 PM.

MONDAY, JULY 30, 2018

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of the Cal. #1006, Britt Grant to be United States Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Grant nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #1006, Britt Grant to be United States Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **52-44**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 599 (National Lobster Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

House Message to Accompany S. 1182 (To extend the National Flood Insurance Program). The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. The Motion to Refer and the Motion to Concur with an amendment is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 31st and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of the Grant nomination, post-cloture. At 12:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and vote on the Motion to Concur in the House Message to Accompany S. 1182 (To extend the National Flood Insurance Program). The Senate will then recess after 12:15 vote until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will resume an Executive Session and proceed to vote on Cal. #1006, Britt Grant to be United States Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit. Following disposition of the Grant nomination, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute amendment) to H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

The Senate adjourned at 6:52 PM.

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and following Leader remarks, will resume consideration of H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The following bills were considered, en bloc:

H.R. 184 (Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2018).

H.R. 1201 (EACH Act).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute amendment).

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

Cal. #1006, Britt Grant to be United States Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute amendment). McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment.

McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

House Message to Accompany S. 1182 (To extend the National Flood Insurance Program). McConnell Motion to Concur in the House amendment and filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur.

McConnell Motion to Concur in the House amendment to S. 1182 (To extend the National Flood Insurance Program) with a further amendment #3628. Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell 2nd degree amendment #3629 to McConnell amend #3628.

McConnell Motion to Refer the House message to the Committee on Banking and report back with an amend #3630. Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell amend #3631 to the Instructions to report back amend #3630. Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell 2nd degree amend #3632 to McConnell #3631.

Conference Report to accompany H.R. 5515 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019). McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report.

At 5:30 PM on Monday, July 30, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1006, Britt Grant to be United States Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

The following treaties were agreed to by Voice Vote, en bloc:

Treaties Cal. #2, The Treaty with the Federated States of Micronesia on the Delimitation of a Maritime Boundary

Treaties Cal. #3, The Treaty with the Republic of Kiribati on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries

Treaties Cal. #4, Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Serbia

Treaties Cal. #5, Extradition Treaty with the Republic of Kosovo

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

H.R. 4528 (To make technical amendments to certain marine fish conservation statutes, and for other purposes). The bill was passed by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 5729 (Transportation Worker Identification Credential Accountability Act of 2018). The bill was passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 595 (Designating July 26, 2018, as United States Intelligence Professionals Day). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4318 (Miscellaneous Tariff Bill Act of 2018). The Hatch amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill was passed by Voice Vote.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM Monday, July 30th 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of the Cal. #1006, Britt Grant to be United States Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Grant nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 4:22 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations). At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on Moran amend #3433 (Prohibit the use of funds to revoke certain exceptions) and Udall amend #3414 (Sense of Congress related to the importance of long distance passenger rail routes).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute amendment). Laid aside.

S. 2779 (Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Amendment Act of 2018). Committee-reported substitute is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent. Flake amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute amendment).

Moran amend #3433 (Prohibit the use of funds to revoke certain exceptions). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **98-0**.

Udall amend #3414 (Sense of Congress related to the importance of long distance passenger rail routes), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **95-4**.

The following amendments were considered, en bloc:

Manchin amend #3553 (To make an amount available for the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence of the Department of the Treasury to investigate the illicit trade of synthetic opioids originating from the People's Republic of China).

Paul amend #3543 (To reduce the amounts appropriated to comply with the spending limits under the Budget Control Act of 2011).

Manchin amend #3553 (To make an amount available for the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence of the Department of the Treasury to investigate the illicit trade of synthetic opioids originating from the People's Republic of China). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **99-0**.

Paul amend #3543 (To reduce the amounts appropriated to comply with the spending limits under the Budget Control Act of 2011). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **25-74**.

The following bills were considered, en bloc:

H.R. 184 (Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2018).

H.R. 1201 (EACH Act).

The bills were read for a first time. Further readings were objected to, en bloc, and the bills will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

H.R. 4645 (Amends the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 592 (National Aida Lovelace Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 593 (Honoring the life and legacy of Grace Hopper). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 26th and following Leader remarks, will resume consideration of H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

The Senate adjourned at 7:31 PM.

TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 6147 (Interior, Environment, Financial Services, and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 6147 (Interior, Environment, Financial Services, and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019).

Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute).

The following amendments were considered, en bloc:

Heller amend #3405 (To increase the amount available for a Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance matching grants program for tax return preparation assistance).

Durbin amend #3422 (To require the Inspector General to update an audit report concerning on-time performance of Amtrak).

The Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the amendments beginning at 2:20 PM.

The Senate adjourned from 12:35-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

H.R. 6147 (Interior, Environment, Financial Services, and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019).

Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute).

Heller amend #3405 (To increase the amount available for a Community Volunteer Income Tax Assistance matching grants program for tax return preparation assistance). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **98-1**.

Durbin amend #3422 (To require the Inspector General to update an audit report concerning on-time performance of Amtrak). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **99-0**.

Schatz amend #3407 (Report on facilities of the Department of the Interior damaged by certain volcanic eruptions). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **97-1**.

Kennedy amend #3430 (Provide amounts of inspection of foreign seafood manufacturers and field examinations of imported seafood). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **87-11**.

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

Cal. #467, Bruce Landsberg to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Cal. #858, Jennifer Homendy to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The following resolutions passed by unanimous consent:

S Res. 589

S Res. 590

S Res. 591

S Res 578 (Honoring the men and women of the DEA on the 45th anniversary of the agency). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S Res. 580 (Recognizing and supporting public awareness of the importance of trademarks and so forth). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S 2238 (A bill to amend the public health service act to provide grants to improve health care in rural areas). The committee reported amendment was agreed to. The bill as amended passed by unanimous consent.

H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 25, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 6147 (Minibus Appropriations). At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on Moran amend #3433 (Prohibit the use of funds to revoke certain exceptions) and Udall amend #3414 (Sense of Congress related to the importance of long distance passenger rail routes).

The Senate adjourned at 8:20 PM.

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2018

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #1000, Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation of the Wilkie nomination. Following the disposition of the Wilkie nomination, the Senate will resume Legislative Session and proceed to the consideration of H.R. 6147 (Interior, Environment, Financial Services, and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #1000, Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **86–9**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 6147 (Interior, Environment, Financial Services, and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019)

Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute).

Murkowski amend #3400 (To make a technical correction) to Shelby amend #3399 (Substitute).

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

H.R. 589 (Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act). The Murkowski amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill was amended was passed by Voice Vote.

S. 2503 (Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act). The Murkowski amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill was amended was passed by Voice Vote.

H.R. 2353 (Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act). The Alexander substitute amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill as amended was passed by Voice Vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 24th, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 6147 (Interior, Environment, Financial Services, and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:53 PM.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #903, Ryan Wesley Bounds to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #903, Ryan Wesley Bounds to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The order for the Bounds nomination was vitiated by Unanimous Consent. The nomination was withdrawn.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 584 (Expressing the sense of the Senate against the making available of current and former diplomats, officials, and members of the Armed Forces of the United States for questioning by the government of Vladimir Putin). Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution was agreed to by a vote of **98-0**.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #1000, Robert L. Wilkie, of North Carolina, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on confirmation of the Wilkie nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 5:21 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #892, Andrew S. Oldham to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Andrew Oldham to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit
2. Cloture on Ryan Bounds to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #892, Andrew S. Oldham to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **50-49**.

Cal. #903, Ryan Wesley Bounds to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **50-49**.

Cal. #903, Ryan Wesley Bounds to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #942, Read Adm. (lh) Andrew S. McKinley, to be Rear Admiral. The nomination was confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 526 (Microloan Modernization Act of 2018). The Committee-Reported substitute amendment was agreed, the Risch amendment was agreed to, and the bill as amended was passed by Voice Vote.

S. 791 (A bill to amend the Small Business Act to expand intellectual property, education and training for small businesses, and for other purposes). The bill was passed by Voice Vote.

S. 2850 (A bill to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund). The Flake amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill as amended was passed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 19th, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #903, Ryan Wesley Bounds to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture.

The Senate adjourned at 6:24 PM.

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #601, James Blew to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education. At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #601, James Blew to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.
2. Cloture on Cal. #595, Randal Quarles to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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. #601, James Blew to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **50-49**.

Cal. #595, Randal Quarles to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **66-33**.

The Senate recessed from 1:04-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened and resumed a Legislative Session.

Cal. #595, Randal Quarles to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. All post-cloture time was yielded back. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **66-33**.

Cal. #892, Andrew S. Oldham to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **50-49**.

Cal. #892, Andrew S. Oldham to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 6042 (To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to delay the reduction in Federal medical assistance percentage for Medicaid personal care services furnished without an electronic visit verification system). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 18th and following Leader remarks, will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #892, Andrew S. Oldham to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will vote on the Oldham nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 10:09 PM.

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 pm. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #936. Scott Stump to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Stump nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #936, Scott Stump to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **85-0**.

Cal. #601, James Blew to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 386 (Urging the government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to fulfill its agreement to hold credible elections). The resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #601, James Blew to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education. At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #601, James Blew to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, Department of Education.
2. Cloture on Cal. #595, Randal Quarles to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:58 PM.

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #686, Paul C. Ney, Jr. to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense, post-cloture. At 1:30 PM the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Ney nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #686, Paul C. Ney, Jr. to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **70-23**.

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. #595, Randal Quarles to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

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

Cal. #892, Andrew Oldham to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. 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. #903, Ryan Wesley Bounds to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #912. Kelli Higashi, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #913. Emory A. Rounds III, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

Cal. #924. Georgette Mosbacher, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Poland. Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 558 (Designating July 30th, 2018 as National Whistle-Blower Appreciation Day). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 574 (Designating July 13th, 2018 as Collector Car Appreciation Day, and so forth). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 575 (Honoring the memory of the five victims of the attack of the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, Maryland on June 28th, 2018.). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 pm on Monday, July 16th, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #936. Scott Stump to be Assistant Secretary for Career, Technical, and Adult Education, Department of Education. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Stump nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 5:11 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Cal. #639, Brian Benczkowski to be Assistant Attorney General. At 12:00 PM the Senate will proceed to Legislative Session and the Chair will lay before the Senate the Message to Accompany H.R. 5895 (Minibus Appropriations) and proceed to up to 3 Roll Call Votes on the following:

1. Compound motion to go to conference on H.R. 5895

2. Cassidy motion to instruct conferees
3. Corker motion to instruct conferees

Further, at 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to 2 roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #639, Brian Benczkowski to be Assistant Attorney General
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Cal. 686, Paul Ney, Jr. to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #639 Brian Benczkowski to be Assistant Attorney General.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Message to Accompany H.R. 5895 (Minibus Appropriations). Shelby Compound Motion to go to conference on H.R. 5895 (Minibus Appropriations). Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Cassidy Motion to Instruct Conferees in relation to H.R. 5895 (Minibus Appropriations). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **95-4**.

Corker Motion to Instruct Conferees in relation to H.R. 5895 (Minibus Appropriations). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **88-11**.

The following Senators have been named conferees: Sens. Shelby, Alexander, Boozman, Daines, Leahy, Feinstein, Schatz, and Murray.

The Senate resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #639, Brian Benczkowski to be Assistant Attorney General. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **51-48**.

Cal. 686, Paul Ney, Jr. to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **74-25**.

Cal. 686, Paul Ney, Jr. to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

Lee asked unanimous consent to change his vote on the Cassidy Motion to Instruct Conferees in relation to H.R. 5895 (Minibus Appropriations) from “Aye” to “No.” The revised vote tally for passage is now **94-5**.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 12, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #686, Paul

C. Ney, Jr. to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense, post-cloture. At 1:30 PM the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Ney nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 6:38 PM.

TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 10th and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #836, Mark Jeremy Bennett to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, all post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will vote on the Bennett nomination. Following the disposition of the Bennett nomination, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #639 Brian Benczkowski to be Assistant Attorney General.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #836, Mark Jeremy Bennett to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Message to Accompany H.R. 5515 (John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019). McConnell Motion to Insist on its amendment, agree to the request to the House for a conference, and authorize the chair to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The Senate stands in recess from 12:36 PM to 2:15 PM.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #836, Mark Jeremy Bennett to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **72–27**.

Cal. #639 Brian Benczkowski to be Assistant Attorney General. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **51–48**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Message to Accompany H.R. 5515 (John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019). McConnell compound motion to go to conference on H.R. 5515 (John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019). Yeas and Nays ordered. The Compound Motion was agreed to by a vote of **91–8**.

Cornyn motion to instruct conferees in relation to H.R. 5515 (John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019). Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **97–2**.

Reed motion to instruct conferees in relation to H.R. 5515 (John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019). Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **97–2**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #639 Brian Benczkowski to be Assistant Attorney General.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. Con. Res. 41 (Recognizing 100 years of the United States-Australia relationship, 100 years of Mateship). The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 11th, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Cal. #639, Brian Benczkowski to be Assistant Attorney General. At 12:00 PM the Senate will proceed to Legislative Session and the Chair will lay before the Senate the Message to Accompany H.R. 5895 (Minibus Appropriations) and proceed to up to 3 Roll Call Votes on the following:

1. Compound motion to go to conference on H.R. 5895
2. Cassidy motion to instruct conferees
3. Corker motion to instruct conferees

Further, at 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to 2 roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #639, Brian Benczkowski to be Assistant Attorney General
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Cal. 686, Paul Ney, Jr. to be General Counsel of the Department of Defense.

The Senate adjourned at 7:29 PM.

MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of the Cal. #836, Mark Bennett to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Bennett nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #836, Mark Jeremy Bennett to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **72-25**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session for a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 10th and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #836, Mark Jeremy Bennett to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 2:15 PM, all post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will vote on the Bennett nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 6:49 PM.