## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009

The Senate will convene at 6:45 AM. At 7:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on final passage of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) as amended. Following the disposition of H.R. 3590, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H. R. 4314 (An act to permit continued financing of Government operations). No amendments will be in order and the Senate will proceed to a vote on final passage. Passage of H. R. 4314 will require a 60 vote threshold.

**H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) as amended.** The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill as amended passed by a vote of **60-39.**

**H. R. 4314 (An act to permit continued financing of Government operations).** Passage of H. R. 4314 will require a 60 vote threshold. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill passed by a vote of **60-39.**

The Senate recessed subject to the Call of the Chair at 7:35 AM.

The Senate reconvened at 8:25 AM and proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cardin unanimous consent request that that all the nominations received by the Senate during the 111th Congress, First Session, remain in status quo notwithstanding the December 24, 2009, adjournment of the Senate and that the provisions of Rule 31, Paragraph 6, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, with the exceptions, P.N. 1119, Colonel David Tiplease, Cal. #32 (Dawn Johnson to be an Assistant Attorney General, Cal. #205 (Mary Smith to be an Assistant Attorney General, Cal. # 312 (Christopher Schroeder to be an Assistant Attorney General), Cal. #488 (Edward Chin to be US District Judge for the Northern District of CA) and Cal. #1028 (Lewis Butler to be US District Judge for Western District of Wisconsin). The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

In Executive Session, the Senate confirmed the following nominations en bloc by voice vote:
**264** (Paul T. Anastas, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency).
**280** (Robert Perciasepe, of New York, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency)
**303** (Miriam E. Sapiro, of the District of Columbia,to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador).

**315** (Thomas Alfred Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federative Republic of Brazil).
**429** (Alan D. Solomont, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States ofAmerica to Spain, and to serve concurrentlyand without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Andorra).
**478** (John R. Norris, of the District of Columbia, tobe a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 2012).
**489** (Dolly M. Gee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California).
**490** (Richard Seeborg, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California).
**582** (Sharon Jeanette Lubinski, of Minnesota, to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota).
**583** (Mary Elizabeth Phillips, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri).
**584** (Sanford C. Coats, of Oklahoma, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma).
**585** (Stephen James Smith, of Georgia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia).
**586** (Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Commerce).
**587** (Scott Boyer Quehl, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce).
**593** (Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development).
**594** (Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Serbia).
**595** (James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Bulgaria).
**596** (Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Hungary).
**597** (Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mozambique).
**598** (Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea).

**599** (Mary Jo Wills, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Mauritius).
**600** (Anne Slaughter Andrew, of Indiana, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Costa Rica).
**601** (David Daniel Nelson, of Minnesota, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay).
**611**(Richard G. Callahan, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri).
**612** (John Gibbons, of Massachusetts, to be United States Marshal for the District of Massachusetts).
**613** (John Leroy Kammerzell, of Colorado, to be United States Marshal for the District of Colorado).
**621** ( Adele Logan Alexander, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities).
**624** (Lynnae M. Ruttledge, of Washington, to be Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, Department of Education).
**626** (Grayling Grant Williams, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security).
**632** ( Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner).
**633** (David L. Strickland, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration).
**634** (The following named officer for appointment in the United States Coast Guard Reserve tothe grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C.,section 12203: to be Rear Admiral Rear Adm. (lh) Steven E. Day
**635** (Mark Anthony Martinez, of Nebraska, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nebraska).
**636** (Michael W. Cotter, of Montana, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana).
**637** (Barbara L. McQuade, of Michigan, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan).
**638** (James L. Santelle, of Wisconsin, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin).
**639** (Christopher A. Crofts, of Wyoming, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming).
Nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Coast Guard, Foreign Service and NOAA.

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

H.R. 3961 (An act to Amend Title 18 of the Social Security Act to reform the Medicare S.G.R. payment system for physicians). The bill was read for the first time. Second reading was objected to.

H.R. 4154 (An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the new carryover basis rules in order to prevent tax increases and so forth). The bill was read for the first time. Second reading was objected to.

H. Con. Res. 223 (The Sine Die Adjournment Resolution). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 for a pro forma session. The Senate will then adjourn until Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 11:00 AM, for a pro forma session. The Senate will then adjourn until Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider Executive Calendar #421, the nomination of Beverly Martin to be a U. S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit, that there be 60 minutes of debate on the nomination, followed by a vote on confirmation. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

Pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 233, the Senate adjourned Sine Die at 10:19 AM.

## tSENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). At approximately 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of procedural votes on the bill.

**H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Corker Point of Order against H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) pursuant to section 425-A-2 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Baucus Motion to Waive the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Cornyn Point of Order that the Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute) violates the provisions of Senate Rule 44. Baucus Motion to Waive the Point of Order. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Hutchison Constitutional Point of Order that the Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute) violates the 10th amendment of the Constitution. Laid aside.

Ensign Constitutional Point of Order that the Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute) to H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) violates the enumerated amendment, powers contained in Article I and the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution. Yeas and nays ordered. The Point of Order was not well taken by a vote of **39-60.**

Corker Point of Order against Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute) to H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) pursuant to section 425-A-2 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Baucus Motion to Waive the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was agreed to by a vote of **55-44.** The Point of Order **fails.**

Reid unanimous consent request that the vote on final passage of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) occur at 7:00 AM on Thursday, December 24, 2009. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

Cornyn Point of Order that the Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute) violates the provisions of Senate Rule 44, Paragraph 4-A. The Chair ruled that there is no Point of Order under Rule 44, Paragraph 4-A. Cornyn Appealed the Ruling of the Chair. Baucus Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair that there is no Point of Order under Rule 44,

Paragraph 4-A. Yeas and nays ordered. Baucus Motion to Table the Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair was agreed to by a vote **57-42.**

Hutchison Constitutional Point of Order that the Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute) violates the Tenth Amendment of the Constitution. The Point of Order was not well taken by a vote of **39-60.**

DeMint Motion to Suspend the provisions of Rule 22, for the purpose of proposing DeMint amend #3297 (Ban the Practice of trading earmarks for votes). Baucus Motion to Table the Motion to Waive Rule 22 with respect to Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute) to H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The Motion to Table the Motion to Waive Rule 22 was agreed to by a vote of **53-46.**

Cardin amendment #2878 (To provide for the establishment of Offices of Minority Health). Withdrawn.

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **60-39.**

Motion to Invoke Cloture on H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) as amended. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote **60-39.**

The Senate will convene at 6:45 AM on Thursday, December 24. At 7:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on final passage of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) as amended. Following the disposition of H.R. 3590, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H. R. 4314 (An act to permit continued financing of the government operations). No amendments will be in order and the Senate will proceed to a vote on final passage. Passage of H. R. 4314 will require a 60 vote threshold.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2009

The Senate will convene at 7:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). At approximately 7:20 AM, the Senate will proceed to a series of roll call votes. The first will be on a Motion to Table Reid amend #3278. After the disposition of that amendment, Reid amend #3277 will be withdrawn. The Senate will then vote on Reid amend #3276 (Manager's Amendment) and following its disposition, will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:30 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Reid amend #3278 (Change the enactment date). Motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **60-39**.

Reid amend #3277 (Change the enactment date.). Withdrawn.

Reid amend #3276 (Manager's Amendment). Yeas and nays were ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **60-39**.

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). Motion to invoke cloture on the amendment. The yeas and nays were ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **60-39**.

Cardin amend #2878 (Provide for the establishment of Offices of Minority Health). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3292 (Change the enactment date) to Cardin amend #2878 (Perfecting amendment). Laid aside.

Ensign raised a Constitutional Point of Order that the Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute) to H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) violates the enumerated amendment, powers contained in Article I and the fifth amendment of the constitution. By a

unanimous consent agreement, the disposition of the Point of Order will be postponed until Wednesday, December 23, 2009. Laid aside.

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). Laid aside.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute).

Senator Reid offered the following unanimous consent agreement which was agreed to:

- All post-cloture time on H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) will expire at 8:00 AM on Thursday, December 24, 2009, if cloture is invoked. The Senate will immediately vote on final passage.
- Upon disposition of H. R. 3590, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H. R. 4314 (An act to permit continued financing of the government operations). No amendments will be in order and the Senate will proceed to a vote on final passage. Passage of H. R. 4314 will require a 60 vote threshold.
- On Wednesday, January 20, 2010, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H. J. Res. 45 (Increasing the statutory limit on the public debt). The following amendments will be the only ones in order to the bill; Reid substitute amendment, Thune amendment on TARP, Murkowski amendment on Endangerment EPA Regulations, Coburn amendment on recessions package, Sessions amendment on spending caps, McConnell amendment on relevant issues, Reid amendment on relevant issues, Reid amendment on pay-go, Baucus amendments on relevant issues and a Conrad-Gregg amendment on a fiscal taskforce. Each of the previously mentioned amendments are subject to a 60 vote threshold. If they fail to achieve the 60 vote threshold, the amendment will be withdrawn. Upon disposition of all amendments, the resolution will be read for a third time and a vote on final passage will occur, also, with a 60 vote threshold.
- On Wednesday, January 20, 2010, after a period of Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider Executive Calendar #421, the nomination of Beverly Martin to be a U. S. Circuit Judge for the 11th Circuit, that there be 60 minutes of debate on the nomination, followed by a vote on confirmation.

H. R. 4284 (Extend the generalized system of preferences). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 206 (Commending the soldiers and civilians stationed at Fort Gordon). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 386 (Regarding Iran). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM on Wednesday, December 22, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). At approximately 2:20 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of procedural votes on the bill.

The Senate adjourned at 7:06 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The Senate is currently in post-cloture debate on the Reid Amend #3276 (Manager's Amendment). If all time is used, the next vote will occur at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, December 22, 2009.

The Senate convened and proceeded to the consideration of **H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid Amend #3276 (Manager's Amendment).

S. Res. 382 (National Slavery and Trafficking Prevention Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 383 (National Mentoring Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Post-cloture time will continue to run during the overnight hours. When time expires, the Senate will proceed to a series of roll call votes, beginning with the Motion to Table Reid amend #3278. After the disposition of that amendment, Reid amend #3277 will be withdrawn. The Senate will then vote on adoption of Reid amend #3276 (Manager's Amendment) and following its disposition, will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:30 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:42 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM and will resume immediate consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The Senate will recess at 11:30 PM and will reconvene at 12:01 AM on Monday, December 21, 2009. At 1:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Reid amend #3276 (Managers Amendment).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment sisconsidered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Reid amend #3276 (Managers Amendment). Laid aside.

At 11:31 PM, The Senate recessed until 12:01 AM

The Senate reconvened at 12:01 AM and proceeded with a legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment si considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Reid amend #3276 (Managers Amendment). Motion to invoke cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays were ordered. The Motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of **60 – 40**.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Monday, December 21, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The Senate is currently in post-cloture debate on the Reid Amend #3276 (Manager's Amendment). If all time is used, the next vote will occur at 7:00 AM on Tuesday, December 22, 2009. By unanimous consent, all time adjournment time will count toward post-cloture debate time.

The Senate adjourned at 1:34 AM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2009

The Senate will convene at 6:45 AM and will immediately resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations bill) and debate it until 7:20 AM. The Senate is then expected to have multiple votes with respect to the House Message. It is also expected that, upon conclusion of the consideration of the House Message, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations Bill).**

**Motion to Table the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations Bill) with an amendment #3248.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **63-35.**

**Coburn Point of Order. Reid Motion to Waive the Budget Act with respect to the Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations Bill).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive was agreed to by a vote of **63-35**.

**Motion to Concur in the House Amendment to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations Bill).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Concur is agreed to by a vote of **88-10.**

H. J. Res. 64 (Continuing Resolution through December 23, 2009). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Reid amend #3276 (Managers Amendment).

**Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on Reid amend #3276 (Managers Amendment). Yeas and Nays ordered.**

**Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). Yeas and Nays ordered.**

**Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Yeas and nays ordered.**

Reid 2nd degree amend #3277 to Reid amend #3276 (Managers Amendment).

Reid amend #3278 to Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3279 () to Reid amend #3278 ().

Reid Motion to Commit the bill to the Finance Committee with instructions to report back with amend #3280 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3281 to the Reid Motion to Commit the bill. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd degree amend #3282 to Reid amend #3281.

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM on Sunday, December 20, 2009 and will resume immediate consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The Senate will recess at 11:30 PM and will reconvene at 12:01 AM on Monday, December 21, 2009. At 1:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Reid amend #3276 (Managers Amendment).

The Senate adjourned at 5:35 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM will proceed to the House Message to Accompany H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations bill). The Senate will be in post cloture debate, with the time from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 PM equally divided and controlled in 30-minute alternating blocks of time with the Republicans controlling the first block and the majority controlling the next block. If all post cloture time is used, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act) at approximately 7:30 AM on Saturday, December 19, 2009.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 4314 (Authorize continued financing of Government operations). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations bill).**

H. R. 1377 (Amend the U. S. Code to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 374 (Recognizing the cooperative efforts of Hunter's Sportsmen Associations). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 218 (Expressing sympathy for the 57 civilians killed in the Southern Philippines on November 23, 2009). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 6:45 AM on Saturday, December 20, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations bill) and debate it until 7:20 AM. The Senate is then expected to have multiple votes with respect to the House Message. It is also expected that, upon conclusion of the consideration of the House Message, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care act).

The Senate adjourned at 6:47 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

The Senate reconvened at 12:01 AM.

**Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act).**

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act).** The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **63-33.**

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 18 and will proceed to the House Message to Accompany H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations bill). The Senate will be in post cloture debate, with the time from 12:00 Noon until 4:00 p.m. equally divided and controlled in 30-minute alternating blocks of time with the Republicans controlling the first block and the majority controlling the next block. If all post cloture time is used, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act) at approximately 7:30 AM on Saturday, December 19, 2009.

The Senate adjourned at 1:47 AM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H. R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act).**

Reid filed Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to **H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).** Reid withdrew the motion.

**Motion to Recess until December 18, 2009 at 12:01 AM.** The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **59-38.**

The Senate recessed from 6:52 PM until 12:01 AM on Friday, December 18, 2009.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Votes in relation to the Hutchison Motion to Commit and the Sanders amend #2837 are expected today, but none are scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Baucus motion to consider H. R. 4154 (Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the new carryover basis rules in order to prevent tax increases and the imposition of compliance burdens on many more estates than would benefit from repeal, to retain the estate tax with a $3,500,000 exemption), received from the House and at the desk, that the Baucus Substitute amendment be read and agreed to, that the bill as amended be read three times, passed and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table and any statements appear in the appropriate place in the record as if read without further intervening action or debate. The motion was objected to by McConnell.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Sanders amend #2837 (To provide for health care for every American and to control the cost and enhance the quality of the health care system). Withdrawn.

Sanders Motion to Table the Hutchison Motion to Commit H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) to the Committee on Finance with Instructions. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **56-41.**

The Chair laid before the Senate a message from the House with respect to **H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act).** The House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act).

Reid Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act). Laid aside.

Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act). Laid aside.

Reid Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act) with amendment number 3248. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amendment #3252 (Strike "5 days" and insert "1 day") to amendment #3248 to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid Motion to Refer H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act) to the Committee on Appropriations with amendment #3249. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amendment #3250 to the Instructions of amendment #3249 to refer H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act) to the Committee on Appropriations. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid perfecting amendment #3251 (technical corrections) to amendment #3250 to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

**H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act).** Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act). Laid aside.

S. Res. 376 (honoring the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 17, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H. R. 3326 (the Department of Defense Appropriations Act).

The Senate adjourned at 6:20 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Votes in relation to the Hutchison Motion to Commit and the Sanders amend #2837 are expected today, but none are scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Baucus motion to consider H. R. 4154 (Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the new carryover basis rules in order to prevent tax increases and the imposition of compliance burdens on many more estates than would benefit from repeal, to retain the estate tax with a $3,500,000 exemption), received from the House and at the desk, that the Baucus Substitute amendment be read and agreed to, that the bill as amended be read three times, passed and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table and any statements appear in the appropriate place in the record as if read without further intervening action or debate. The motion was objected to by McConnell.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Sanders amend #2837 (To provide for health care for every American and to control the cost and enhance the quality of the health care system). Withdrawn.

Sanders Motion to Table the Hutchison Motion to Commit H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) to the Committee on Finance with Instructions. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **56-41.**

The Chair laid before the Senate a message from the House with respect to **H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act).** The House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act).

Reid Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act). Laid aside.

Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act). Laid aside.

Reid Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act) with amendment number 3248. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amendment #3252 (Strike "5 days" and insert "1 day") to amendment #3248 to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid Motion to Refer H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act) to the Committee on Appropriations with amendment #3249. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amendment #3250 to the Instructions of amendment #3249 to refer H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act) to the Committee on Appropriations. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid perfecting amendment #3251 (technical corrections) to amendment #3250 to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

**H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act).** Motion to Concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3326 (The Department of Defense Appropriations Act). Laid aside.

S. Res. 376 (Honoring the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 17, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H. R. 3326 (the Department of Defense Appropriations Act).

The Senate adjourned at 6:20 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). There will be a period of five hours of debate, during which time Senator Baucus will offer a side by side amendment to the Crapo Motion to Commit and Senator Lautenberg will offer amendment #3196. Between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM, there will be a series of four Roll Call Votes on the following amendments: Baucus side by side amendment to the Crapo Motion to Commit, Crapo Motion to Commit, Dorgan amend #2793 (To provide for the importation of prescription drugs) and Lautenberg amend #3196. The amendments and the Motion to Commit must reach a 60-vote threshold to pass. Upon disposition of the amendments and motions, Senator Hutchison will offer a Motion to Commit, and Senator Sanders will offer an amendment #2837. The Senate will recess from 12:45 to 3:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Baucus amend #3183 (To protect middle class families from tax increases). Laid aside.

The Senate recessed from 12:45 to 3:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

At 3:15 PM, the Senate reconvened and proceed with a Legislative Session.

**H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Lautenberg amend #3156 (To provide for the importation of prescription drugs). Laid aside.

Baucus amend #3183 (To protect middle class families from tax increases). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **97-1**.

Crapo Motion to Commit the Bill. Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous agreement, the Motion requires 60 votes for adoption. The Motion to Commit was not agreed to by a vote of **45-54**. Under a previous order, the Motion was withdrawn.

Dorgan amend ##2793 (To provide for the importation of prescription drugs). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **51-48**. Under a previous order, the amendment is withdrawn.

Lautenberg amend #3156 (To provide for the importation of prescription drugs). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **56-43**. Under a previous order, the amendment is withdrawn.

Hutchison Motion to Commit. Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Votes in relation to the Hutchison Motion to Commit and the Sanders amend #2837 are expected tomorrow, but none are scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 7:56 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. It is expected that at some point during Monday's session, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). No votes have been scheduled.

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

Reid unanimous consent request that after the opening of the Senate tomorrow, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act), and that there then be a period of five hours of debate. During this debate time, Senator Baucus will offer a side by side amendment to the Crapo Motion to Commit and Senator Lautenberg will offer amendment #3196. After the debate the Senate will proceed to vote on the following amendments: Baucus, Crapo Motion to Commit, Dorgan amend #2793 (To provide for the importation of prescription drugs) and Lautenberg amend #3196. The amendments and the Motion to Commit must reach a 60-vote threshold to pass. Upon disposition of the amendments and motions, Senator Hutchison will offer a Motion to Commit, and Senator Sanders will offer an amendment #2837. The unanimous consent was agreed to.

S. 1755 (Department of Transportation Drill on Emergency Communications). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 15 and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). There will be a period of five hours of debate, during which time Senator Baucus will offer a side by side amendment to the Crapo Motion to Commit and Senator Lautenberg will offer amendment #3196. At approximately 6:00 PM, there will be a series of four Roll Call Votes on the following amendments: Baucus side by side amendment to the Crapo Motion to Commit, Crapo Motion to Commit, Dorgan amend #2793 (To provide for the importation of prescription drugs) and Lautenberg amend #3196. The amendments and the Motion to Commit must reach a 60-vote threshold to pass. Upon disposition of the amendments and motions, Senator Hutchison will offer a Motion to Commit, and Senator Sanders will offer an amendment #2837. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 8:15 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

The Senate will convene at 1:30 PM and will immediately resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3288 (Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2010). A vote on final passage of the Conference Report will occur at 2:00 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3288 (Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2010).** The yeas and nays were ordered. The Conference Report was agreed to by a vote of **57-35**.

**H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Sen. McConnell filed a cloture motion on the Crapo Motion to Commit the bill. Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, December 14, 2009. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. It is expected that at some point during Monday's session, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). No votes have been scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 5:01 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM Senate will immediately resume consideration Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3288 (Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2010). At 9:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Conference Report. If cloture is invoked, the Senate will vote on final passage of the Conference Report at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 13, 2009.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3288 (Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2010).** The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report was agreed to by a vote of **60-34**.

Sen. McConnell offered a Unanimous Consent agreement regarding H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Sen. Durbin objected.

The Senate will convene at 1:30 PM on Sunday, December 13, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3288 (Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2010). A vote on final passage of the Conference Report will occur at 2:00 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 4:17 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. Upon conclusion of Morning Business, the Senate is expected to resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H. R. 3288 (Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2010). Roll Call votes are expected Friday morning.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3288 (Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2010).**

McCain point of order that the Conference Report violates the provisions of Rule 28. Inouye motion to waive the Conference Report. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is agreed to by a vote of **60-36**.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Saturday, December 12, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration Conference Report to accompany H.R. 3288 (Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2010). At 9:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Conference Report. If cloture is invoked, the Senate will vote on final passage of the Conference Report at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 13, 2009.

The Senate adjourned at 7:45 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The time until 1:00 PM will be for debate only. Votes are possible, but not scheduled at this time. Sen. Reid announced that it is possible that the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Omnibus Appropriations bill, if an agreement can be reached.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

**Motion to Proceed to the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3288 (Consolidated Appropriations Act 2010).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed is agreed to by a vote of **56-43**.

**Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3288 (Consolidated Appropriations Act 2010).**

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 3288 (Consolidated Appropriations Act 2010).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 4165 (To extend through December 31, 2010, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4217 (Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act, Part II). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 4218 (To amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to prohibit retroactive payments to individuals during periods for which such individuals are prisoners, fugitive felons, or probation or parole violators). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, December 11, 2009 and will proceed to a period of Morning Business. Roll Call votes are expected Friday morning.

The Senate adjourned at 8:04 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Roll call votes are possible throughout the day Wednesday.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

At 5:07 PM, the Senate recessed until 6:15 PM. Sen. Reid announced there will be no votes this evening.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 10, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The time until 1:00 PM will be for debate only. Votes are possible, but not scheduled at this time. Sen. Reid announced that it is possible that the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Omnibus Appropriations bill, if an agreement can be reached.

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Roll Call Votes are possible but are currently not scheduled for Tuesday's session. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Nelson (NE) amend #2962 (Prohibits the use of federal funds for abortions). Boxer Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **54-45**.

McCain Motion to Commit the Bill. Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **42-57**. The Motion is **withdrawn**.

Dorgan amend #2793 (To provide for the importation of prescription drugs). Laid aside.

Crapo Motion to Commit the Bill to the Committee on Finance with Instructions.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Roll call votes are possible throughout the day Wednesday.

The Senate adjourned at 8:40 PM.

# SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 7. 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Roll Call Votes are expected to occur after 3:15 PM today.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Pryor amend #2939 (require the Secretary to provide information regarding enrollee satisfaction with qualified health plans offered through an Exchange through the Internet portal). Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **98-0.**

Gregg amend #2942 (prevent Medicare from being raided for new entitlements and to use Medicare savings to save Medicare). Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote **43-56.** The amendment was **withdrawn.**

Nelson (NE) amend #2962 (To prohibit the use of Federal funds for abortions). Laid aside.

McCain Motion to Commit H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) to the Committee on Finance with Instructions. Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and confirmed the following Presidential Nominations en bloc by voice vote:
PN #1001
PN #1002
PN #1003
PN #1005
PN #1016

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 8 and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Roll Call Votes are possible but are currently not scheduled for Tuesday's session. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:38 PM.

# SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

The Senate will convene at 12:30 PM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). At 3:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to a series of two roll call votes on Lincoln amend #2905 (To modify the limit on excessive remuneration paid by certain health insurance providers to set the limit at the same levels as the salary of the President of the United States) and Ensign amend #2927 (Relative to limitation on amount of attorneys contingency fees). Two additional roll call votes may follow if an agreement is reached.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Lincoln amend #2905 (To modify the limit on excessive remuneration paid by certain health insurance providers to set the limit at the same levels as the salary of the President of the United States). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **56-42.** The amendment was **withdrawn.**

Ensign amend #2927 (Relative to limitation on amount of attorneys contingency fees). Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **32-66.** The amendment was **withdrawn.**

Pryor amend #2939 (To require the Secretary to provide information regarding enrollee satisfaction with qualified health plans offered through an Exchange through the Internet portal). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #2942 (To prevent Medicare from being raided for new entitlements and to use Medicare savings to save Medicare). Laid aside.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Monday, December 7 and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Roll Call Votes are expected to occur after 3:15 PM tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned at 5:25 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 5, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). There will be 3 hours of debate on the Lincoln amend #2905 and the Johanns motion to commit the bill. Votes will not occur before 1:00 PM on Saturday.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Kerry amend #2926 (Protecting home health benefits). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **96-0**.

Johanns Motion to Commit the bill. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Commit was not agreed to by a vote of **41-53**. The motion was withdrawn.

Ensign amend #2927 (Relative to limitation on amount of attorneys contingency fees). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 12:30 PM on Sunday, December 6, 2009 and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The Senate will proceed to a series of two roll call votes on Lincoln amend #2905 and Ensign amend #2927 at approximately 3:15 PM. Two additional roll call votes may follow if an agreement is reached.

The Senate adjourned at 6:30 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The time until 11:30 AM will be for debate only on the pending amendment and motion to commit.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Thune amend #2901 (Eliminate new entitlement programs and limit the government control over the health care of American families). Laid aside.

Stabenow amend #2889 (Ensure that there is no reduction or elimination of any benefits guaranteed by law to participate in Medicare Advantage plans). Laid aside.

Whitehouse amend #2870 (Promote fiscal responsibility by protecting the Social Security surplus and CLASS program savings in this Act). Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **98-0**.

Thune amend #2901 (Eliminate new entitlement programs and limit the government control over the health care of American families). Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment as not agreed to by a vote of **51-47**. The amendment was withdrawn.

Stabenow amend #2889 (Ensure that there is no reduction or elimination of any benefits guaranteed by law to participate in Medicare Advantage plans). Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **97-1**.

Hatch motion to commit the bill H.R. 3590 to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report the same back to the Senate with changes that do not include cuts in payments to Medicare Advantage plans totaling $120 billion. Under a previous agreement, the motion requires 60 votes for adoption. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **41-57**. The motion was withdrawn.

Lincoln amend #2905 ().

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The time until 11:30 AM will be for debate only on the pending amendment and motion to commit.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Thune amend #2901 (Eliminate new entitlement programs and limit the government control over the health care of American families). Laid aside.

Stabenow amend #2889 (Ensure that there is no reduction or elimination of any benefits guaranteed by law to participate in Medicare Advantage plans). Laid aside.

Whitehouse amend #2870 (Promote fiscal responsibility by protecting the Social Security surplus and CLASS program savings in this Act). Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **98-0**.

Thune amend #2901 (Eliminate new entitlement programs and limit the government control over the health care of American families). Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment as not agreed to by a vote of **51-47**. The amendment was withdrawn.

Stabenow amend #2889 (Ensure that there is no reduction or elimination of any benefits guaranteed by law to participate in Medicare Advantage plans). Under a previous agreement, the amendment requires 60 votes for adoption. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **97-1**.

Hatch motion to commit the bill H.R. 3590 to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report the same back to the Senate with changes that do not include cuts in payments to Medicare Advantage plans totaling $120 billion. Under a previous agreement, the motion requires 60 votes for adoption. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **41-57**. The motion was withdrawn.

Lincoln amend #2905 (modify the limit on excessive remuneration paid by certain health insurance providers to set the limit at the same levels as the salary of the President of the United States). Laid aside.

Johanns motion to commit the bill H. R. 3590 to the Committee on Finance with instructions to report the same back to the Senate with changes that do not include cuts in payments to home healthcare agencies. Laid aside.

S. Res. 341 Supporting peace, security and innocent civilians affected by conflict in Yemen). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 370 (Relative to the death of Paula F Hawkins, former Senator from the State of Florida). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 5, 2009. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). There will be 3 hours of debate on the Lincoln amend #2905 and the Johanns motion to commit the bill. Votes will not occur before 1:00 PM on Saturday.

The Senate adjourned at 6:51 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Mikulski amendment #2791 (clarify provisions relating to first dollar coverage for preventive services for women) as modified, followed by a vote on a Murkowski side-by-side amendment. Upon disposition of the two amendments, the Senate will proceed to debate the McCain Motion to Commit H.R. 3590 to the Committee on Finance with Instructions. At 2:45 PM the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Bennet of Colorado amendment #2826, followed by a vote on the McCain Motion to Commit. Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, all the amendments listed above must achieve a 60-vote threshold to pass.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Mikulski amendment #2791 (clarify provisions relating to first dollar coverage for preventive services for women) as modified. By Unanimous Consent, the amendment is subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold or the amendment will be withdrawn. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **61-39**.

Murkowski amend #2836 (Relating to preventive services for women). By Unanimous Consent, the amendment is subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold or the amendment will be withdrawn. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **41-59**. The amendment is withdrawn.

Bennet (CO) amend #2826 (Protect and improve guaranteed Medicare benefits). By Unanimous Consent, the amendment is subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold or the amendment will be withdrawn. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **100-0**.

McCain Motion to Commit H.R. 3590 to the Committee on Finance with Instructions. By Unanimous Consent, the motion is subject to an affirmative 60 vote threshold or the motion will be withdrawn. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to commit was not agreed to by a vote of **42-58**. The motion is withdrawn.

The Senate recessed from 4:30-5:30 PM for a classified briefing.

The Senate convened at 5:30 PM and resumed a Legislative Session.

**H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Whitehouse amend #2870 (Sense of the Senate to promote fiscal responsibility by protecting the Social Security surplus and CLASS program savings). Laid aside.

Hatch Motion to Commit H.R. 3590 to the Committee on Finance with Instructions. Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal #1 (Protocol Amending Tax Convention with France). Division Vote on the Resolution of Ratification. The Resolution of Ratification is agreed to.

The following nominations are considered en bloc:
Cal #550 (David Michaels to be an Asst. Sec. of Labor).
Cal. #555 (Victoria Espinel to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President).
Cal. #559 (Alan Kessler to be Governor of the US Postal Service).
Cal. #562 (Lawrence Romo to be Director of the Selective Service).
Cal. #565 (Maj. Gen. Kurt Cichowski to be Lt. Gen., US Air Force).
Cal. #566 (Maj. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger to be Lt. Gen., US Air Force).
Cal. #567 (Col. Frank Sullivan to be Brig. Gen. in the Air National Guard).
Cal. #568 (Mah. Gen. Guy Swan III to be Lt. Gen., US Army).
Cal. #569 (Brig. Gen. William Phillips to be Lt. Gen. US Army).
Cal. #570 (Maj. Gen. Richard Formica to be Lt. Gen. US Army).
Cal. #571 (Maj. Gen. Michael Oates to be Lt. Gen. US Army).
Cal. #572 (Brig. Gen. Charles Barr to be Major Gen., Army Reserves).
Cal. #573 (Capt. Sean Filipowski to be Rear Admiral, US Navy).
Cal. #574 (Rear Adm. John Blake to be Vice Adm., US Navy).
Cal. #575 (Vice Adm. Bernard McCullough III to be Vice Ad. US Navy).
Cal. #576 (Rear Adm. Michael LeFever to be Vice Adm., US Navy).
Cal. #577 (Rear Adm. William Burke to be Vice Adm, US Navy).
All nominations of Air Force, Army & Navy at the Secretary's Desk.
Agreed to en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 337 (National Miners Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 369 (Permits the collection of clothing, food and other charitable items in Senate buildings during the holiday season). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, December 4, 2009 and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The time until 11:30 AM will be for debate only on the pending amendment and motion to commit.

The Senate adjourned at 8:32 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009

The Senate will convene 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The time until 11:30 AM will be for debate only. The Senate will recess from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Votes are possible after 12:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

The Senate recessed at 11:35 AM for party caucuses.

At 12:30 PM, the Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Vitter 2nd degree amend #2808 (Ensure that there is no legal force an effect to the recent recommendations issued by the U.S. preventive service task force with regard to breast cancer screening) to Mikulski amendment #2791 (clarify provisions relating to first dollar coverage for preventive services for women). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, December 3, and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Mikulski amendment #2791 (clarify provisions relating to first dollar coverage for preventive services for women) as modified, followed by a vote on a Murkowski amendment. Upon disposition of the two amendments, the Senate will proceed to debate the McCain Motion to Commit H.R. 3590 to the Committee on Finance with Instructions. At 2:45 PM the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Bennet of Colorado amendment #2826, followed by a vote on the McCain Motion to Commit. Under a previous unanimous consent agreement, all the amendments listed above must achieve a 60-vote threshold to pass.

The Senate adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). At 11:30 AM the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider Cal. #487 (Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on confirmation of the nomination at 12 Noon. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. Following the party lunches, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). In addition to the Executive Calendar Roll Call Vote, further Roll Call Votes are possible but are currently not scheduled.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes. Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

**Cal. #487 (Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California).** The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **97-0.**

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for the party lunches.

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

**H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).**

Reid amend #2786 (In the nature of a substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes. Laid aside.

S. Res. 71 (Condemning the Government of Iran for its state sponsored persecution of the Baha'i Minority in Iran). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. Res. 358 (Designating Dec. 12, 2009 as "Wreaths Across America Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 365 (Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Antarctic Treaty). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. The Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The time until 11:30 AM will be for debate only. The Senate will recess from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Votes are possible after 12:30 PM on Tuesday.

The Senate adjourned at 8:15 PM.