SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Senator Reid will offer an amendment to the Reid Substitute amendment #2786. Senator McConnell will offer the second amendment, with no further amendments in order during today's Session. There will be no Roll Call Votes during today's Session. At 11:30 AM on Tuesday, December 1, 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 convened and proceeded with a period of morning business.

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

Reid amendment #2786 (In Nature of a Substitute). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Reid asked unanimous consent all amendments to the pending bill be considered out of order unless they're consistent with the following two principles: the additional surpluses in the Social Security trust fund generated by this act should be reserved for social security and not spent in this act in any other fashion, and, number two, the net savings generated by the class program should be reserved for the class program and not spent by any other manner in this act. Enzi objected.

Reid asked unanimous consent that no amendments be in order to the Reid substitute amendment 2786 or a subsequent substitute amendment to H.R. 3590 if additional surplus in the Social Security trust fund generated by this act would be expended in other provisions of this act and not reserved solely for Social Security. And, the net savings generated by the class program in the underlying substitute amendment and any subsequent substitute amendment is reserved solely for the class program provisions of this act. Enzi objected.

Mikulski amend #2791 (to clarify provisions relating to first dollar coverage for preventative services for women). Laid aside.

McCain Motion to Recommit H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) with Instructions. Laid aside.

S. Res. 364 (National Diabetes Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 1st 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 adjourned at 6:56 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The Senate is scheduled to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed at 8:00 PM.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **60-39.** Under a previous unanimous consent, all post-cloture time was yielded back, the Motion to Proceed was agreed to, and the Senate proceeded to the bill.

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

Reid amend #2786 (In Nature of a Substitute).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations en bloc by voice vote:
Cal. #532 (Kenyen Ray Brown, of Alabama, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama).
Cal. #533 (Stephanie M. Rose, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa).
Cal. #534 (Nicholas A. Klinefeldt, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa).
Cal. #535 (Paul Martin to be Inspector General, NASA).
Cal. #545 (Cynthia Stroum to be Ambassador to Luxembourg).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 1472 (A bill to establish a section within the criminal division of the Department of Justice to enforce human rights laws). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 359 (To make temporary appointments to the select Committee on Ethics). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 360 (Honoring the Prime Minister of India). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday November 30 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Senator Reid will offer an amendment to the Reid Substitute amendment #2786. Senator McConnell will offer the second amendment, with no further amendments in order during Monday's Session. There will be no Roll Call Votes during the Monday, November 30th Session. At 11:30 AM on Tuesday, December 1, 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 adjourned under the provision of H. Con. Res. 214 at 9:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) for debate only. The debate is scheduled to end at 11:00 PM tonight. There will be no votes during today's session. The next vote in the Senate is scheduled to occur at 8:00 PM on Saturday, November 21, 2009.

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent to debate the Motion to Proceed to **H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)** on Friday, November 20, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Also, the Senate will debate the Motion to Proceed to **H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)** on Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to **H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)**. Sen. Reid also received unanimous consent that **if** cloture is invoked, the Motion to Proceed to **H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)** will be agreed to and Sen. Reid will be recognized to offer an amendment to the bill.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative session.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H. Con. Res. 214 (Adjournment Resolution). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:
Cal #535 (Paul Martin to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration).
Cal #536 (James Hudson to be U.S. Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development).
Cal #537 (Jose Fernandez to be Asst. Sec. of State).
Cal #538 (Frederick Barton to be Rep. of the U.S. on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations).
Cal #539 (Daniel Yohannes to be CEO, Millennium Challenge Corporation).
Cal #540 (Gustavo Arnavat to be U.S. Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank).
Cal #541 (Frederick Barton to be an Alternate Rep of the U.S. to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations).

Cal #542 (Robert King to be Special Envoy on North Korean Human Rights Issues).
Cal #543 (William Kennard to be Rep of the U.S. to the European Union).
Cal. #544 (Carmen Lomellin to be Permanent Rep. of the US to the Organization of American States).
Cal. #545 (Cynthia Stroum to be Ambassador of the US to Luxembourg).
Cal. #546 (Michael Polt to be Ambassador to Estonia).
Cal. #547 (John Tefft to be Ambassador to Ukraine).
Cal. #548 (David Huebner to be Ambassador to Samoa).
Cal. #549 (Peter Prahar to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia).
Cal #551 (Pamela Hyde to be Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS).
Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM on Saturday, November 20, 2009 and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). The Senate is scheduled to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed at 8:00 PM on Saturday.

The Senate adjourned at 9:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 1963 (Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009). At 2:00 PM the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of David Hamilton to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination. Immediately following the vote, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session to consider S. 1963 (Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009) and will vote on the Coburn amendment #2785 (relating to spending priorities). Following the disposition of the Coburn amendment, the Senate will vote on final passage of S. 1963 (Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1963 (Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009).

Coburn amend #2785 (Relating to spending priorities).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #184 (David Hamilton to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **59-39**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1963 (Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009).

Coburn amend #2785 (Relating to spending priorities). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **32-66**.

S. 1963 (Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009). The bill was read for a third time. **Final passage**. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of **98-0**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Sen. Reid made a **Motion to Proceed to the Consideration of H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act).** Sen. Reid filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the bill.

Sen. Reid received unanimous consent to debate the Motion to Proceed to **H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)** on Friday, November 20, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM. Also, the Senate will debate the Motion to Proceed to **H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)** on Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to **H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)**. Sen. Reid also received unanimous consent that if cloture is invoked, the Motion to Proceed to **H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)** will be agreed to and Sen. Reid will be recognized to offer an amendment to the bill.

S. Res. 355 (Expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has systematically violated its obligations to uphold human rights provided for under its Constitution and International Law). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM on Friday, November 20, 2009. The Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 3590 (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) for debate only. The debate is scheduled to end at 11:00 PM Friday evening. There will be no votes during Friday's session. The next vote in the Senate is scheduled to occur at 8:00 PM on Saturday, November 21, 2009.

The Senate adjourned at 7:52 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for two hours. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the post-cloture debate on the nomination of David Hamilton to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. If all post-cloture time is used, the Senate will vote on the nomination of David Hamilton at 11:00 PM tomorrow.

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

Dodd unanimous consent request the Senate proceed to S. 1927 (Credit Card Interest Rate Moratorium). Cochran objected.

S. Res. 354 (Commending Senator Robert C. Byrd for being the longest serving member in Congress in history). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:20 PM subject to the Call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 6:30 PM.

S. Res. 353 (Supporting goals of American Education Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 19 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 1963 (Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009). At 2:30 PM the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to vote on the nomination of David Hamilton to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. Immediately following the vote, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session to consider S. 1963 (Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009) and will vote on the Coburn amendment #2785 (relating to spending priorities). Following the disposition of the Coburn amendment, the Senate will vote on final passage of S. 1963 (Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009).

The Senate adjourned at 7:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). The following are the only pending amendments: Inhofe amend #2774 , Johnson amendment #2733, Feingold amendment #2748, Cochran amendment #2763, Inouye amendment #2754, and McCain second-degree amendment #2776. There will be up to three Roll Call Votes starting at 11:15 AM, followed by another two Roll Call Votes at 2:15 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will vote on Inhofe amend #2774. Following this vote the Johnson Substitute amendment will be agreed to, and the Senate will vote on final passage of H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). Upon disposition of H.R. 3082, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to debate the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination of David Hamilton to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit for one hour, followed by a vote on the Cloture Motion.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Johnson amend #2730 (Substitute amendment). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Cochran amend #2763 (Provide for the modification of a restriction of alienation of certain real property in Gulfport, Mississippi). Agreed to by voice vote.

Johnson amendment #2733 (Increase by $50,000,000 the amount available for the Department of Veterans Affairs for minor construction projects for the purpose of converting unused Department of Veterans Affairs structures into housing with supportive services for homeless veterans, and to provide an offset). The yeas and nays are ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **98-1**.

Feingold amendment #2748 (Make available $5,000,000 for grants to community-based organizations and State and local government entities to conduct outreach to veterans in under-served areas). Agreed to by voice vote.

McCain 2nd degree amendment #2776 (Strike language authorizing the obligation of funds for planning activities not otherwise authorized by law in order to allow for consideration of

authorization in the National Defense Authorization Act) to Inouye amendment #2754 (Regarding the construction of a test facility to support the Phased Adaptive Approach for missile defense in Europe), as modified. Withdrawn.

Inouye amendment #2754 (Regarding the construction of a test facility to support the Phased Adaptive Approach for missile defense in Europe), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Warner amend #2775 (Require a study on the capacity of the Department of Veterans Affairs to address combat stress in women veterans). Agreed to by voice vote.
Klobuchar amend #2777 (Require a study to identify the improvements to the information technology infrastructure of the Department of Veterans Affairs that are required to furnish health care services to veterans using telehealth platforms). Agreed to by voice vote.
Boxer amend #2783)Make available from Medical Services funds for education debt reduction for mental health care professionals who agree to employment at the Department of Veterans Affairs). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for party caucuses.

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

H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Johnson amend #2730 (Substitute amendment). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Inhofe amend #2774 (To prohibit the use of funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act to construct or modify a facility in the United States or its territories to permanently or temporarily hold any individual held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba). Johnson Motion to Table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **57-43**.

Johnson amend #2730 (Substitute amendment), as amended. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). The bill was read for a third time. **Final passage**. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by a vote of **100-0**. The Senate insists on its amendments and requests a conference with the House and appoints the following nominees: Johnson, Inouye, Nelson (NE), Pryor, Leahy, Collins, Murkowski and Cochran.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #184 (David Hamilton to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was invoked by a vote of **70-29**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 and will be in a period of Morning Business for two hours. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the post-cloture debate on the nomination of David Hamilton to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. If all post-cloture time is used, the Senate will vote on the nomination of David Hamilton at 11:00 PM tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned at 6:25 PM.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

H.R. 3962 (Affordable Health Care for America Act). Second reading. Further readings were objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Johnson amend #2730 (Substitute amendment). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Durbin 2nd degree amend #2781 (provisions of the amendment shall become effective one day after enactment) to DeMint amend #2779 (Prohibit the use of funds fro the transfer or detention in the U. S. of detainees at naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, if certain veterans programs for fiscal year 2010 are not fully funded). Laid aside.

Feingold amend #2746 (Require reporting on alternatives to major construction projects related to the security of strategic nuclear weapons facilities). Laid aside.

Feingold-Sanders amend #3742 (Make available $5 million for grants to community-based organizations). Laid aside.

Coburn Motion to Commit H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill) to the Committee on Appropriations with Instructions. Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2757 (To require public disclosure of certain reports). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **93-0.**

Coburn Motion to Recommit H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill) to the Committee on Appropriations with Instructions. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Recommit was not agreed to by a vote of **24-69.**

S. Res. 334 (Feed America Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 335 (Drive Safer Sunday). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 338 (National Reading Assistant Dogs Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc by voice vote.
Menendez #2741 (To provide, with an offset, an additional $4,000,000 for grants to assist States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans cemeteries).
Durbin amend #2759 (To enhance the ability of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain health care administrators and providers in underserved rural areas).
Durbin amend #2760 (To designate the North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Illinois, as the "Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center").
Akaka amend #2740 (To extend the authority for a regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Republic of the Philippines).
Johanns amend #2752 (Prohibiting the use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN).
Feingold amend #2746 (To require reporting on alternatives to major construction projects related to the security of strategic nuclear weapons facilities).
Udall amend #2737 (To make available from Medical Services, $150,000,000 for homeless veterans comprehensive service programs).
Franken amend #2745 (To ensure that $5,000,000 is available for a study to assess the feasibility and advisability of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities).
Feingold amend #2747 (To make available $5,000,000 to improve outreach and provision of services for mental health and neurological conditions to veterans enrolled in programs of education at institutions of higher education).
Ensign amend #2771 (To enable State homes to furnish nursing home care to parents any of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces).
Johnson amend #2734 (To require a report on bid savings realized from cost and scope variations for military construction projects).
Warner amend #2738 (To provide for a study on transportation improvements to accommodate installation growth associated with the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) program).
McConnell amend #2773 (To designate the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Louisville, Kentucky, as the "Robley Rex Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center").
Johnson amend #2753 (To make a technical correction requested by the Armyin the funding of dining projects at forwarding operating bases in Afghanistan).
Bingaman amend #2749 (To provide $37,500,000 requested by the Air Force for construction of an Unmanned Aerial System Field Training Complex at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico, as authorized by section 2301(a) ot the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (division B of Public Law 111-84), and to provide an offset).
Burr amend #2743 (To provide, with an offset, an additional $750,000 for homeless veterans comprehensive service programs and housing assistance and supportive services).

The Senate will convene on Tuesday, November 17 at and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). The following are the only pending amendments: Inhofe amend #2774 , Johnson amendment #3753, Feingold amendment #2748, Cochran amendment #2763, Inouye amendment #2754, and McCain second-degree amendment #2776. There will be up to three Roll Call Votes starting at 11:15 AM, followed by another two Roll Call Votes at 2:15 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for

the party lunches. Following disposition of the amendments, the Senate will vote on final passage of H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). Upon disposition of H.R. 3082, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to debate the nomination of David Hamilton to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit for one hour, followed by a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 8:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:00 AM, there will be a moment of silence in honor of the soldiers and civilians killed in Fort Hood, TX. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). There will be no votes during Tuesday's session of the Senate. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Johnson #2730 (Substitute Amendment).

Johanns amend #2752 (ACORN). Laid aside.

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

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Johnson #2730 (Substitute Amendment).

Akaka amend #2740 (Extend the authority for a regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Republic of the Philippines). Laid aside.

Menendez amend #2741 (Provide, with an offset, additional funds for grants to assist States in establishing, expanding or improving State veteran's cemeteries). Laid aside.

Inhofe amend #2774 (Prohibit use of funds to construct or modify a facility in the U. S. or its territories to permanently or temporarily hold any individual held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #2779 (Prohibit the use of funds fro the transfer or detention in the U. S. of detainees at naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, if certain veterans programs for fiscal year 2010 are not fully funded). Laid aside.

At 7:46 PM, the Senate recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

At 8:03 PM, the Senate reconvened.

S. 1422 (Amend the FMLA). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 340 ("National Veteran's History Project Week"). Agreed to by voice vote

S. Res. 349 (Supporting Veteran's Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 350 (Recognizing November 14, 2009 as an anniversary). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 351 (Designating week of November 8, 2009 as "National Psychology School Week"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 352 (Encouraging banks to work with families affected by contaminated dry walls). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 3962 (Provide affordable and quality healthcare for all Americans). 1st reading ok further objected to.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Nomination PN-933, Jeffrey L. Bleich, to be Ambassador to Australia, Department of State. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, November 16, 2009. The Senate will proceed with one hour of Morning Business. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 8:09 PM under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 210 (Adjournment Resolution).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate resume consideration of H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Andre M Davis to be a U.S. Circuit Judge with 60 minutes of debate. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM. Following the vote the Senate may vote on an amendment to H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Johnson amend #2730 (Substitute amendment). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Johnson amend #2733 (Increases by $50,000,000 for minor construction projects for supportive services for homeless veterans). Laid aside.

Franken amend #2745 (A study to assess the feasibility of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities). Laid aside.

H. Con. Res. 210 (Adjournment Resolution). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Johnson amend #2730 (Substitute amendment). The amendment is considered original bill text for amendment purposes.

Franken amend #2745 (A study to assess the feasibility of using service dogs for the treatment or rehabilitation of veterans with physical or mental injuries or disabilities). Laid aside.

Inouye amend #2754 (To permit $68,500,000 as requested by the Missile Defense Agency of the DOD to be used as construction of a test facility to support the Phased Adaptive Approach for missile defense in Europe). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2757 (To require public disclosure of certain reports). Laid aside.

Durbin amend #2759 (To enhance the ability of the Dept. of Veteran Affairs to recruit and retain health care administrators and providers in underserved rural areas). Laid aside.

Durbin amend #2760 (Designate the North Chicago Veterans Affairs Medical Center as the "Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center"). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. # 185 (Andre M. Davis, of Maryland, to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **72-16.**

Cal. #471 (Charlene Honeywell to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **88-0.**

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Inhofe amend #2758 (). Laid aside.

Akaka unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to S. 1963 (Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2009). Inhofe objected.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session and confirmed the following nomination by voice vote:
Cal. #530 (David Gompert to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence).

S. 1825 (Extend the Authority for Relocation Expenses for Federal Employees). The bill as amended was agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 312 (Sense of the Senate to empower USAID). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 346 (Sense of the Senate the US should seek conservation of the Atlantic Tuna). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 10 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). There will be no votes during Tuesday's session of the Senate. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the

party lunches. At 10:00 AM, there will be a moment of silence in honor of the soldiers and civilians killed in Fort Hood, TX.

The Senate adjourned at 7:52 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). There will be no votes during Friday's Session. At 4:30 PM on Monday, November 9, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Andre M Davis to be a U.S. Circuit Judge with 60 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriation Bill).

Udall (NM) amend #2737 (To make available from Medical Services, $150,000,000 for homeless veterans comprehensive service programs). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 343 (To constitute the Majority Party's Membership on certain Committees for the 111th Congress or until their successor is chosen). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 344 (Sense of Senate regarding the tragic shooting at Fort Hood, TX). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations en bloc by voice vote.
Cal. #480 (Jpseph Pizarchik to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement).
Cal. #522 (David Ferriero of North Carolina to be Archivist of the United States).

PN #931 (Barbara Bennett to be CFO of the EPA) Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday November 9 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate resume consideration of H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). At 4:30 PM on Monday, November 9, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Andre M Davis to be a U.S. Circuit Judge with 60 minutes of debate. The Senate will vote on the nomination at 5:30 PM.

Following the vote the Senate may vote on an amendment to H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 12:34 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in morning business for two hours. At approximately 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriation Act). There will be 40 minutes of debate prior to a Cloture vote on the Committee reported Substitute Amendment to H.R. 2847 at approximately 12:30 PM.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to the Motion to Reconsider the vote by which cloture was not agreed to the Committee Substitute to H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to Reconsider the vote by which cloture was not agreed to the Committee Substitute to H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act).

Committee Substitute Amendment to H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **60-39**.

H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act).

Coburn amend #2631 (Redirect funding of the National Science Foundation toward practical scientific research). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **36-62**.

Coburn amend #2667 (Reduce waste and abuse at the Department of Commerce). Mikulski Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. Coburn Motion to Waive the relevant sections was not agreed to by a vote of **42-57**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Graham amend #2669 (Prohibit the use of funds for the prosecution in Article III Courts of the United States of individuals involved in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **54-45**.

Ensign amend #2648 (Provide additional funds for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program by reducing corporate welfare programs). Mikulski Point of Order that the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. Ensign Motion to Waive the relevant sections was not agreed to by a vote of **32-67**. The Point of Order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Johanns amend #2393 (Prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN). The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

The following amendments fell on a point of order because they are not germane post cloture or violate Rule 16:
Vitter amend #2644 (Provide that none of the funds made available in this Act may be used for collection of census data that does not include a question regarding status of United States citizenship).
Levin amend #2627 (Ensure adequate resources for resolving thousands of offshore tax cases involving hidden accounts at offshore financial institutions).
Begich amend #2646 (Allow tribes located inside of certain boroughs of Alaska to receive Federal funds for their activities).
Shelby amend #2625 (Danger pay to Federal agents stationed in dangerous foreign field offices).
Leahy amend #2642 (Include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits).
Coburn amend #2632 (Public disclosure of Appropriations Committee Reports and Federal Agencies).

Durbin amend #2647 (Require the Comptroller General to review and audit Federal funds received by ACORN), as modified. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Act). The bill was read for a third time. The yeas and nays were ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of **71-28**

The Senate requested a Conference with the House and appointed the following Senate Conferees: Mikulski, Inouye, Leahy, Kohl, Dorgan, Feinstein, Reed, Lautenberg, Nelson, Pryor, Byrd, Shelby, Gregg, McConnell, Hutchison, Alexander, Voinovich, Murkowski and Cochran.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #462, Ignacia S. Moreno to be an Assistant Attorney General in the Department of Justice. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **93-0**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Johnson amend #2730 (Substitute amendment).

Johnson amend #2732 (Make a technical amendment regarding the designation of funds). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc:
Cal. #314, Arturo A. Valenzuela, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs), Department of State. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #495, Rolena Klahn Adorno, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #496, Marvin Krislov, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #502, Laurie O. Robinson, to be Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #503, Benjamin B. Wagner, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California, Department of Justice. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #515, Anne S. Ferro, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #516, Cynthia L. Quarterman, to be Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #517, Elizabeth M. Robinson, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #518, Patrick Gallagher, to be Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #523, Susan Tsui Grundmann, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Merit Systems Protection Board. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #524, Susan Tsui Grundmann, to be Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Merit Systems Protection Board. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #525, Anne Marie Wagner, to be Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board, Merit Systems Protection Board. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #528, Carmen Milagros Ortiz, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Department of Justice. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #529, Edward J. Tarver, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, Department of Justice. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

S. 806 (Provide for the establishment and funding for Federal Executive Boards). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. 1860 (Permit each current Member of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to serve for 3 years). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 342 (Recognizing "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month"). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, November 6, 2009. The Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3082 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill). There will be no votes during Friday's Session. At 4:30 PM on Monday, November 9, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Andre M Davis to be a U.S. Circuit Judge with 60 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 8:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for two hours. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Insurance Extension of 2009). All post-cloture time on Baucus amend #2712 (Substitute amendment) will be considered expired and the amendment will be agreed to by Unanimous Consent. At 12:15 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Insurance Extension of 2009). If cloture is invoked, the post-cloture time will begin running as if cloture was invoked at 11:45 PM on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Insurance Extension of 2009).

Baucus amend #2712 (Substitute amendment). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Insurance Extension of 2009). Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **97-1**.

Durbin unanimous consent request that after adoption of this unanimous consent request all post-cloture time be yielded back and the Senate proceed to vote on passage of H.R.3548, that upon passage the Senate proceed to Executive Session to vote on calendar number 331, the nomination of Tara Jean O'Toole to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology. In addition on November 5 the Senate proceed to the motion to reconsider the motion to proceed to the Substitute amendment to H.R. 2847 (Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriation Act) that the motion to proceed be agreed to, the motion to reconsider by which cloture was not invoked be agreed to, prior to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Substitute amendment, there be 40 minutes of debate equally divided as follows: 20 minutes under the control of Senator Vitter, 20 minutes total for Senators Mikulski and Shelby. That the Senate proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Substitute amendment. Further, that upon disposition of H.R.2847, the Senate then proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3082 (Military Construction Veterans' Affairs Appropriation Act). That immediately after the bill is reported, Senator Johnson be recognized to call up the substitute amendment which is the text of S.1407 (Military Construction Veterans' Affairs Appropriation Act). The unanimous consent request was agreed to UC.

H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Insurance Extension of 2009). Yeas and nays ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of **98-0.**

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #331 (Tara Jean O'Toole to be Under Secretary for Science and Technology). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 336 (Expressing the Sense of the Senate regarding designation of the month of November 2009 National Military Family Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, November 5 and will be in morning business for two hours. At approximately 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to H.R. 2847 (The Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriation Act). There will be 40 minutes of debate prior to a Cloture vote on the Committee reported Substitute Amendment to H.R. 2847 at approximately 12:15 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber in order to proceed, as a body, to the House Chamber for a Joint Session. The Senate will be in recess from 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM. When the Senate reconvenes, it will resume consideration of H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Insurance Extension of 2009). The Baucus amend #2712 (Complete substitute amendment) will be the pending business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 for party caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded, as a body, to the House Chamber for a Joint Session of Congress.

The Senate recessed at 10:15 AM.

The Senate reconvened at 11:30 AM and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Insurance Extension of 2009).

Baucus amend #2712 (Complete substitute amendment). Laid aside.

The Senate recessed at 12:40 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Insurance Extension of 2009).

Baucus amend #2712 (Complete substitute amendment).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 291 (National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 and will be in a period of Morning Business for two hours. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Insurance Extension of 2009). All post-cloture time on Baucus amend #2712 (Substitute amendment) will be considered expired and the amendment will be agreed to by Unanimous Consent. At 12:15 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the H.R. 3548 (Unemployment Insurance Extension of 2009). If cloture is

invoked, the post-cloture time will begin running as if cloture was invoked at 11:45 AM on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

The Senate adjourned at 7:03 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business for two hours. At 4:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009). At 5:00 PM the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Baucus amend #2712 (Substitute amendment) to the bill.

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

H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2009).

Baucus amend #2712 (Complete Substitute Amendment). Motion to invoke cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **85-2**.

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report back with Reid amend #2717, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on Baucus amend #2712.

Reid Amend #2718 (to the instructions (amend #2717) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature, fell when Baucus amend #2717 fell.

Reid amend #2719 (to amend #2718), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid amend #2718 (to the instructions (amend #2717) of the motion to commit) fell.

S. Res. 331 (Congratulations to U.S. Military Academy at West Point). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 332 (Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of Germany). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber in order to proceed, as a body, to the House Chamber for a Joint Session. The Senate will be in recess from 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM. When the Senate reconvenes, it will resume consideration of H. R. 3548 (Unemployment Insurance Extension of 2009). The Baucus amend #2712 (Complete substitute amendment) will be the pending business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 for party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 PM.