

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #626, Thomas Alvin Farr to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #1141 Jonathan Kobes to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit.

Further, at 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture to Cal. #1064, Kathleen Laura Kraninger to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

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The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #626, Thomas Alvin Farr to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.** Laid aside.

**Cal. #1141, Jonathan Kobes to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **50-49** with Vice President Pence having voted affirmative.

**Cal. #1064, Kathleen Laura Kraninger to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **50-49**.

**Cal. #1064, Kathleen Laura Kraninger to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.**

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

McConnell motion to proceed to Executive Session.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. # 1153 Bernard McNamee, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate stands in recess until 7:20 PM.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.  
H.R. 7187 (An act to extend the National Flood Insurance Program until December 7th, 2018).  
The bill was passed by Voice Vote.

S. 3628 (National Flood Insurance Program Extension Act). The bill was passed by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 92 (A resolution expressing concern over the disappearance of David Sneddon, and for other purposes.) The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 688 (A resolution expressing support for the designation of the week of November 19 through November 23, 2018, as "National Family Service Learning Week".) The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 709 (A resolution condemning Russia's provocative actions in the Kerch Strait against the Ukrainian navy.) The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 54 (Authorizing the printing of the 26th edition of the pocket version of the Constitution of the United States). The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 712 (Authorizing the use of official office funds to purchase the pocket version of the Constitution of the United States). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 3rd, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. # 1153 Bernard McNamee, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture Vote on the McNamee nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 7:46 PM.

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #939, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce. At 11:00 AM, there will be an all-senators briefing. At 12:15 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Kelley nomination. Following disposition of the Kelley nomination, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #626, Thomas Alvin Farr to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #939, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.**

The Senate stands in recess until Noon.

**Cal. #939, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.**

Senator Flake asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 2644 (Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act), that the committee-reported substitute amendment be agreed to, and that the bill as amended be passed. Senator Lee objected to the request.

**Cal. #939, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **62–38**.

**Cal. #626, Thomas Alvin Farr to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 51–50, with the Vice President voting in the affirmative.

**Cal. #626, Thomas Alvin Farr to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.**

**Sanders Motion to Discharge S. J. Res. 54 (A joint resolution to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress).** Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **63–37**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #626, Thomas Alvin Farr to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.**

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

H.R. 6651 (To extend certain authorities related to United States efforts to combat HIV-AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 501 (Recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of the government of the United States to promote democracy and good governance). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 710 (Supporting Lights On After School). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #626, Thomas Alvin Farr to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Farr nomination. At 1:45

PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture to Cal. #1064, Kathleen Laura Kraninger to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of the Vaden nomination. At 12:15 PM, the Senate will conduct two roll call votes on the following:

- 1) Confirmation of Cal. #544, Stephen Alexander Vaden to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture
- 2) Cloture vote on Cal. #939, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Following the cloture vote on the Kelley nomination, the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM for the weekly partly lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #544, Stephen Alexander Vaden to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **53-46**.

**Cal. #939, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of **62-37**.

**Cal. #939, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.**

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

**Cal. #939, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.**

House Message to accompany S. 2074 (An act for conveyance for certain federal property around the Jamestown reservoir). Senator McConnell Motion to Concur on the House amendment. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by unanimous consent.

House Message to accompany S. 440 (An act to establish a procedure for the conveyance of certain federal property around the Dickenson reservoir pass). Senator McConnell Motion to Concur on the House amendment. The Motion to Concur was agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 5317 (An act to repeal section 2141 of the revised statutes and so forth). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 1074 (To repeal the Act entitled "An Act to confer jurisdiction on the State of Iowa over offenses committed by or against Indians on the Sac and Fox Indian Reservation"). The bill passed by voice vote.

H.R. 3946 (To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Statesboro, Georgia, the "Ray Hendrix Veterans Clinic"). The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S Res. 674 (October 2018 as National Principals Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S Res. 424 (Honoring 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Guards Youth Program). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S 3661 (75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WWII). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 1918 (Nicaragua). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #939, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce. At 11:00 AM, there will be an all-senators briefing. At 12:15 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Kelley nomination. Following disposition of the Kelley nomination, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on **Cal. #626, Thomas Alvin Farr to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.**

The Senate adjourned at 6:51 PM.

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #544, Stephen Alexander Vaden to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Vaden nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #544, Stephen Alexander Vaden to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **49–45**.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. 3649 (A bill to provide for programs to help reduce the risk that prisoners will recidivate upon release from prison, and for other purposes.). The bill was read for the second time. Further readings were objected to, and the bill was placed on the calendar.

S. Res. 702 (A resolution recognizing National Native American Heritage Month and celebrating the heritages and cultures of Native Americans and the contributions of Native Americans to the United States). The resolution was agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 687 (Congratulating the Boston Red Sox on Winning the 2018 World Series). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following Senate resolutions were agreed to by Unanimous Consent, en bloc

S. Res. 704 (Adoption Month)

S. Res. 705 (Phenylketonuria “PKU” Awareness)

S. Res. 706 (Legal Counsel)

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 27th, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of the Vaden nomination. At 12:15 PM, the Senate will conduct two roll call votes on the following:

- 1) Confirmation of Cal. #544, Stephen Alexander Vaden to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture
- 2) Cloture vote on Cal. #939, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

The Senate adjourned at 6:24 PM.

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 11:00 AM, Senator Paul will be recognized in relation to S.J. Res. 65 (A resolution of disapproval on arms sales to Bahrain). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Discharge S.J. Res. 65 at 12:15 PM. Further, at 1:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #909, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**S. Con. Res. 51 (To correct the enrollment of S. 140).** Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

**Motion to Discharge S.J. Res. 65 (A resolution of disapproval on arms sales to Bahrain). Sen. Corker Motion to Table the Motion to Discharge.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **77-21**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #909, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 64-34.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

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

**Cal. #544, Stephen Alexander Vaden to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture. Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.**

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

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

**Cal. #939, Karen Dunn Kelley to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce. Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.**

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

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

**Cal. #626, Thomas Alvin Farr to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.**

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

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

**Cal. #1141, Jonathan A. Kobes to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit. Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.**

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

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

**Cal. #1064, Kathleen Laura Kraninger to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.**

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 692

S. Res. 693

S. Res. 694  
S. Res. 695  
S. Res. 696  
S. Res. 697  
S. Res. 698  
S. Res. 699  
S. Res. 700  
S. Res. 701

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The following bills were considered, en bloc:

S. 3209 (Designating US Postal facility).  
S. 3237 (Designating US Postal facility).  
S. 3414 (Designating US Postal facility).  
S. 3442 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 606 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 1209 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 2979 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 3230 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 4407 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 4890 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 4913 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 4946 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 4960 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 5349 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 5504 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 5737 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 5784 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 5868 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 5935 (Designating US Postal facility).  
H.R. 6616 (Designating US Postal facility).

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3554 (To extend the effective date for the sunset for collateral requirements for Small Business Administration Disaster Loans). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3321 (Awards Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson, Dr. Christine Darden, Dorothy Jackson). Coons substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Message to Accompany S. 2152 (Amends Title 18, US Code, to provide for assistance for victims of child pornography). Motion to Concur agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3649 (To provide for programs to help reduce the risk that prisons are rearrested upon release from prison). The bill was read for the first time. Further readings were objected to, and the bill will be read for a second time on the next Legislative Day.

The Senate will convene for pro forma on the following dates and times:

Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 Noon

The Senate will then convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #544, Stephen Alexander Vaden to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Vaden nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 5:32 PM pursuant to S. Res. 700 as a further mark of respect for the late Walter Huddleson, Former Senator from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany S. 140 (Coast Guard Reauthorization). At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the following:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendment with a further amendment to accompany S.140 (Coast Guard Reauthorization).
2. Motion to Invoke cloture on Cal. #909, Michelle Bowman, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

#### **House Message to Accompany S. 140 (Coast Guard Reauthorization).**

**Motion to Concur in the House amendment with a further amendment #4054, as modified, to accompany S.140 (Coast Guard Reauthorization).** The Motion to Concur was agreed to by a vote of **94-6**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Executive Calendar #909, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **63-36**.

Senator Flake asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 2644 (Special Counsel Independence and Integrity Act), that the Substitute amendment be agreed to and the bill be considered read a third time and passed. Senator McConnell objected to the request.

Senator Alexander asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #856, John Ryder to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and that the Senate vote on the nomination. Senator Schumer objected.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 15, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 11:00 AM, Senator Paul will be recognized in relation to S.J. Res. 65 (A resolution of disapproval on arms sales to Bahrain). The Senate will vote on the Motion to Discharge S.J. Res. 65 at 12:15 PM. Further, at 1:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #909, Michelle Bowman, of Kansas, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The Senate adjourned at 7:22 PM.

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018**

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany S. 140 (Coast Guard Reauthorization). At 5:30 PM on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment with a further amendment to accompany S. 140 (Coast Guard Reauthorization).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**House Message to Accompany S. 140 (Coast Guard Reauthorization). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment with a further amendment.**

Amend #4054 (Substitute). Moran asked Unanimous Consent that Amend #4054 (Substitute) be modified with the changes at the desk. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

**House Message to Accompany S. 140 (Coast Guard Reauthorization). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the House amendment with a further amendment #4054 (Substitute), as modified.** The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **93-5**.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany S. 140 (Coast Guard Reauthorization). At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the following:

1. Motion to concur in the House amendment with a further amendment to accompany S.140 (Coast Guard Reauthorization).
2. Motion to Invoke cloture on Cal. #909, Michelle Bowman, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The Senate adjourned at 6:32 PM.