

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

At 3:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on McConnell amendment #65 (Sense of the Senate that the United States faces continuing threats from terrorist groups operating in Syria and Afghanistan and that the precipitous withdrawal of United States forces from either country could put at risk hard-won gains and United States national security).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). McConnell filed cloture on the bill. Laid aside.

Motion to Proceed to S. 47 (Natural Resources Management Act). McConnell filed cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Laid aside.

S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

McConnell amend #65 (Sense of the Senate that the United States faces continuing threats from terrorist groups operating in Syria and Afghanistan and that the precipitous withdrawal of United States forces from either country could put at risk hard-won gains and United States national security). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **68-23**.

Menendez amend #96 (To clarify that the amendment shall not be construed as a declaration of war or an authorization of the use of military force). Laid aside.

S. 311 (To prohibit the health care practitioner from failings to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion). 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 proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 37 (National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 38 (National School Counseling Week). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 39 (100th Anniversary of the American Farm Bureau Federation). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, February 4th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to up to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Menendez amend #96 (To clarify that the amendment shall not be construed as a declaration of war or an authorization of the use of military force).
2. McConnell amend #65 (Sense of the Senate that the United States faces continuing threats from terrorist groups operating in Syria and Afghanistan and that the precipitous withdrawal of United States forces from either country could put at risk hard-won gains and United States national security).
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate adjourned at 5:35 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act) for debate only.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). At 3:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on McConnell amendment #65 (Sense of the Senate that the United States faces continuing threats from terrorist groups operating in Syria and Afghanistan and that the precipitous withdrawal of United States forces from either country could put at risk hard-won gains and United States national security).

The Senate adjourned at 3:16 PM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S.1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act), post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus meetings.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate recessed from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, all post-cloture time was yielded back. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by a vote of **76-22**.

S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

McConnell amend #65 (To express the Sense of the Senate that the United States faces continuing threats from terrorist groups operating in Syria and Afghanistan and that the precipitous withdrawal of United States forces from either country could put at risk hard-won gains and United States national security). Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, January 30th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act) for debate only.

The Senate adjourned at 6:17 PM.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S.1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S.1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act), upon reconsideration.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

H.R. 648 (Making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to, and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).
Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **74-19**.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S.1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act), post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus meetings.

The Senate adjourned at 6:52 PM.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

The Senate will reconvene at 12:00 PM. Following the prayer and pledge, the time for two Leaders will be reserved for their use later in the day.

The Senate reconvened.

H.J. Res. 28 (Short term CR through February 15th, 2019), as amended. The joint resolution passed by voice vote.

H.J. Res. 31 (Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2019), as amended. The joint resolution passed by voice vote.

Leader McConnell asked unanimous consent that it be in order for him to request a conference with the House on H.J. Res. 31 (Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2019). The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

Compound Motion to go to Conference on H.J. Res. 31 (Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2019). The motion was agreed to by voice vote, and the following conferees were appointed:

Senator Shelby (R-AL)

Senator Capito (R-WV)

Senator Hoeven (R-ND)

Senator Blunt (R-MO)

Senator Leahy (D-VT)

Senator Durbin (D-IL)

Senator Tester (D-MT)

S. Res. 31 (Honoring the life of Harris Wofford, Jr., former Senator for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania). Passed by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, January 28, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S.1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S.1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act), upon reconsideration.

The Senate adjourned at 4:42 PM, and does so as a further mark of respect to Harris Wofford, Jr., former Senator for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 24th and will proceed to Leader remarks until 12:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Chair noted a quorum was not present. **Motion to Instruct the Sergeant-at-Arms to request the presence of absent Senators.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **88-8**. A quorum is **present**.

McConnell withdraws the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act) by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 268 (Making Supplemental Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2019).

Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on Shelby amend #5 (Of a perfecting nature).

Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on Schumer amend #6 (Of a perfecting nature).

Senator McConnell Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). Yeas and nays ordered.

H.R. 268 (Making Supplemental Appropriations for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2019).

Shelby amend #5 (Of a perfecting nature). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **50-47**.

Schumer amend #6 (Of a perfecting nature). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **52-44**.

S. Res. 28 (A resolution recognizing January 2019 as National Mentoring Month). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following bills were read for the first time, en bloc:

H.R. 648 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019)

H. J. Res. 28 (Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2019).

H. J. Res. 31 (Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.)

Further readings were objected to and the bills were placed on the calendar en bloc.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM on Friday, January 25th, 2019.

The Senate stands in recess until 12:00 PM on Friday, January 25th, 2019.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 24th and will proceed to Leader remarks until 12:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 2:05 PM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM and proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader Remarks.

H.R. 268 (Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings of the bill were objected to and the bill will be placed on the calendar.

The Senate Proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). Laid aside.

H.R. 430 (TANF Extension Act of 2019). The bill was passed by Voice Vote.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 268 (Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019). The Motion to Proceed was agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 268 (Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019).

Shelby amend #5 (). Laid aside.

Schumer amend #6 (). Laid aside.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019.

The Senate stands in recess until 11:00 AM tomorrow.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act), with Senator Kaine or his designee controlling two hours. There are no roll call votes scheduled.

Upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate will adjourn until 1:00 PM on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. The Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

S. Res. 25 (Designating the week of January 20 through January 26, 2019 as National School Choice Week). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 268 (Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019). The bill was read for the first time. Further readings of the bill were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate will next convene at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate adjourned at 12:23 PM.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume to consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Kaine made a unanimous consent request that the Senate proceed to H.J. Res. 1 (Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2019, and for other purposes), that the Joint Resolution be read a third time and passed. Lankford, on behalf of the Majority Leader, objected.

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act), with Senator Kaine or his designee controlling two hours. There are no roll call votes scheduled.

Upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate will adjourn until 1:00 PM on Tuesday, January 22, 2019. The Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate adjourned at 12:24 PM.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019

The Senate will convene at 4:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 109 (To prohibit taxpayer-funded abortions). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 109 (To prohibit taxpayer-funded abortions).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 109 (To prohibit taxpayer-funded abortions). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion on the Motion to Proceed was not agreed to by a vote of **48-47**.

Senator Schumer asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to immediate consideration of H.J. Res. 30 (Disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation). Objected to by Senator McConnell.

Senator Kaine asked Unanimous Consent that the Senate proceed to immediate consideration of H.R. 21 (Making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019). Objected to by Senator McConnell.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 259 (Medicaid Extenders Act of 2019). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 10 (Honoring the life of Richard Overton). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 21 (To constitute the minority party's membership on certain committees for the 116th Congress, or until their successors are chosen). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 18th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to a Legislative Session and resume to consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate adjourned at 6:32 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 2 (A joint resolution disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation).

At 12:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on S. J. Res. 2 (A joint resolution disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S.J. Res. 2 (A joint resolution disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture is not agreed to by a vote of **57-42**.

Motion to Proceed to S. 109 (To prohibit taxpayer-funded abortions). McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

S. Res. 19 (Expressing the sense of the Senate that disqualifying a nominee to federal office on the basis of membership in the Knights of Columbus violates the Constitution of the United States). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 251 (An act to extend by two years the chemical facility antiterrorism standards program of the Department of Homeland Security). The Johnson amendment at the desk was agreed to. The bill as amended was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 4:00 PM on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 109 (To prohibit taxpayer-

funded abortions). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 109 (To prohibit taxpayer-funded abortions).

The Senate adjourned at 6:34 PM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 266 (Making appropriations for the Departments of Interior, Environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019). The bill was read for a second time. Further readings were objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate recessed from 12:29-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

The Senate reconvened and resumed a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). Laid aside.

Schumer Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 2 (A joint resolution disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell Motion to Table the Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 2 (A joint resolution disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation). Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table the Motion to Proceed was not agreed to by a vote of **42-57**.

Motion to Proceed to S. J. Res. 2 (A joint resolution disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **57-42**.

S. J. Res. 2 (A joint resolution disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation).

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S.J. Res. 2 (A joint resolution disapproving the

President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation).

At 12:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on S. J. Res. 2 (A joint resolution disapproving the President's proposal to take an action relating to the application of certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation).

The Senate adjourned at 7:10 PM.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture Vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **50-43**. Senator McConnell entered a Motion to Reconsider the vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 266 (Making appropriations for the Departments of Interior, Environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019). 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.

S. Res. 17 (Congratulating the North Dakota State University football team for winning the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Football Championship).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 15th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

The Senate adjourned at 7:50 PM.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). There are no votes scheduled.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

S. 109 (A bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, January 14, 2018. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture Vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate adjourned at 1:04 PM.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes). At 1:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture Vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The following bills were read for a second time, en bloc:

H.R. 251 (Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Extension Act)

H.R. 264 (Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019)

H.R. 269 (To reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved drug application, and for other purposes).

Further readings of the bills were objected to and the bills were placed on the calendar, en bloc.

Senator Cardin asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to H.R. 21 (Making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019). Objected to by Senator McConnell.

Senator Van Hollen asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to H. J. Res. 1 (Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security). Objected to by Senator McConnell.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes). Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **53–43**.

McConnell filed a cloture motion on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

S. 24 (A bill to provide for the compensation of federal and other government employees affected by lapses in appropriations). The bill was passed by voice vote.

S. Res. 15 (Commending the Clemson University Tigers). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 16 (Relative to the death of John Chester Culver, former United States Senator for the state of Iowa). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 109 (A bill to prohibit taxpayer-funded abortions). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 11, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). There are no votes scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 5:59 PM as a further mark of respect for John Chester Culver, former United States Senator for the state of Iowa.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of The Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes). The Senate will recess from 12:15-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

S. 47 (To provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the Calendar.

The Senate proceed to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate recessed from 12:20-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act). Laid Aside.

S. Res. 12 (To constitute the Majority Party's membership on certain committees for the 116th congress or until their successors are chosen). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 13 (To constitute the Minority Party's membership on certain committees for the 116th congress or up until their successors are chosen). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (Strengthening America's Security in the Middle East Act).

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The following bills were read for the first time, en bloc:

H.R. 251 (Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Extension Act)

H.R. 264 (Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2019)

H.R. 269 (To reauthorize certain programs under the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to public health security and all-hazards preparedness and response, to clarify the regulatory framework with respect to certain nonprescription drugs that are marketed without an approved drug application, and for other purposes).

Further readings of the bill were objected to and the bills were placed on the calendar, en bloc.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday January 10, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes).

At 1:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture Vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1

The Senate adjourned at 6:44 PM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes).

At 5:30 PM on Tuesday, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture Vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The following bills were considered, en bloc:

S. 28 (To reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015).

H.R. 21 (Making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019).

S. J. Res. 1 (Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for Fiscal Year 2019).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes). Laid aside.

The Chair laid before the Senate the certificate of election from the State of Florida.

Senator Rick Scott was sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes). **Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **56-44**. Senator McConnell entered a Motion to reconsider the vote.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 47 (To provide for the management of the natural resources of the United States). The bill was read for a 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 at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, January 9th. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriations of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes). The Senate will recess from 12:15-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

The Senate adjourned at 9:01 PM.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a Period of Morning Business.

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

The following bills were read for the second time en bloc:

S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes).

S. 21 (A bill making continuing appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event of an Appropriations Act expires prior to the enactment of a new Appropriations Act.)

S. 24 (A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal and other government employees affected by lapses in appropriations).

Further readings of the bills were objected to and the bills were placed on the calendar en bloc.

The following measures were read for the first time en bloc:

S. 28 (Health Savings Account Expansion Act of 2017).

H.R. 21 (Making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes).

H. J. Res. 1 (Making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for fiscal year 2019, and for other purposes.)

Further readings of the measures were objected to and the bills were placed on the calendar en bloc.

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019. Following leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the

appropriation of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes).

At 5:30 PM on Tuesday, the Senate will proceed to a Cloture Vote on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1.

The Senate adjourned at 11:00 AM.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2019

The Senate will convene at 11:50 AM for a pro forma session only with no business being considered. Following the pro forma session, the Senate will convene on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 12:00 Noon pursuant to the Constitution. Following the presentation of certificates of election and the swearing in of elected members and the required live quorum, the Senate will proceed to Leader remarks, and then will proceed with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate convened for a pro forma session and Senator McConnell was recognized to make a Unanimous Consent request.

Executive Cal. 1048 (William Charles McIntosh to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environment Protection Agency). Agreed to by **Voice Vote.**

The Senate adjourned the 115th Congress Sine Die at 11:52 AM.

The Senate convened the 116th Congress at 12:04 PM.

The Chair laid before the Senate the certificates of 33 Senators elected for six-year terms beginning on January 3, 2019.

Senators Baldwin, Barrasso, Blackburn, and Braun were sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence.

Senators Brown, Cantwell, Cardin, and Carper were sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence.

Senators Casey, Cramer, Cruz, and Feinstein were sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence.

Senators Fischer, Gillibrand, Hawley, and Heinrich were sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence.

Senators Hirono, Kaine, King, and Klobuchar were sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence.

Senators Manchin, McSally, Menendez, and Murphy were sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence.

Senators Romney, Rosen, Sanders, and Sinema were sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence.

Senators Smith, Stabenow, Tester, and Warren were sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence.

Senators Whitehouse and Wicker were sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence.

The Senate is conducting a Live Quorum Call. A quorum is assembled.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 1 (Informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 2 (Informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 3 (To elect Chuck Grassley to President Pro Tempore of the Senate of the United States). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Senator Grassley was sworn-in as Senate President Pro Tempore by Vice President Pence.

S. Res. 4 (Notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President Pro Tempore). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 5 (Notifying the House of Representatives the election of a Senate President Pro Tempore). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 6 (Fixing the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 7 (To make effective the appointment of Senate Legal Counsel). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 8 (To make effective the appointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Senator McConnell sent to the desk en bloc 11 Unanimous Consent requests (routine and done at the beginning of each Congress) which were agreed to, en bloc.

S. Res. 9 (Fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate). Senator McConnell asked for its immediate consideration and to send the Resolution over under the rule and object to his own request. The objection is heard and the resolution will go over under the rule.

The following bills were read for the first time en bloc:

S. 1 (A bill to make improvements to certain defense and security assistant provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel to reauthorize the United States Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015 and so halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people and for other purposes).

S. 21 (A bill making continuing appropriations for Coast Guard pay in the event of an Appropriations Act expires prior to the enactment of a new Appropriations Act.)

S. 24 (A bill to provide for the compensation of Federal and other government employees affected by lapses in appropriations).

Further readings of the bills were objected to and the bills were placed on the calendar en bloc.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 4, 2018. Following leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned at 5:05 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019

The Senate will convene at 4:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H.R. 695 (The legislative vehicle for the CR).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

House Message to Accompany H.R. 695 (The legislative vehicle for the CR).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Ratified by Division Vote: Treaty 7 (U.N. Convention on the Assignment of Receivables in International Trade).

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1224 – Bonnie Glick to be Deputy Administrator of USAID

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1225 – Carol Z. Perez, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Confirmed by Voice Vote: All nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Foreign Service.

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1041 – Ellen McCarthy to be Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1124 – Ron Johnson, of Wisconsin, to be a Representative of the U.S. to the 73rd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1125 – Jeff Merkley, of Oregon, to be a Representative of the U.S. to the 73rd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1172 – Michael Harvey to be an Assistant Administrator of USAID

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1173 - Lucy Tamlyn, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Central African Republic

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1174 - Donald Armin Blome, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Tunisia

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1175 - Craig Lewis Cloud, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Botswana

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1176 - Judith Gail Garber, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Cyprus

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1177 - Dennis B. Hankins, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Mali

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1178 - Simon Henshaw, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Guinea

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1179 - William H. Moser, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Kazakhstan

Confirmed by VV: Cal. #1180 - Pelletier, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently as Ambassador of the U.S. to the Union of the Comoros

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1183 – Richard Carlton Paschall III, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of The Gambia

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1184 – Eric Williams Stromayer, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Togolese Republic

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1185 – Eric George Nelson, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1186 – Dennis Walter Hearne, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Mozambique

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1187 – Patricia Mahoney, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Benin

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1188 – John Mark Pommersheim, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Tajikistan

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1189 – Susan N. Stevenson, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1216 - Kyle McCarter, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Kenya

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1217 - Michael S. Klecheski, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Mongolia

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1218 - Matthew John Matthews, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to Brunei Darussalam

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1219 - Earle D. Litzenberger, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Azerbaijan

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1220 - Sarah-Ann Lynch, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1221 - Christopher Paul Henzel, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Yemen

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1222 - Lynne M. Tracy, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Armenia

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1223 - Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr. to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of Australia

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #823 – Patrick Fuchs to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for the term of five years.

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1044 – Martin J. Oberman to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1080 – Rae Oliver to be Inspector General, HUD

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1052 – Teri Donaldson to be Inspector General of the Department of Energy

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1075 – Carmen Guerricagoitia McLean to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District Columbia

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1145 – Michael Kubayanda to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1146 – Steven Dillingham to be Director of the Census

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1170 – Gail S. Ennis to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1171 – Richard Tischner to be Director of Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for DC

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1049 – Mary Bridget Neumayr to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #2478 – Alexandra Dapolito to be Assistant Administrator for Toxic Substance of the EPA

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1078 – Kelvin Droegemeier to be Director of Office of Science and Technology Policy

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #612 – Brendan Carr to be a Member of the FCC

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #940 – Geoffrey Adam Starks to be a Member of the FCC

Confirmed by Voice Vote: PN 2642 L. E. Sola to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2023

Confirmed by Voice Vote: PN 2641 Daniel B. Maffei to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for a term expiring June 30, 2022 (Reappointment)

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1092 - James Carroll, Jr. to be Director of National Drug Control Policy

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1192 – Erhard Chorle to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #2702 – Jonathan Bragg to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #2703 – Jonathan Bragg to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board (Reappointment)

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #2704 – Thomas Jayne to be a Member of the Railroad Retirement Board

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1106 – Tamara Bonzanto to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection)

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1107 – James Paul Gfrerer to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology)

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1198 – Donald Palmer to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission

Confirmed by Voice Vote: Cal. #1199 – Benjamin Hovland to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission

The following US Attorneys were confirmed by voice vote:

PN 2210 – Robert Brewer Jr for the Southern District of CA

PN 2270 – Nicholas Trutanich for the District of NV

PN 1963 – Brian Moran for the Western District of WA

PN 2213 – Matthew Schneider for the Eastern District of MI

PN 2437 – John Milhiser for the Central District of IL

PN 2448 – David Anderson for the Northern District of CA

PN 2450 – Lawrence Keefe for the Northern District of FL

PN 2598 – Aaron Weisman for the District of RI

The following US Marshals were confirmed by voice vote:

PN 1893 – Denny Wade King for the Middle District of TN

PN 2242 – John Garrison for the Eastern District of TX

PN 1965 – Todd Nukes for the Northern District of IN

PN 2120 – Michael Yeager for the Northern District of GA

PN 2214 – Mark Shepherd for the Southern District of MS

PN 1148 – Kim Gaffney for the Western District of WI

PN 1149 – Bradly Jay LaRose for the District of VT

PN 1150 – Douglas Strike, for the Northern District of Iowa

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The Senate adjourned at 7:40 PM.