

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #123 William Cooper to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

At 11:45 AM on Tuesday, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #123, William Cooper to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #188, R. Clarke Cooper to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #123 William Cooper to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **68-31**.

**Cal. #188, R. Clarke Cooper to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **91-8**.

Under a previous order, the Senate having received from the House H.R. 1222 (Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act) and its text being identical to S. 494 (American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act), H.R. 1222 (Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act) is considered read a third time and passed by Unanimous Consent and the passage of S. 494 (American Fisheries Advisory Committee Act) is thus vitiated and bill is indefinitely postponed.

The Senate recessed from 12:58-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #188 R. Clarke Cooper to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs)
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Cal. #214, Gordon Hartogensis to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM and resumed an Executive Session.

**Cal. #188, R. Clarke Cooper to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by **90-8**.

**Cal. #214, Gordon Hartogensis to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **72-27**.

**Cal. #214, Gordon Hartogensis to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **72-27**.

**Cal. #26, J. Campbell Barker to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. Motion to Invoked Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **52-46**.

**Cal. #26, J. Campbell Barker to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.**

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session for a period of Morning Business.

S. Con. Res. 13 (Reaffirming the United States relation to Taiwan and the implementation of the Taiwan Relations Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 406 (Federal Rotational Cyber Workforce Program Act of 2019). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #26, J. Campbell Barker to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. The Senate will vote on confirmation of the Barker nomination at 11:45 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:58 PM.

### **MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2019**

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #123, William Cooper to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the William Cooper nomination.

The Senate convened.

The Veto Message to accompany S. J. Res. 7 (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) was received by the Senate. By unanimous consent, the Veto Message was read and printed in the record.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #123, William Cooper to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **63–32**.

At 11:45 AM on Tuesday, April 30, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #123, William Cooper to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #188, R. Clarke Cooper to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

Further votes are possible during tomorrow's session of the Senate.

McConnell asked Unanimous Consent that the Injunction of Secrecy be removed from Treaty Document Number 116-1 (Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on the accession of the Republic of North Macedonia. McConnell further asked that the treaty be considered as having been read for the first time and it is referred with accompanying papers to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following Military Promotions were confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

#### MARINE CORPS

Cal. #207, the following to be Major General:

- Brig. Gen. Julian D. Alford
- Brig. Gen. Michael S. Cederholm
- Brig. Gen. Dennis A. Crall
- Brig. Gen. Karsten S. Heckl
- Brig. Gen. William M. Journey
- Brig. Gen. Tracy W. King
- Brig. Gen. Christopher J. Mahoney
- Brig. Gen. Gregory L. Masiello
- Brig. Gen. Stephen M. Neary
- Brig. Gen. Paul J. Rock, Jr.
- Brig. Gen. Joseph F. Shrader
- Brig. Gen. Stephen D. Sklenka

#### ARMY

Cal. #208, Gen. Stephen J. Townsend to be General.

#### NAVY

Cal. #210, Rear Adm. James W. Kilby to be Vice Admiral.

#### AIR FORCE

Cal. #211, Lt. Gen. Jeffrey L. Harrigan to be General

Cal. #212, Gen. Tod D. Wolters to be General

Cal. #213, the following to be Major General:

- Brig. Gen. Christopher P. Azzano
- Brig. Gen. Kenneth T. Bibb, Jr.
- Brig. Gen. Angela M. Cadwell
- Brig. Gen. Sean M. Farrell
- Brig. Gen. Alexis G. Grynkewich
- Brig. Gen. Michael A. Guetlein

Brig. Gen. Timothy D. Haugh  
Brig. Gen. Eric T. Hill  
Brig. Gen. David R. Iverson  
Brig. Gen. Lance K. Landrum  
Brig. Gen. Jeannie M. Leavitt  
Brig. Gen. Michael J. Lutton  
Brig. Gen. Corey J. Martin  
Brig. Gen. Tom D. Miller  
Brig. Gen. Richard G. Moore, Jr.  
Brig. Gen. Aaron M. Prupas  
Brig. Gen. Bradley C. Saltzman  
Brig. Gen. Michael J. Schmidt  
Brig. Gen. William A. Spangenthal  
Brig. Gen. David H. Tabor  
Brig. Gen. Andrea D. Tullos  
Brig. Gen. John T. Wilcox, II  
Brig. Gen. Craig D. Wills

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The following bills were read for the second time:

H.R. 1644 (Save the Internet Act of 2019)

H.R. 1957 (Taxpayer First Act of 2019)

Further readings of the bills were objected to and the bills will be placed on the calendar.

S. Res. 172 (To authorize testimony in an Administrative Hearing for Brian K. Stanley before the Mississippi Division of Medicaid). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 173 (Relative to the Death of the Honorable Richard G. Lugar, Former United States Senator for the State of Indiana). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

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At 11:45 AM on Tuesday, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #123, William Cooper to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #188, R. Clarke Cooper to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

Further votes are possible during Tuesday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 7:09 PM with a further mark of respect to the late Richard G. Lugar, Former Senator from Indiana.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #200, David Bernhardt to be Secretary of the Interior, post-cloture. Under a unanimous consent agreement, all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks will count post-cloture on the Bernhardt nomination.

A roll call vote on confirmation of the Bernhardt nomination is expected during today's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #200, David Bernhardt to be Secretary of the Interior.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **56-41**.

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. #123, William Cooper to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy.** Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

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

**Cal. #188, R. Clarke Cooper to be an Assistant Secretary of State.** Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

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

**Cal. #214, Gordon Hartogensis to be Director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.** Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

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

**Cal. #26, J. Campbell Barker to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.** Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

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

Cal. #29, Andrew Lynn Brasher to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

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

**Cal. #33, Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.** Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

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

**Cal. #34, Raul M. Arias-Marxuach to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.** Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

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

**Cal. #36, Joshua Wolson to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.** Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The following nominations were considered, en bloc:

Cal. #108, Drew H. Wrigley to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota.

Cal. #160, Wing Chau to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island.

Cal. #161, Ramona L. Dohman to be United States Marshal for the District of Minnesota.

Cal. #206, Nick Edward Proffitt to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia.

The nominations were confirmed, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

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

The following resolutions were considered, en bloc:

S. Res. 163

S. Res. 164

S. Res. 165

S. Res. 166

S. Res. 167

S. Res. 168

The resolutions were agreed to, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 85 (100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Easter Seals). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 131 (National 911 Education Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 136 (National Safe Digging Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 14 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 31 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 23 (Supporting the goals and ideals of countering international preventable child abduction). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

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

H.R. 1644 (To restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission).

H.R. 1957 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered, en bloc:

Cal. # 182, Daniel N. Rosenblum to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Cal. #184, Kip Tom for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture.

Cal. #186, Robert K. Scott to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Malawi.

The nominations were confirmed, en bloc, by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene pro forma only session of the following dates and times:

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM

Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #123, William Cooper to be General Counsel of the Department of Energy. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the William Cooper nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 5:04 PM.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019**

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of the Stanton nomination.

At 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to three votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #105, Cheryl Marie Stanton to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.
2. Confirmation of Cal. #173, John P. Abizaid to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #31, Holly A. Brady to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana (subject to up to 2 hours of post-cloture debate)

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

H.R. 1585 (Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization). 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 an Executive Session.

**Cal. #105, Cheryl Marie Stanton to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **53-45**.

**Cal. #173, John P. Abizaid to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **92-7**.

**Cal. #31, Holly A. Brady to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **56-43**.

**Cal. #31, Holly A. Brady to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **56-42**.

**Cal. #30, David Steven Morales to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of **57-41**.

**Cal. #30, David Steven Morales to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas.** The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **56-41**.

**Cal. #200, David Bernhardt to be Secretary of the Interior.** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination (subject to up to 30 hours of post-cloture debate). Cloture was invoked **56-41**.

S. 94, Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act. Passed by voice vote.

S. Res. 35, supporting democratic principles and standards in Bolivia and throughout Latin America, w/committee-reported amendment to the preamble. Passed by voice vote.

S. Res.67, expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance and vitality of the United States alliances with Japan and the Republic of Korea, and our trilateral cooperation in the pursuit of shared interests, w/committee-reported amendment to the preamble. Passed by voice vote.

S.Res.95, recognizing the 198th anniversary of the independence of Greece and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States. Adopted by unanimous consent.

S. Res.155, relative to the death of the Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, former United States Senator for the State of South Carolina. Adopted by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 156, supporting the goals and ideals of “Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day”. Adopted by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 157, supporting the designation of April 2019 as “Parkinson’s Awareness Month”. Adopted by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 158, authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, a semiannual event of the Drug Enforcement Administration. Adopted by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res 16, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition. Adopted by unanimous consent.

H. Con. Res 19, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. Adopted by unanimous consent.

Completed the Rule 14 process to place H.R.1585, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act, on the Legislative Calendar of Business.

The Senate will convene on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #200, David Bernhardt to be Secretary of the Interior, post-cloture. Under a unanimous consent agreement, all time during recess, adjournment, morning business, and Leader remarks will count post-cloture on the Bernhardt nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 7:14 PM in honor of the memory of former Senator Ernest Fritz Hollings from South Carolina.

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #21, Daniel Desmond Domenico to be United States District Judge for the

District of Colorado. The Senate is expected to recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

Under the regular order, at 11:00 AM the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Cal. #21, Daniel Desmond Domenico to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate having received from the House H.R. 2030 (Colorado River Drought Contingency Plan Authorization Act) and the text being identical to S. 1057 (To direct the Secretary of the Interior to execute and carry out agreements concerning Colorado River Drought Contingency Management and Operations), under a previous order the bill is considered read three times and passed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #21, Daniel Desmond Domenico to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **55-42**.

**Cal. #21, Daniel Desmond Domenico to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado.**

At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to the following roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #21, Daniel Domenico to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Colorado.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #27, Patrick Wyrick to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

The Senate recessed from 12:43-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

The Senate resumed an Executive Session.

**Cal. #21, Daniel Domenico to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Colorado.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **57-42**.

**Cal. #27, Patrick Wyrick to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **53-46**.

Leader McConnell asked unanimous consent that the cloture motion on John P. Abizaid to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia be withdrawn, and that the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a

time to be determined on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The unanimous consent request was agreed to.

**Cal. #27, Patrick Wyrick to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **53–47**.

**Cal. #105, Cheryl Marie Stanton to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.** Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **53–47**.

Senator Portman asked Unanimous Consent that all post cloture time on Cal. #105, Cheryl Marie Stanton to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor expire at 11:45 AM on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 and that following the disposition of the Stanton nomination, the Senate vote on the confirmation of Cal. #173, John P. Abizaid to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Finally, that the mandatory quorum call with respect to Cal. #31, Holly A. Brady to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana (subject to up to 2 hours of post-cloture debate) be waived. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 151 (A resolution to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in United States v. Pratersch). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 846 (Transit Infrastructure Vehicle Security Act) was discharged from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1585 (Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 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 convene at 9:45 AM on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of the Stanton nomination.

AT 11:45 AM, the Senate will proceed to three votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #105, Cheryl Marie Stanton to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor
2. Confirmation of Cal. #173, John P. Abizaid to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #31, Holly A. Brady to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana

The Senate adjourned at 6:58 PM.

## MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

The Senate will convene at 4:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business. There are no votes scheduled.

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

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

**Cal. #200, David Bernhardt, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Interior.** Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

S. Res. 147 (Honoring the memory of Jeri Bustamante on the one-year anniversary of her passing). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #21, Daniel Desmond Domenico to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado. The Senate is expected to recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

The Senate adjourned at 6:10 PM.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #87, Mark Anthony Calabria to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

At 11:45 AM the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #32, Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #87, Mark Anthony Calabria to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Cal. #87, Mark Anthony Calabria to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.** Laid aside.

**Cal. #32, Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.** Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 66-33.

**Cal. #87, Mark Anthony Calabria to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **53-46**.

**Cal. #87, Mark Anthony Calabria to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency,** post-cloture.

Senator Warner asked that the Senate proceed to H. Con. Res. 24 (Expressing the Sense of Congress that the report of Special Counsel Mueller should be made available to the public and to the Congress) and that it be agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Objected to by Senator Paul.

**Cal. #87, Mark Anthony Calabria to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **52-44**.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session:

Cal. #21, Daniel Desmond Domenico to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado. Leader McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #27, Patrick R. Wyrick to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. Leader McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #105, Cheryl Marie Stanton to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. Leader McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #173, John P. Abizaid to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Leader McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #31, Holly A. Brady to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. Leader McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #30, David Steven Morales to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Leader McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 123 (Supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and recognizing its 70 years of accomplishments). Adopted by voice vote.

S. Res. 145 (Commemorating the Bicentennial of the birth of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise and the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Central Conference of American Rabbis). Adopted by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 146 (Recognizing the centennial of the Institute of International Education). Adopted by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 4:00 PM on Monday, April 8, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. There are no votes scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 6:38 PM.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019

The Senate will convene at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #8, Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Kessler nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

H.R. 7 (Paycheck Fairness Act). 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 an Executive Session.

**Cal. #8, Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Cloture Motion was agreed to by a vote of **95-3**.

Senator McConnell raised a Point of Order that the post-cloture debate time for all executive branch nominations other than a position at level one of the Executive Schedule under Section 5312 of Title 5, United States Code (lower court judges) is two hours. The Point of Order was not sustained by the Chair. Senator McConnell appealed the ruling of the Chair and asked for the yeas and nays.

**Senator McConnell Motion to Appeal the ruling of the Chair in which with Point of Order was not sustained (the Chair ruled that 30 hours of post-cloture debate was required).** Yeas and nays ordered. This vote requires a simple majority. The Senate overruled the decision of the Chair by a vote of **48-51**.

**Cal. #8, Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, post-cloture.** The nomination was confirmed by **Voice Vote**.

**Cal. #32, Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **66-33**.

Senator McConnell raised a Point of Order that the post-cloture debate time under rule 22 for all judicial nominations other than Circuit Courts or Supreme Court of the United States is two

hours (sub-cabinet level nominees) is two hours. The Point of Order was not sustained by the Chair. Senator McConnell appealed the ruling of the Chair and asked for the yeas and nays.

**Senator McConnell Motion to Appeal the ruling of the Chair in which with Point of Order was not sustained (the Chair ruled that 30 hours of post-cloture debate was required).** Yeas and nays ordered. This vote requires a simple majority. The Senate overruled the decision of the Chair by a vote of **48–51**.

**Under the Precedent set by the Senate on April 3, 2019, post-cloture debate time for all sub-cabinet level nominees and lower court judges is now two hours.**

**Cal. #32, Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.**

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #87, Mark Anthony Calabria to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

At 11:45 AM Thursday, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #32, Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #87, Mark Anthony Calabria to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency

The Senate adjourned at 6:42 PM.

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to S. Res. 50 (A resolution improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate). The Senate will recess for the Tuesday party caucus luncheons from 12:30 to 2:15 PM. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. Res. 50 (A resolution improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Proceed to S. Res. 50 (A resolution improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate).**

The Senate recessed from 12:48-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

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

**Motion to Proceed to S. Res. 50 (A resolution improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed was not agreed to by a vote of **51-48**. Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Reconsider the vote.

The Senate recessed from 4:30-5:30 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 5:30 PM and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

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

**Cal. #87, Mark Anthony Calabria to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.** Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

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

H.R. 7 (Paycheck Fairness Act). 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.

H.R. 1839 (Medicaid Services Investment and Accountability Act of 2019). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 132 (Honoring the life of Ted Lindsey). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 138 (50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent

S. Res. 139 (To authorize the production of records by the permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #8, Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Kessler nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 6:51 PM.

## **MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019**

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will resume consideration of H.R. 268 (Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019). All cloture motions with respect to H.R. 268 filed during today's session of the Senate will ripen at 5:30 PM on Monday. Additionally, if cloture is not invoked with respect to the motions filed on H.R. 268, the cloture motion with respect to S. Res. 50 (A

resolution improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate) will ripen at 2:15 PM on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Shelby amend #201 (In the nature of a substitute) in relation to H.R. 268.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on Shelby amend #201 (In the nature of a substitute).** The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not invoked by a vote of **44-49**. Leader McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.R. 268 (Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2019).** The Motion to Invoke Cloture was not agreed to by a vote of **46-48**. Leader McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Leader McConnell filed cloture on Cal. #8, Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Leader McConnell filed cloture on Cal. #32, Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of S. Res. 50 (A resolution improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate). The Senate will recess for the Tuesday party caucus luncheons from 12:30 to 2:15 PM. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. Res. 50 (A resolution improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate).

The Senate adjourned at 7:17 PM.