

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #205, Mark T. Pittman to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Votes are expected during Wednesday's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #205, Mark T. Pittman to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

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

H.R. 639 (To amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 3245 (Restore the Harmony Way Bridge Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2052 (To authorize the honorary promotion of Colonel Charles E. McGee to brigadier general in the United States Air Force). Van Hollen amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 53 (Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall for an event to commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the first African slaves to the territory that would become the United States). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 263 (100th Anniversary of the American Legion). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 294 (National Airborne Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 295 (Campus Fire Safety Month). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 285 (School Bus Safety Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #48, Karin J. Immergut to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #55, John Milton Younge to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #351, Mary M. Rowland to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #205, Mark T. Pittman to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **54-36**.

Cal. #231, Jeffrey Vincent Brown to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **50-40**.

Cal. #232, Brantley Starr to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **51-39**.

Cal. #345, Jason K. Pulliam to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **54-36**.

Cal. #350, Martha Maria Pacold to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **87-3**.

Cal. #364, William Shaw Stickman IV to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **56-34**.

Cal. #402, Kelly Craft to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly to the United Nations. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **56-34**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following military promotions were confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

COAST GUARD

Cal. #370, the following to be Rear Admiral:

Rear Adm. (lh) Melvin W. Bouboulis

Rear Adm. (lh) Donna L. Cottrell

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael J. Johnston

Rear Adm. (lh) Eric C. Jones

Rear Adm. (lh) Michael P. Ryan

Cal. #393, Rear Adm. Todd C. Wiemers to be Rear Adm. (lower half).

AIR FORCE

Cal. #376, Maj. Gen. Mary F. O'Brien to be Lieutenant General.

Cal. #377, Lt. Gen. Bryan P. Fenton to be Lieutenant General.

Cal. #378, Maj. Gen. Ronald J. Place to be Lieutenant General.

Cal. #379, Col. Robert T. Woolridge, II to be Brigadier General.

Cal. #380, Maj. Gen. David G. Bellon to be Lieutenant General.

FOREIGN SERVICE

Cal. #408, the following career members of the Senior Foreign Service of USAID for promotion

within the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister:

Jennifer M. Adams

Jeffrey N. Bakken

Susan F. Fine

Susan Kosinski Fritz

Lawrence Hardy, II

Sarah-Ann Lynch

Cal. #409, William S. Martin for promotion into Class of Counselor, and a Consular Officer and a Secretary in the Diplomatic Service of the United States of America.

Cal. #410, the following members of the USAID, the office of Inspector General, for promotion within the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor:

Christine Byrne

Robert Mason

Cal. #412, the following members of the Senior Foreign Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for promotion within the Senior Foreign Service of the United States of America, class of Career Minister:

James J. Higgiston

Bobby G. Richey, Jr.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 300 (Supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Health Week). The resolution was agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 301 (Honoring the 50th anniversary of the return of the Indiana Rangers). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 24 (Concurrent Resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture). The concurrent resolution was agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 1079 (CASES Act). The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 776 (Emergency Medical Services for Children Program Reauthorization Act of 2019). The bill passed by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 302 (Resolution designating September 2019 as National Child Awareness month and so forth). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, August 1, 2019, and the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3877 (Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019). Votes are expected during Thursday's session.

At approximately 11:00 AM on Thursday the Senate will proceed to up four votes in relation to H.R. 3877 (Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019).

1. Adoption of Paul amend #932 (60 vote threshold).
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.R. 3877
3. (Possible) Motion to Waive the Budget Act with respect to H.R. 3877
4. Passage of H.R. 3877, as amended, if amended.

The Senate adjourned at 6:26 PM.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 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. #119, Michael T. Liburdi to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, post-cloture. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to three votes:

1. Confirmation of the nomination of Cal. #119, Michael T. Liburdi to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.
2. Confirmation of the nomination of Cal. #120, Peter D. Welte to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota.
3. Cloture on the nomination of Cal. #203, James Wesley Hendrix to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

Senator Durbin asked unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to and pass H.R. 549 (Venezuela TPS Act of 2019). Objected to by Senator Lee.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #119, Michael T. Liburdi to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **53–37**.

Cal. #120, Peter D. Welte to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination as confirmed by a vote of **68–42**.

Cal. #203, James Wesley Hendrix to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture is agreed to by a vote of **85-5**.

The Senate recessed from 12:54-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

At 2:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to two votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #203, James Wesley Hendrix to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #204, Sean D. Jordan to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

The Senate reconvened and resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #203, James Wesley Hendrix to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **89-1**.

Cal. #204, Sean D. Jordan to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **54-36**.

By Unanimous Consent, the Senate will proceed to vote on the following nominations:

Cal. #204, Sean D. Jordan to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **54-34**.

Cal. #205, Mark T. Pittman to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **54-34**.

Cal. #231, Jeffrey Vincent Brown to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **51-37**.

Cal. #232, Brantley Starr to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **51-37**.

Cal. #233, Stephanie L. Haines to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **87-1**.

Cal. #326, Ada E. Brown to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **79-9**.

Cal. #327, Steven D. Grimberg to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **72-16**.

Cal. #345, Jason K. Pulliam to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **54-44**.

Cal. #350, Martha Maria Pacold to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Illinois. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **86-2**.

Cal. #352, Steven C. Seeger to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **87-1**.

Cal. #364, William Shaw Stickman IV to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **57-31**.

Cal. #402, Kelly Craft to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly to the United Nations. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **57-33**.

By Unanimous Consent, the Senate withdrew the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the following nominations:

Cal. #48, Karin J. Immergut to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Cal. #55, John Milton Younger to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Cal. #344, Mary S. McElroy to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Cal. #346, Stephanie Gallagher to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Cal. #351, Mary M. Rowland to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Cal. #394, David L. Norquist to be Deputy Secretary of Defense.

At a time to be determined by the Majority and Minority Leader, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the above nominations.

By Unanimous Consent: The Motion to Invoke Cloture on Motion to Proceed on H.R. 3877 (**Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019**) is withdrawn. The only amendment to be in order is Paul amend #932 (In the nature of a substitute) and it be subject to an 60-affirmative vote for adoption, and if cloture is filed on the bill, at a time to be determined by the Majority and Minority Leader, the Senate vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture following disposition of the

Paul amend vote, and if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time will be yielded back and the Senate will vote on final passage of the bill.

Cal. #394, David L. Norquist to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

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

S. Res. 293 (National Lobster Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 929 (To amend Title 28, United States Code, to redefine the Eastern and Middle Judicial Districts of North Carolina). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1250 (Lucas Lowe Memorial Post Office). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following bills were considered, en bloc:

S. 347 (Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building).

S. 1196 (Fire Captain Cory Barr Post Office Building).

H.R. 540 (Louise and Bob Slaughter Post Office).

H.R. 828 (Congressman Bill Carney Post Office).

H.R. 829 (Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth Post Office Building).

S. 1272 (Elizabeth Buffum Chace Post Office).

S. 1759 (Richard G. Lugar Post Office Building).

H.R. 1198 (Henderson Veterans Memorial Post Office Building).

H.R. 1449 (Captain Robert L. Martin Post Office).

H.R. 3305 (Ryan Keith Cox Post Office Building).

The bills were agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 31st and proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #205, Mark T. Pittman to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Votes are expected during Wednesday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 9:51 PM.

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will proceed a Legislative Session and resume the consideration of the Veto Messages to accompany the following resolutions:

1. S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, and the Italian Republic of certain defense articles and services).

2. S. J. Res. 37 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of France of certain defense articles and services).
3. S. J. Res. 38 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services).

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the Veto Messages to accompany S.J. Res. 36, S. J. Res. 37, and S.J. Res. 38. Following the disposition of the resolutions, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture to Cal. #119, Michael T. Liburdi to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Arizona.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3877 (Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019). Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed.

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

Cal. #402, Kelly Craft to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations. 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. #394, David Norquist to be Deputy Secretary of Defense. Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Veto Message to accompany S.J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, and the Italian Republic of certain defense articles and services). Shall S.J. Res. 36 pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding? It shall not, by a vote of **45-40**.

Veto Message to accompany S.J. Res. 37 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of France of certain defense articles and services). Shall S.J. Res. 36 pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding? It shall not, by a vote of **45-39**.

Veto Message to accompany S.J. Res. 38 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services).). Shall S.J. Res. 36 pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding? It shall not, by a vote of **46-41**.

Cal. #119, Michael T. Liburdi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **51-37**.

Cal. #120, Peter D. Welte to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **66-21**.

S. Res. 290 (Celebrating Environmental progress in Lake Erie). Passed by voice vote.

H.R. 2695 (To rename the Success Dam in Tulare County, California, as the Richard L. Schafer Dam). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 30, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #119, Michael T. Liburdi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, post-cloture. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to three votes:

1. Confirmation of the nomination of Cal. #119, Michael T. Liburdi to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.
2. Confirmation of the nomination of Cal. #120, Peter D. Welte to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota.
3. Cloture on the nomination of Cal. #203, James Wesley Hendrix to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 7:40 PM.

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 1:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #375, Gen. Mark A. Milley to be General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

By unanimous consent, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader prior to August 2, 2019, the Senate will proceed to the Veto Messages on the following Senate Joint Resolutions:

S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, and the Italian Republic of certain defense articles and services).

S. J. Res. 37 - A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of France of certain defense articles and services.

S. J. Res. 38 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services).

Once the Senate proceeds to the Veto Messages on S.J. Res. 36, 37 and 38, there will be two hours of debate followed by votes to override the veto messages on the joint resolutions in the order listed.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

S. 2258 (To provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistle-blowers). 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 period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #375, Gen. Mark A. Milley to be General Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Senator Schumer asked Unanimous Consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2722 (The Safe Act) and that the bill be read for a third time and passed. Majority Leader McConnell objected to the request.

Senator Blumenthal asked Unanimous Consent that the Rules Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1247 (Duty To Report Act) and that the bill be read for a third time and passed. Majority Leader McConnell objected to the request.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #119, Michael T. Liburdi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session. Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #120, Peter D. Welte to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #203, James Wesley Hendrix to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #204, Sean D. Jordan to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #205, Mark T. Pittman to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #231, Jeffrey Vincent Brown to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #232, Brandley Starr to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #233, Stephanie L. Haines, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #326, Ada E. Brown, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #327, Steven D. Grimberg, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #345, Jason K. Pulliam, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #350, Martha Maria Pacold, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #352, Steven C. Seeger to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #364, William Shaw Stickman IV, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #48, Karin J. Immergut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #55, John Milton Younge, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #344, Mary S. McElroy to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #346, Stephanie Gallagher to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #351, Mary M. Rowland, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Senator McConnell filed cloture on the nomination.

Cal. #375, Gen. Mark A. Milley to be General Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **89-1**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

As if in Executive Session, the Senate proceeded to the following nomination:

Cal. #125, Joseph V. Cuffari to be Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security. The nomination was confirmed by Voice Vote.

H.R. 3253 (Empowering Beneficiaries, Ensuring Access, and Strengthening Accountability Act of 2019). Blunt substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, passed by Voice Vote.

H.R. 1569 (To amend title 28, United States Code, to add Flagstaff and Yuma to the list of locations in which court shall be held in the judicial district for the State of Arizona). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 504 (DHS Field Engagement Accountability Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1275 (Federal Agency Customer Experience Act of 2019). Committee-reported amendments agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, passed by Voice Vote.

H.R. 2196 (To amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S.R. 286 (US Intelligence Professionals Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, July 29th and will proceed a Legislative Session and the consideration of the Veto Messages to accompany the following resolutions:

1. S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, and the Italian Republic of certain defense articles and services).
2. S. J. Res. 37 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of France of certain defense articles and services).
3. S. J. Res. 38 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services).

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to roll call votes (up to 4) on the Veto Messages to accompany S.J. Res. 36, S. J. Res. 37, and S.J. Res. 38. Following the disposition of the resolutions, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture to Cal. #119, Michael T. Liburdi to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Arizona.

The Senate adjourned at 5:04 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday July 24, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to three votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #45, Wendy Williams Berger to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #53, Brian C. Buescher to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

Further, at 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to two votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #45, Wendy Williams Berger to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
2. Confirmation of Cal. #53, Brian C. Buescher to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **52-40**.

Cal. #45, Wendy Williams Berger to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **55-37**.

Cal. #53, Brian C. Buescher to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **52-39**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 2249 (A bill to allow the Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration on the date of enactment of this act to continue to serve as the Deputy Administrator). The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #45, Wendy Williams Berger to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **54-37**.

Cal. #53, Brian C. Buescher to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **51-40**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

By unanimous consent, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader and Minority Leader prior to August 2, 2019, the Senate will proceed to the Veto Messages on the following Senate Joint Resolutions:

1. S. J. Res. 36 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed transfer to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Kingdom of Spain, and the Italian Republic of certain defense articles and services).
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3. S. J. Res. 38 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of certain defense articles and services).

Once the Senate proceeds to the Veto Messages on S.J. Res. 36, 37 and 38, there will be two hours of debate followed by votes to override the veto messages on the joint resolutions in the order listed.

S. 2258 (A bill to provide anti-retaliation protections for antitrust whistle-blowers). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 25, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business. At 1:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #375, Gen. Mark A. Milley, to be General and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Senate adjourned at 6:33 PM.

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act).

At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to the following roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #374, Mark T. Esper to be Secretary of Defense.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Additionally, at 2:30 PM there will three votes in relation to H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act):

1. Lee amend #928 (60 vote threshold)
2. Paul amend #929 (60 vote threshold)
3. Passage of H.R. 1327, as amended, if amended.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #374, Mark T. Esper to be Secretary of Defense. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **90-8**.

Cal. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **52-45**.

Cal. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act).

The Senate recessed from 1:03-2:00 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

The Senate reconvened at 2:00 PM and resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act).

Lee amend #928 (To limit the amount available for the Victims Compensation Fund). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **32-66**.

Paul amend #929 (To require a sequestration of certain direct spending). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is subject to a 60-yea vote threshold for adoption. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **22-77**.

H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act). The bill was read for a third time. Final passage. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill passed by a vote of **97-2**.

S. Res. 282 (Honoring former Associate Justice John Paul Stevens of the Supreme Court of the United States). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to three votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #45, Wendy Williams Berger to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #53, Brian C. Buescher to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

Further, at 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to two votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #45, Wendy Williams Berger to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
2. Confirmation of Cal. #53, Brian C. Buescher to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 265 (A resolution designating July 27, 2019, as "National Day of the American Cowboy"). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 194 (A resolution designating July 30, 2019, as "National Whistleblower Appreciation Day").

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to three votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #45, Wendy Williams Berger to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #53, Brian C. Buescher to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

Further, at 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to two votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #45, Wendy Williams Berger to be United States District Judge for the

Middle District of Florida.

2. Confirmation of Cal. #53, Brian C. Buescher to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

The Senate adjourned at 7:51 PM.

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. Following leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #374, Mark T. Esper to be Secretary of Defense.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #374, Mark T. Esper to be Secretary of Defense.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The following bills were considered, en bloc:

H.R. 582 (Raise the Wage Act).

H.R. 748 (Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2019).

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #374, Mark T. Esper to be Secretary of Defense. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **85-6**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. 1199 (Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2019). Committee-reported substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, passed by Voice Vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 23rd and proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act).

At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to the following roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #374, Mark T. Esper to be Secretary of Defense.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Additionally, at 2:30 PM there will three votes in relation to H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act):

1. Lee amend #928 (60 vote threshold)
2. Paul amend #929 (60 vote threshold)
3. Passage of H.R. 1327, as amended, if amended.

The Senate adjourned at 6:43 PM.

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 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. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, post-cloture.

At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
2. Confirmation of Cal. #175, Lynda Blanchard to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

Further, at 1:45 PM the Senate will vote on confirmation of Cal. #183, Donald R. Tapia to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **55-39**.

Cal. #175, Lynda Blanchard to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **54-40**.

Cal. #183, Donald R. Tapia to be Ambassador to Jamaica. Laid aside.

As if in Legislative Session, the Senate proceeded to the following bill by Unanimous Consent: S. 1694 (One Small Step to Protect Human Heritage in Space Act). Peters amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. Substitute amendment agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, passed by Voice Vote.

Cal. #183, Donald R. Tapia to be Ambassador to Jamaica. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **66-26**.

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. #374, Mark T. Esper to be Secretary of Defense. 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. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. 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. #45, Wendy Williams Berger to be United States District Judge for the Middle 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. #53, Brian C. Buescher to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. Senator McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

Senator Lee asked Unanimous Consent that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on or before Wednesday, July 24, 2019, the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act). He further asked that the only amendments in order be Lee amend #928 (60 vote threshold) and Paul amend #929 (60 vote threshold) and that there be two hours of concurrent debate equally divided and that the Senate vote in relation to the amendments in the order listed. Finally, following disposition of the amendments that the bill be read for a third time and the Senate vote on passage of H.R. 1327, as amended, if amended. **Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.**

Leader McConnell asked Unanimous Consent that following Leader remarks on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act) under previous order (laid out above).

Further, at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, the Senate will proceed to two votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #374, Mark T. Esper to be Secretary of Defense (if cloture is invoked).

2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #371, Stephen M. Dickson to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Additionally, at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, the Senate will proceed to three votes in relation to H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act):

1. Lee amend #928 (60 vote threshold)
2. Paul amend #929 (60 vote threshold)
3. Passage of H.R. 1327 as amended, if amended.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

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

HR 582 (Raise the Wage Act).

HR 748 (Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2019)

Further readings of the bill were objected to, en bloc.

S. Con. Res. 19 (A concurrent resolution celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing). The concurrent resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, July 22, 2019. Following leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #374, Mark T. Esper to be Secretary of Defense.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #374, Mark T. Esper to be Secretary of Defense.

The Senate adjourned at 5:08 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Treaties Cal. #2, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation.

At 11:00 AM the Senate will proceed to three votes on the following:

1. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #2, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation
2. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #3, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Japan
3. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #4, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg.

Further, at 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to three votes on the following:

1. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #175, Lynda Blanchard to be Ambassador to the Republic of

Slovenia.

3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #183, Donald R. Tapia to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act). The bill was read for the second time. Further readings of the bill were objected to and the bill will be placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Treaties Cal. #2, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation. Yeas and Nays ordered. The resolution was ratified by a vote of **95-2**.

Treaties Cal. #3, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Japan. Yeas and Nays ordered. The resolution was ratified by a vote of **95-2**.

Treaties Cal. #4, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg. Yeas and Nays ordered. The resolution was ratified by a vote of **93-3**.

Cal. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Senator Gillibrand asked Unanimous Consent that, as if in a Legislative Session, the Senate proceed to H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act) and that the bill be read for a third time and passed by Unanimous Consent. Senator Paul objected to the request.

Cal. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **55-41**.

Cal. #175, Lynda Blanchard to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **55-41**.

Cal. #183, Donald R. Tapia to be Ambassador to Jamaica. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **67-28**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1321 (A bill to amend Title 18, United States code to prohibit interference with voting systems under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act). The bill was read a third time and passed by unanimous consent.

S. 1833 (Restore the Harmony Way Bridge Act). The bill was read a third time and passed by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 18, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, post-cloture.

At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
2. Confirmation of Cal. #175, Lynda Blanchard to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.

Further, at 1:45 PM the Senate will vote on confirmation of Cal. #183, Donald R. Tapia to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

The Senate adjourned at 7:17 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #362, Peter Joseph Phipps to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 3:00 PM, all post-cloture time will expire and the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Phipps nomination. The Senate will then vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Treaties Cal. #1, The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #362, Peter Joseph Phipps to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, post-cloture.

The Senate adjourned from 12:40-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus meetings.

The Senate reconvened and resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #362, Peter Joseph Phipps to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **56-40**.

Treaties Cal. #1, The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **94-1**.

Treaties Cal. #1, The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain.

McConnell amend #910 is withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.

Paul amend #924 (To amend the Protocol to protect tax privacy). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **4-92**.

Treaties Cal. #1, The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain.

Paul amend #921 (To provide a reservation to the Protocol). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **4-92**.

Treaties Cal. #1, The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain. Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution was ratified by a vote of **94-2**.

At 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 the Senate will proceed to three votes on the following:

1. Ratification of Cal. #2, Treaty Doc #112-1, The Tax Convention with Switzerland.
2. Ratification of Cal. #3, Treaty Doc #114-1, The Tax Convention with Japan.
3. Ratification of Cal. #4, Treaty Doc. #111-8, The Tax Convention with Luxembourg.

Following the disposition of Cal. #4, Treaty Doc. #111-8, The Tax Convention with Luxembourg the Senate will proceed to Cal. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

At 2:00 PM, the Senate will vote on the following:

1. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #175, Lynda Blanchard to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #183, Donald R. Tapia to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 74 (A resolution marking the fifth anniversary of Ukraine's Revolution of Dignity by honoring the bravery, determination, and sacrifice of the people of Ukraine during and since the Revolution, and condemning continued Russian aggression against Ukraine). The Portman amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The resolution as amended was agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 375 (Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019). The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 198 (A resolution condemning Brunei's dramatic human rights backsliding). The Committee reported substitute amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The amendment to the preamble was agreed to. The resolution as amended was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 1327 (Never Forget the Heroes: James Zadroga, Ray Pfeifer, and Luis Alvarez Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act.) The bill was read for the first time. Further readings of the bill were objected to and the bill will be placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 and proceed to Executive Session to resume consideration of Treaties Cal. #2, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation.

At 11:00 AM the Senate will proceed to three votes on the following:

1. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #2, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Swiss Confederation
2. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #3, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Japan
3. Ratification of Treaties Cal. #4, the Protocol Amending Tax Convention with Luxembourg.

Further, at 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to three votes on the following:

1. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #175, Lynda Blanchard to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia.
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #183, Donald R. Tapia to be Ambassador to Jamaica.

The Senate adjourned at 6:39 PM.

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #362, Peter Joseph Phipps to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Phipps nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #362, Peter Joseph Phipps to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **53-40**.

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

The Senate will convene on Tuesday, July 16th at 10:00 AM and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #362, Peter Joseph Phipps to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At 3:00 PM, all post-cloture time will expire and the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Phipps nomination. The Senate will then vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Treaties Cal. #1, The Protocol Amending the Tax Convention with Spain.

The Senate adjourned at 6:16 PM.

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #101, Robert L. King to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, post-cloture. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #101, Robert L. King to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.
2. Confirmation of Cal. #103, John P. Pallasch to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #13, Peter C. Wright to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

If cloture is invoked on the Wright nomination, the Senate will vote on confirmation at 1:45 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #101, Robert L. King to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, post-cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **56-37**.

Cal. #103, John P. Pallasch to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, post-cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **54-39**.

Cal. #13, Peter C. Wright to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **53-39**.

Cal. #13, Peter C. Wright to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **52-38**.

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. #362, Peter Joseph Phipps to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. 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. #1, Treaty Doc #113-4, The Tax Convention with Spain. Senator McConnell filed a motion to invoke cloture on the Treaty Document.

McConnell amend #910 (Making technical changes). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell 2nd degree amend #911 (Making technical changes) to McConnell amend #910 (Making technical changes).

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. #2, Treaty Doc #112-1, The Tax Convention with Switzerland. Senator McConnell filed a motion to invoke cloture on the Treaty Document.

McConnell amend #912 (Making technical changes). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell 2nd degree amend #913 (Making technical changes) to McConnell amend #912 (Making technical changes).

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. #3, Treaty Doc #114-1, The Tax Convention with Japan. Senator McConnell filed a motion to invoke cloture on the Treaty Document.

McConnell amend #914 (Making technical changes). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell 2nd degree amend #915 (Making technical changes) to McConnell amend #914 (Making technical changes).

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. #4, Treaty Doc. #111-8, The Tax Convention with Luxembourg. Senator McConnell filed a motion to invoke cloture on the Treaty Document.

McConnell amend #916 (Making technical changes). Yeas and nays ordered.

McConnell 2nd degree amend #917 (Making technical changes) to McConnell amend #916 (Making technical changes).

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. #54, Clifton L. Corker to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. 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. #175, Lynda Blanchard to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia. 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. #183, Donald R. Tapia to be Ambassador to Jamaica. Senator McConnell filed a motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, July 15th and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #362, Peter Joseph Phipps to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Phipps nomination.

The Senate adjourned 3:27 PM.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #47, T. Kent Wetherell II to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

At 11:00 AM the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #47, T. Kent Wetherell II to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida
2. Confirmation of Cal. #52, J. Nicholas Ranjan to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
3. Confirmation of Cal. #51, Damon Ray Leichty to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Further, at 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to Invoke Cloture on #101, Robert L. King to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #103, John P. Pallasch to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

If Cloture is Invoked on Cal. #101 and Cal. #103, the Senate will vote on confirmation at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Minority leader. The Cloture Motion with respect to Cal. #13, Peter C. Wright to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency will ripen following the disposition of Cal. #103.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

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

H.R. 2740 (Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2020).

H.R. 3055 (Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020).

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

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #47, T. Kent Wetherell II to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida, post-cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **78-15**.

Cal. #52, J. Nicholas Ranjan to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, post-cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **80-14**.

Cal. #51, Damon Ray Leichty to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, post-cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **85-10**.

Cal. #101, Robert L. King to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

The Senate recessed from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM today.

The Senate resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #101, Robert L. King to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **56-39**.

Cal. #103, John P. Pallasch to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **54-41**.

S. 1811 (Technical Corrections to America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018). Passed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 11, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #101, Robert L. King to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, post-cloture. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #101, Robert L. King to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.
2. Confirmation of Cal. #103, John P. Pallasch to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #13, Peter C. Wright to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency.

If cloture is invoked on the Wright nomination, the Senate will vote on confirmation at 1:45 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:16 PM.

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 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. #343, Daniel Aaron Bress to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to four roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of #343, Daniel Aaron Bress to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #47, T. Kent Wetherell II to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #51, Damon Ray Leichty to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.
4. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #52, J. Nicholas Ranjan to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #343, Daniel Aaron Bress to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture.

The Senate recessed from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #343, Daniel Aaron Bress to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **53–45**.

Cal. #47, T. Kent Wetherell II to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **82–16**.

Cal. #51, Damon Ray Leichty to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **87–11**.

Cal. #52, J. Nicholas Ranjan to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **83–15**.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 188 (A resolution encouraging a swift transfer of power by the military to a civilian-led political authority in the Republic of the Sudan, and for other purposes). The Cruz substitute amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The Cruz amendment to the preamble was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The resolution as amended was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 239 (Christa McAuliffe Commemorative Coin Act of 2019). The Shaheen amendment was agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill as amended passed by Voice Vote.

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

H.R. 2740 (Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2020).

H.R. 3055 (Commerce, Justice, Science, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, Interior, Environment, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act, 2020).

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

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 and will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #47, T. Kent Wetherell II to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.

At 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 the Senate will proceed to three roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #47, T. Kent Wetherell II to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida
2. Confirmation of Cal. #52, J. Nicholas Ranjan to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.
3. Confirmation of Cal. #51, Damon Ray Leichty to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Further, at 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following:

1. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #101, Robert L. King to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #103, John P. Pallasch to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

If Cloture is Invoked on Cal. #101 and Cal. #103, the Senate will vote on confirmation at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Minority leader. The Cloture Motion with respect to Cal. #13, Peter C. Wright to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency will ripen following the disposition of Cal. #103.

The Senate adjourned at 7:08 PM.

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #343, Daniel Aaron Bress to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. At 5:30 PM, all post-cloture time will expire and the Senate will proceed to vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Bress nomination.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #343, Daniel Aaron Bress to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **50-42**.

S Res. 208 (American Grain and Flour Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #343, Daniel Aaron Bress to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to four roll call votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of #343, Daniel Aaron Bress to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #47, T. Kent Wetherell II to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Florida.
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #51, Damon Ray Leichty to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.
4. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #52, J. Nicholas Ranjan to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.