

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and will proceed to a period of Morning Business.

H.J. Res. 99 (Making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2017, and for other purposes). Passed by **voice vote**.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, May 1st, 2017. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #36, Jay Clayton, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission. At 5:30 PM the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Clayton nomination.

The Senate adjourned at 12:25 PM.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of Executive Calendar #32, R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #32, R. Alexander Acosta to be Secretary of Labor. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **60-38**.

McConnell Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider the vote is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

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

H. Con. Res. 35 (National Peace Officer's Memorial Service). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. Con. Res. 36 (Greater Washington Soapbox Derby). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 127 (Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 132 (Ashland University Women's Basketball Team). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 145 (Financial Literacy Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 146 (El Dia De Los Ninos). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM on Friday, April 28th and will proceed to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #32, R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #32, R. Alexander Acosta to be Secretary of Labor. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **61-39**.

Cal. #32, R. Alexander Acosta to be Secretary of Labor.

S. Res 123 (designating May 20, 2017, as “Kids to Parks Day”). The resolution was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene on Thursday, April 27th, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Following leader Remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #32, R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor, post-cloture.

The Senate adjourned at 2:05 PM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of the nomination of Cal. #34, Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #34, Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General.

The Senate recessed until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and resumed an Executive Session.

Cal. #34, Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General. The Senate confirmed the nomination by a vote of **94-6**.

Wrap Up:

S.Res.105 – Centennial of the 41st Division

S.Res.122 – 9-1-1 Education Month

S.Res.128 – National CDH Awareness Month

S.Res.129 – Second Chance Month

S.Res.130 – WWI

S.Res.131 – National Crime Victims

S.Res.133 – UNC Men's Basketball

S.Res.140 – Parkinson's Awareness

S.Res.141 – USC Women's Basketball

S.Res.142 – VA Tech

The Senate will convene on Wednesday, April 26th, 2017 at 9:30 AM. At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #32, R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be Secretary of Labor.
The Senate adjourned at 5:44 PM.

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017

The Senate will then convene at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the following:

Confirmation of Cal. #31, Sonny Perdue to be Secretary of Agriculture.
Cloture on Cal. #34, Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #31, Sonny Perdue to be Secretary of Agriculture.

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

McConnell Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #32, R. Alexander Acosta to be Secretary of Labor. The Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session is agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

Cal. #32, R. Alexander Acosta to be Secretary of Labor. McConnell filed a Motion to Invoke Cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #31, Sonny Perdue to be Secretary of Agriculture. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **87-11-1 present**.

Cal. #34, Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **92-6**.

Cal. #34, Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 25th and proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of the nomination of Cal. #34, Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 6:53 PM.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume Executive Session to consider the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, with two hours of debate equally divided. Upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 11:45 AM.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #33, Neil M. Gorsuch, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **54-45**.

McConnell Motion to Reconsider the vote. Motion to Table the Motion to Reconsider the vote. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.

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

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

Cal. #34, Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General. McConnell filed a motion to invoke cloture on the nomination.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

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

S. 861 (Federal Employee Fair Treatment Act of 2017).

H.R. 1301 (Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2017).

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

The Senate will next convene for a Pro Forma session on the following dates and times:

Monday, April 10th at 1:30 PM

Thursday, April 13th at 8:30 AM

Monday, April 17th at 4:30 PM

Thursday, April 20th at 7:20 PM

The Senate will then convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, April 24th. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the following nominations:

Cal. #31, Sonny Perdue to be Secretary of Agriculture.

Cal. #34, Rod J. Rosenstein to be Deputy Attorney General.

The Senate adjourned at 12:41 PM.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00AM. Following Leader Remarks, the time until the 11:000 AM cloture vote on the Gorsuch nomination be equally divided between Senators Grassley and Feinstein or their designees.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader Remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #33, Neil M. Gorsuch, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture is not agreed to **55-45**.

Sen. McConnell **Motion to Reconsider the Cloture Vote on Cal. #33, Neil M. Gorsuch, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Reconsider is agreed to by a vote of **55-45**.

Sen. Schumer then made a series of parliamentary inquires.

Sen. Schumer **Motion to Postpone the Gorsuch nomination until Monday, April 24, 2017.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion is not agreed to by a vote of **48-52**.

Sen. McConnell raised a point of order that the vote on cloture for all nominations is by majority vote. **The point of order was not sustained by the Chair.** Sen. McConnell then appealed the ruling of the Chair.

Sen. Schumer made a series of parliamentary inquires.

Sen. Schumer **Motion to Adjourn until 5:00 PM.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **48-52**.

Sen. McConnell **Motion to Appeal the ruling of the Chair with respect to the threshold for Invoking Cloture on Nominations being a majority vote.** The question is now, shall the decision of the Chair stands as the judgement of the Senate. Yeas and nays ordered. By a vote of **48-52**, the decision of the Chair does not stand as the decision of the Senate.

Under the Precedent set by the Senate on April 6, 2017, the threshold set for all nominations is now a simple majority vote.

Cal. #33, Neil M. Gorsuch, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **55-45**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM Friday, April 7th. Following Leader Remarks, the Senate will resume Executive Session to consider the nomination of Neil Gorsuch to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, with two hours of debate equally divided. Upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 11:45 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:05.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #24, Elaine Duke to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Senate will vote on the nomination at 12:00 Noon. Following disposition, the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #24, Elaine Duke to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **85-14**.
The Senate recessed from 12:33-2:15 PM.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM and Sen. McConnell moved to proceed to a Legislative Session. Agreed to by **Voice Vote**.
Sen. McConnell **Motion to Proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #33, Neil M. Gorsuch, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Proceed is agreed to by a vote of **55-44**.
The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #33, Neil M. Gorsuch, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
McConnell filed cloture on **Cal. #33, Neil M. Gorsuch, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.**
The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 94 (National Read Aloud Month). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #33, Neil M. Gorsuch, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
S. Res. 117 (Designating the week of April 15, 2017 through April 23, 2017, as National Park Week).
Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Cal. #33, Neil M. Gorsuch, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

S. 861 (A bill to provide for the compensation of federal employees affected by lapses in appropriations).
The bill was read for a second time.

H.R. 1301 (An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 and for other purposes). The bill was read for a second time.

S. Res. 118 (Condemning Hate Crime in any other form of Racism and so forth). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session

Cal. #33, Neil M. Gorsuch, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.
The Senate will convene at 10:00AM Thursday, April 6th. Following Leader Remarks, the time until the cloture vote on the Gorsuch nomination will be equally divided between Senators Grassley and Feinstein or their designees.
The Senate adjourned at 11:28 PM on **Wednesday, April 5th**.

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2017

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM. Following any Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 89 (The Delta Queen bill), with the time until 5:30 PM equally divided. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on passage of S. 89.

Following the disposition of S. 89, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session for consideration of Cal. #24, Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. The Senate is expected to vote on the confirmation of the Duke nomination on Tuesday, April 4th.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

S. 89 (The Delta Queen bill). Laid aside.

S. 544 (To amend Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to modify the termination date for the Veterans Choice Program). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 89 (The Delta Queen bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The bill passed by a vote of **85-12**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #24, Elaine Duke to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 4th and will proceed to Leader remarks. The Senate will then proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #24, Elaine Duke to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Senate will vote on the nomination at 12:00 Noon. Following disposition, the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:02 PM.