

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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. #452, Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, post-cloture.

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

1. Confirmation of Cal. #452, Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
 2. Confirmation of Cal. #530, John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Russia.
- At 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of Cal. #543, Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #452, Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, post-cloture. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **52–39**.

Cal. #530, John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Russia. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **70–22**.

S. Res. 150 (A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that it is the policy of the United States to commemorate the Armenian Genocide through official recognition and remembrance). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Cal. #543, Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. The nomination as confirmed by a vote of **72–18**.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

Conference Report to accompany S. 1790 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020). McConnell filed cloture on the Conference Report.

S. Res. 455 (To authorize representation by the Senate Legal Counsel in the case of Richard R. John Cole vs. Senator Charles Schumer et al). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 23 (A concurrent resolution honoring the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge fought during World War II and so forth). The concurrent resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene for a pro forma session only at 11:45 AM on Friday, December 13.

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 16, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative session and resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany S. 1790 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020).

At 5:30 PM the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Conference Report to accompany S. 1790 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020).

The Senate adjourned at 5:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal #534, Lawrence Vandyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will vote on passage of H.R. 2333 (Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act).

Further votes are expected during today's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #534, Lawrence Vandyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2333 (Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act). Final passage. The bill passed by a vote of **95-0**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #534, Lawrence Vandyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

At 4:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to four roll call votes.

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #534, Lawrence Vandyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #530, John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Russia.
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #543, Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.
4. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #452, Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Cal. #534, Lawrence Vandyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **51-44**.

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Cal. #530, John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Russia. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **69-25**.

Cal. #543, Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote **74-19**.

Cal. #452, Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture as agreed to by a vote of **53-41**.

S 3009 (A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, and establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 12, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and will resume consideration of Cal. #452, Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, post-cloture.

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

1. Confirmation of Cal. #452, Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
2. Confirmation of Cal. #530, John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to Russia.

At 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on confirmation of Cal. #543, Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

The Senate adjourned at 6:28 PM.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #533, Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post cloture.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

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

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #533, Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #534, Lawrence Vandyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
3. Passage of S. 2740, (The Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation and Reform Act).

Further, on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 12:00 Noon, the Senate will vote on passage of H.R. 2333 (Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act).

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #533, Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, 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 proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #533, Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post-cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **53–40**.

Cal #534, Lawrence Vandyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **53–40**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S .2740, (The Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation and Reform Act). The bill was read for the third time. Yeas and Nays ordered. The bill passed by a vote of **91–2**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal #534, Lawrence Vandyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. 3009 (A bill to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process and so forth). The bill was read for the first time. Further readings were objected to and the bill will be placed on the calendar.

H.R. 4566 (Virginia Beach Strong Act). The bill passed by Voice Vote.

H.R. 5363 (Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education Act). The bill passed by Voice Vote.

S. Res. 451 (Congratulating Astronauts Dr. Jessica Yumir and Christina Kock completing the first all-female spacewalk). The resolution passed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal #534, Lawrence Vandyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will vote on passage of H.R. 2333 (Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act).

The Senate adjourned at 6:31 PM.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

The Senate will at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #533, Patrick J. Bumatay to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #533, Patrick J. Bumatay to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #533, Patrick J. Bumatay 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 **47-41**.

S. Res. 448 (Designating December 3, 2019, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #533, Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, post cloture.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM to allow for the weekly caucus meetings.

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

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #533, Patrick J. Bumatay, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #534, Lawrence Vandyke, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.
3. Passage of S. 2740, (The Over-the-Counter Monograph Safety, Innovation and Reform Act).

Further, on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 12:00 Noon, the Senate will vote on passage of H.R. 2333 (Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act).

The Senate adjourned at 6:34 PM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration Cal. #479, Richard Ernest Myers II to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, post-cloture.

At 12:00 noon, the Senate will proceed to two votes:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #479, Richard Ernest Myers II to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina
2. Confirmation of Cal. #489 Sherri A. Lydon to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina

Further, at 1:45 pm, the Senate will vote on confirmation of Cal. #386 Robert M. Duncan to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2025.

H.R. 2486 (An act to authorize mandatory funding programs for historically black colleges). Passed by voice vote.

Cal. #479, Richard Ernest Myers II to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, post-cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **68-21**.

Cal. #489 Sherri A. Lydon to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination as confirmed by a vote of **76-13**.

Cal. #386 Robert M. Duncan to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2025. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination as confirmed by a vote of **89-0**.

Majority Leader McConnell filed cloture on the following nominations:

Cal. #533, Patrick J. Bumatay to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Cal. #534, Lawrence VanDyke to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Cal. #530, John Joseph Sullivan to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Russian Federation.

Cal. #543, Stephen Hahn to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

Cal. #452, Aurelia Skipwith to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. 743 (Merrill's Marauders Congressional Gold Medal Act). The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 Pm on Monday, December 9, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #533, Patrick J. Bumatay to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #533, Patrick J. Bumatay to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

The Senate adjourned at 3:57 PM.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #479 Richard Ernest Myers II to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

At 11:30 AM, there will be three votes on the following:

1. Motion to invoke cloture on Cal. #479 Richard Ernest Myers II to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Cal. #489 Sherri A. Lydon to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina

3. Motion to invoke cloture on Cal. #386 Robert M. Duncan to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2025
Further, at 2:00 PM, there will five votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #353, John Sinatra, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of NY
2. Confirmation of Cal. #478 Sarah Pitlyk to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri
3. Confirmation of Cal. #381 Douglas Cole to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio
4. Confirmation of n Cal. #459 R. Austin Huffaker, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama
5. Confirmation of Cal. #460 David B. Barlow to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Utah

The Senate convened and proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #479 Richard Ernest Myers II to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **72-22**.

Cal. #489 Sherri A. Lydon to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina. Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **79-14**.

Cal. #386 Robert M. Duncan to be a Governor of the U.S. Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2025. Motion to Invoke Cloture. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **91-1**.

Cal. #353, John Sinatra, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of NY. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **75-18**.

Cal. #478 Sarah Pitlyk to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **49-44**.

Cal. #381 Douglas Cole to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **64-29**.

Cal. #459 R. Austin Huffaker, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **89-4**.

Cal. #460 David B. Barlow to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Utah. Yeas and Nays ordered. Confirmed by a vote of **88-4**.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 am on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #479, Richard Ernest Myers II, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, post-cloture. At 12:00 noon, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Myers nomination (NC District Judge) and the Lydon nomination (SC District Judge). At 1:45pm, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the Duncan nomination (Postal Service).

The Senate adjourned at 6:00 pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #347, Eric Komitee to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of NY

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

1. Confirmation of Cal. #347, Eric Komitee to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of NY
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Cal. #353, John Sinatra, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of NY

Following the votes, the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #347, Eric Komitee to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of NY. Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **86-4**.

Cal. #353, John Sinatra, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of NY.

Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **76-16**.

The Senate stands in recess until 2:15 PM.

At 5:00 PM the Senate will proceed to four votes on the following:

1. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #478 Sarah Pitlyk to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #381 Douglas Cole to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio
3. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #459 R. Austin Huffaker, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama
4. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #460 David B. Barlow to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Utah

Cal. #478 Sarah Pitlyk to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **50-43**.

Cal. #381 Douglas Cole to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **61-30**.

Cal. #459 R. Austin Huffaker, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **88-4**.

Cal. #460 David B. Barlow to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Utah. Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **88-4**.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Cal. #479 Richard Ernest Myers II to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina

The Senate adjourned at 6:36 PM.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #503, Dan R. Brouillette, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #503, Dan R. Brouillette, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #347 Eric Komitee to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York

Cal. #503, Dan R. Brouillette, of Texas, to be Secretary of Energy. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **70-15**.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on **Cal. #347 Eric Komitee to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.** The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **81-5**.

H.R. 1138 (To reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project, and for other purposes. Passed by unanimous consent).

S. Res. 318 (To support the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the Sixth Replenishment). Adopted by unanimous consent.

S .Res. 442 (Designating November 2019 as “National Runaway Prevention Month”). Passed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to resume consideration of Cal. #347, Eric Komitee to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of NY

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

1. Confirmation of Cal. #347, Eric Komitee to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of NY
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Cal. #353, John Sinatra, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of NY

Following the votes, the Senate will recess until 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:37 PM.