

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 12 Noon on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

Yesterday, Leader McConnell filed cloture on the veto message on H.R. 6395 (NDAA). Absent a time agreement, the Senate will vote on the cloture motion one hour after the Senate convenes on Friday, January 1, 2021.

As if in Executive Session, Leader McConnell asked unanimous consent that with respect to the Soskin nomination, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action. Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H.R. 4044 (An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to Reauthorize the National Estuary Program). Passed by voice vote.

H.R. 1472 (An act to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 12 Noon on Friday, January 1, 2021. Under the regular order, at 1:00 PM the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Veto Message on H.R. 6395 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021).

The Senate adjourned at 3:38 PM.

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business.

**Motion to proceed to the veto message on H.R. 6395 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021).** The motion was agreed to **80-12**.

Senator McConnell filed cloture on the veto message on H.R. 6395 during Wednesday's session of the Senate. Absent an agreement, the cloture petition will ripen one hour after the Senate convenes [on Friday, January 1, 2021](#).

The Senate will convene at 12 Noon on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

The Senate adjourned at 5:49 PM.

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 12 Noon on Tuesday, December 29, 2020. Roll call votes are possible during today's session of the Senate.

During Tuesday's session, the Senate began the Rule 14 process to place the following bills on the Calendar of Business:

1. [S.5085](#), to increase the additional 2020 recovery rebates, to repeal section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934, and for other purposes.
2. [H.R.9051](#), to increase recovery rebate amounts to \$2,000 for individuals.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of Morning Business.

[At 5:00 PM, the](#) Senate will begin a live quorum. Once a quorum is established, Senator McConnell is expected to make a motion to lay before the Senate the veto message to H.R. 6395 (National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021) and the Senate will proceed to a roll call vote on the motion.

If the motion is successful, Senator McConnell is expected to file cloture on the veto message to H.R. 6395 during Wednesday's session of the Senate.

The Senate adjourned at 3:18 PM.

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon. There are no votes scheduled at this time, but the Senate is expected to consider the omnibus/Covid relief package during today's session.

At approximately [5:30 PM today](#), the Senate is expected to proceed to up to 3 votes in relation to the motions to reconsider the following Executive Nominations:

1. Executive Calendar #712 John Chase Johnson to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.
2. Executive Calendar #904 Eric J. Soskin to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 625 (Encouraging The Government and the People of the United States to buy american). The scott amendment was agreed to. The resolution as amended passed by Voice Vote.

**Motion to proceed to the Motion to Reconsider Executive Calendar #904 Eric J. Soskin to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **48-46**.

**Motion to Reconsider Executive Calendar #904 Eric J. Soskin to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of 48-46.

**Executive Calendar #904 Eric J. Soskin to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and Nays ordered. Cloture invoked by a vote of 48-44.

**Executive Calendar #904 Eric J. Soskin to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation. Motion to Invoke Cloture.** Yeas and Nays ordered. Confirmed by a vote of 48-47.

At approximately 10:45pm the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R.133 (the legislative vehicle for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021).

**Motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 133 (The legislative vehicle for the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021).** Subject to a 60 affirmative vote threshold. The motion to concur was agreed to by a vote of 92-6.

Adopted [S.Res.625](#) with Scott (FL) amendments: encouraging the Government and the people of the United States to "Buy American".

Passed [S.371](#) with Fischer substitute amendment: BUILD Act.

Passed [S.2429](#) with Rubio amendment: Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2019.

Passed [H.R.3250](#): Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools Act of 2020.

Passed [H.R.5472](#): Jimmy Carter National Historical Park Redesignation Act.

Passed [H.R.5126](#): DESCEND Act of 2020.

Agreed to the message to accompany [H.R.1520](#) (7-Day CR).

Agreed to [H.Con.Res.127](#): to correct the enrollment of [H.R.133](#) (title).

Agreed to [H.Con.Res.128](#): to correct the enrollment of [H.R.1520](#) (title).

Adopted [S.Res.774](#): honoring the United Nations World Food Programme on the occasion of being awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize, with amendments.

Adopted [S.Res.682](#): recognizing the devastating explosion that rocked the Port of Beirut on August 4, 2020, and expressing solidarity with the Lebanese people.

Passed Calendar #510, [H.R.3153](#) with Wicker substitute amendment: EFFORT Act.

Passed Calendar #432, [H.R.1492](#): to update the map of, and modify the maximum acreage available for inclusion in, the Yucca House National Monument.

Passed [H.R.2502](#): Transparency in Federal Buildings Projects Act of 2019

Passed [H.R.1418](#): to restore the application of the Federal antitrust laws to the business of health insurance to protect competition and consumers.

#### Executive Business

Confirmed the following nominations:

PN1938 - C. Kevin Blackstone, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

PN2024 - Cynthia Kierscht, of Minnesota, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

PN2101 - Brian D. McFeeters, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Malaysia.

PN2030 - David Reimer, of Ohio, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Sierra Leone.

PN2025 - Geeta Pasi, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

The Senate stands adjourned to convene for pro forma sessions with no business conducted on the following dates and times:

Thursday, December 24th at 10:00 AM.

Monday, December 28th at 10:00 AM.

When the Senate adjourns on Monday, it will next convene at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, December 29th.

On Tuesday, December 29th, following Leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business with senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each. Roll call votes are possible during Tuesday's session of the Senate.

The Senate adjourned at 1:47 AM.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #758, Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

At approximately 1:30pm, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Noland nomination.

If cloture is invoked, there will be up to 2 hours of debate prior to two votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #758, Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #591, Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

If cloture is invoked on the Aenlle-Rocha nomination, the confirmation vote is expected to occur during Sunday's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Executive Calendar #758, Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.** Yeas and Nays ordered, The motion was agreed to by a vote of **84-5**.

**Executive Calendar #758, Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, post-cloture.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **84-5**.

**Executive Calendar #591, Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **82-7**.

**Executive Calendar #591 Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.** The nomination was confirmed **81-8**.

Passed by Unanimous consent today in the Senate, or by voice vote where noted:

\*S. 2827, establishing the US African American Burial grounds network within the National Park Service. (Voice vote)

\*H.R. 4031, amending the federal water pollution control act to reauthorize the great lake restoration initiative.

S. 2716, amending the Grand Ronde Reservation Act. Passed by UC.

S. 3100, conveying land in Anchorage Alaska to the Tribal Health Consortium. Passed by UC.

S. 4556, authorizing the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the director of the Indian Health Service to acquire land. Passed by UC.

S. 3099, providing for the conveyance of certain property in the southeast Alaskan regional health consortium in Sitka, Alaska. Passed by UC.

S.3948, amending the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children. (voice vote)

S. 2346, improving the fishery resource disaster relief program of the national marine fishery service. (with a Wicker substitute amendment)(voice vote)

HR 6535, deeming an urban Indian organization and employees thereof to be a part of the Public Health Service. (voice vote)

HR 1240, preserving US fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fisherman. Passed by UC.

S. 3952, requiring the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons who have engaged in significant theft of trade secrets of US persons, with a Van Hollen amendment. (voice vote)

S. 5076, authorizing the Sergeant at Arms to delegate authority to approve payroll and personnel actions. Passed by UC.

PN 2329, 2330, 2331. Executive calendar nominations 936 through 946 and all nominations on the secretary's desk in the military. Passed by UC.

**HJ Res 110, the 1 Day CR. (voice vote)**

HR 5458, modifying the boundary of the rocky mountain national park. (voice vote)

HR 7460, extending the authority for the establishment by the peace corps commemorative foundation. (voice vote)

HR 5852, redesignate the Weir Farm national historic site. (voice vote)

The Senate will convene [on Monday December 21 at 12:00 Noon](#). There are no votes scheduled at this time, but the Senate is expected to consider the omnibus/Covid relief package during Monday's session.

The Senate adjourned [on Sunday at 9:43 PM](#).

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 11:00 AM and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #895, Thompson Michael Dietz, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims. At 12:00 noon, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Dietz nomination.

If cloture is invoked on the Dietz nomination and no further agreement is reached, there would be up to 2 hours of post-cloture debate prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Following disposition of the Dietz nomination, the Senate will vote on cloture on Executive Calendar #712, John Chase Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.

**Executive Calendar #895 Thompson Michael Dietz to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **50-37**.

At approximately 2:35 PM, the Senate will proceed to two votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Cal. #895 Thompson Michael Dietz to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Cal. #712 John Chase Johnson to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.

**Executive Calendar #895 Thompson Michael Dietz to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years, post-cloture.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **51-36**.

**Executive Calendar #712 John Chase Johnson to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **39-48**.

**[Executive Calendar #904, Eric J. Soskin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation.](#)** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **39-48**.

Motion to invoke cloture on Beth Harwell, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; invoked: 61-25.

Confirmation of Beth Harwell, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority; confirmed: 59-25.

House amendment to S.1694 (Human Heritage in Space). Motion to concur agreed to by Voice Vote.

S.Res.458 (Global repeal blasphemy, heresy, and apostasy laws). The Lankford amendments were agreed to. The resolution as amended was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2204 (DART Act). The committee reported substitute amendment was agreed to. The bill as amended passed by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 7898 (Amend Health Information Tech for Economic and Clinical Health Act). The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2683 (Child Care Protection Improvement Act). The bill passed by Voice Vote.

House amendment to S. 3989 (US Semiquincentennial). The motion to concur was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 5459 (Rocky Mountain National Park). The bill passed by Voice Vote.

The Senate adjourned [at 6:48 p.m.](#) and will return on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Brian Noland to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring [May 18, 2024](#).

[At 1:30 p.m. on Sunday](#), the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Brian Noland to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, there would be up to 2 hours of post-cloture debate prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Following disposition of the Noland nomination, the Senate will vote on cloture on the nomination of Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

If cloture is invoked on the Aenlle-Rocha nomination, the confirmation vote is expected to occur during Sunday's session.

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020**

The Senate stands adjourned until 10:00am on Friday, December 18, 2020.

Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of [Executive Calendar #591](#), Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

There are no votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Executive session.

Confirmed by voice vote: Executive Calendar #836 Charles A. Stones to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Passed by voice vote: H.J.Res.107, 2 Day Continuing Resolution.

At 11:00 AM Saturday, following Leaders' remarks the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #895, Thompson Michael Dietz, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

At Noon, the Senate will conduct a cloture VOTE on the Dietz nomination. Further votes are expected Saturday.

If cloture is invoked on the Dietz nomination and no further agreement is reached, there would be up to 2 hours of post-cloture debate prior to a vote on confirmation of the nomination. Following disposition of the Dietz nomination, the Senate will vote on cloture on the Johnson nomination (IG FCC).

Additional roll call votes are expected during Saturday's session.

On Friday evening, cloture was vitiated on the Stones nomination (Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cloture has been filed on the following nominations:

1. [Executive Calendar #895](#), Thompson Michael Dietz, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims
2. [Executive Calendar #712](#), John Chase Johnson, of Oklahoma, to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.
3. [Executive Calendar #904](#), Eric J. Soskin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation
4. [Executive Calendar #757](#), Beth Harwell, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority
5. [Executive Calendar #758](#), Brian Noland, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority
6. [Executive Calendar #591](#), Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California

Senate adjourned at 7:06 PM.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 17, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #934 Charles Edward Atchley, Jr. to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to two votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #934 Charles Edward Atchley, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #935 Zachary N. Somers to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Executive Calendar #934 Charles Edward Atchley, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **54-41**.

**Executive Calendar #935 Zachary N. Somers to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.** Motion to invoke cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **52-42**.

**Executive Calendar #935, Zachary N. Somers to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.** The Senate confirmed the nomination by a vote of **52-43**.

Leader McConnell filed cloture on the following nominations:

Executive Calendar #895 Thompson Michael Dietz to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Executive Calendar #712 John Chase Johnson to be Inspector General, Federal Communications Commission.

Executive Calendar #904 Eric J. Soskin to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

Executive Calendar #757 Beth Harwell to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2024.

Executive Calendar #758 Brian Noland to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2024.

Executive Calendar #836 Charles A. Stones to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation.

Executive Calendar #591 Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

S. 1782 (A bill to add suicide prevention resources to school identification cards). Passed by voice vote.

H.R. 2610, Fraud and Scam Reduction Act with the Wicker substitute amendment. Passed as amended by voice vote.

S. 481, Nicholas and Zachary Burt Memorial Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act of 2019 with the Klobuchar amendment was passed by unanimous consent.

S. 3248, United States Anti-Doping Agency Reauthorization Act with the Moran substitute amendment was passed by unanimous consent.

H.R. 6435, Combating Pandemic Scams Act. Passed by unanimous consent.

H.R. 2468, School-Based Allergies and Asthma Management Program Act. Passed by voice vote.

S. 1681, Advancing Education on Biosimilars Act of 2019 with the Alexander substitute amendment was passed by unanimous consent.

S.Res. 805, providing for staff transition for a Senator if the results of the election for an additional term of office of the Senator have not been certified. Passed by unanimous consent.

H.R. 6192, 1921 Silver Dollar Coin Anniversary Act. Passed by unanimous consent.

H.R. 1923, Circulating Collectible Coin Redesign Act with the Cortez Masto amendment. Passed by unanimous consent.

En bloc consideration of post office naming bills. Passed by unanimous consent.

H.R. 6016, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at [14955 West Bell Road in Surprise, Arizona](#), as the "Marc Lee Memorial Post Office Building". Passed by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, December 18, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #591, Fernando L. Aenlle-Rocha to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. There are no votes scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 7:01 PM.

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #932, Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, post-cloture.

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

1. Executive Calendar #932, Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #933, Joseph Dawson III to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Executive Calendar #932, Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **48–47**.

**Executive Calendar #933, Joseph Dawson III to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **56–39**.

**Executive Calendar #933, Joseph Dawson III to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina, post-cloture.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **56–39**.

**Executive Calendar #934 Charles Edward Atchley, Jr. 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 **54–41**.

The following nominations were confirmed en bloc:

Cal. #867, Anna Maria Ruzinski, of Wisconsin, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Wisconsin for the term of four years, vice Kevin Anthony Carr, term expired. Cal. #868, Gregory Scott Tabor, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years, vice Harold Michael Oglesby, term expired.

The following nominations were confirmed En bloc:

PN 2398, Irving Bailey to be a member of the Board of Directors of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

PN 2603, Devon J. Parack to be a member of the Board of Directors of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

House Message to Accompany S. 1130 (Scarlett's Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act). The motion to concur was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 8810 (National Landslide Preparedness Act). The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

House Message to Accompany S. 914 (Coordinated Ocean Observations and Research Act of 2020). The Motion to Concur was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 221 (Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act). The Rubio substitute amendment was agreed to. The bill as amended was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 5036 (A bill to amend the overtime pay for protective services act of 2016 to extend the Secret Services overtime pay exception through 2023 and for other purposes). The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 803 (Designating room S. 124 of the United States Capitol as the U.S. Senator Margaret Chase room and designating S. 115 of the US Capitol as the Barbara Mikulski room in recognizing their service to the Senate and the people of the United States). The resolution was agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 1387 (Consider Teachers Act). The Braun amendment was agreed to. The bill passed by Voice Vote.

S. 3287 (CFO Vision Act of 2020). The Enzi amendment was agreed to. The Committee reported substitute amendment was agreed to. The bill as amended passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. 2513 (Reporting Efficiently to Proper Officials in Response to Terrorism Act of 2019). The Committee reported substitute amendment was agreed to. The bill as amended passed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 17, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #934 Charles Edward Atchley, Jr. to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

At 11:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to two votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #934 Charles Edward Atchley, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #935 Zachary N. Somers to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Additional votes are expected.

The Senate adjourned at 6:27 PM.

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020**

The Senate stands adjourned until 10:00am on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of [Executive Calendar #931](#), Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be US Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, post-cloture.

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

All time during recess, adjournment, Leader remarks, and morning business will count post-cloture on the Kirsch nomination.

Roll call votes are possible during Tuesday's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

At 5:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes:

1. **Confirmed, 51-44:** Executive Calendar #931 Thomas L. Kirsch II to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.
2. **Invoked, 48-47:** Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #932 Katherine A. Crytzer to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Confirmed by voice vote: Executive Calendar #875 Julie D. Fisher, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Belarus.

The Senate stands adjourned until 10:00am on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #932, Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Easter District of Tennessee, post-cloture.

At 11:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the confirmation of the Crytzer nomination. Following disposition of the Crytzer nomination, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Dawson nomination.

Additional roll call votes are expected during Wednesday's session in relation to the pending nominations.

Passed by Unanimous Consent:

H.R. 7259: Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act

H.R. 8354: Service Members and Veterans Initiative Act of 2020

Res. 801: Authorizing the use of the atrium in the Hart Office Building for a piano performance by Senator Lamar Alexander

S. 3152: A Bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps.

H.R. 4356: An act to amend the service members' civil relief act to allow certain individuals to terminate contracts for telephone, multichannel video programming or internet access service and for other purposes.

S. 2032: A bill to expand research on marijuana.

S. 2054: A Bill to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens and Sean Smith in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

H.R. 6100: Strengthening the Opposition to Female Genital Mutilation Act of 2020 or STOP FGM Act of 2020.

The Senate adjourned at 6:55 PM

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020**

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 14, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration Executive Calendar #931 Thomas L. Kirsch II to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #931 Thomas L. Kirsch II to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

On Friday, December 10, Leader McConnell filed cloture on the following nominations:  
Executive Calendar #931 Thomas L. Kirsch II to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.  
Executive Calendar #932 Katherine A. Crytzer to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Leader McConnell filed cloture on the following nominations:  
Executive Calendar #933, Joseph Dawson III to be U.S. District Judge for the District of South Carolina.  
Executive Calendar #934, Charles Edward Atchley, Jr. to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.  
Executive Calendar #935, Zachary N. Somers to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

S. 5014 (A bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide for automatic continuing resolutions). The bill was read for the second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill was placed on the Calendar.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #931, Thomas L. Kirsch II to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.** The Motion was agreed to by a vote of **51-42**.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations:

#### COAST GUARD

Exec. [Cal. #907](#) - The following to be Rear Admiral (Lower Half):

Capt. Michael H. Day

Capt. Mary M. Dean

Capt. Charles E. Fosse

Capt. Chad L. Jacoby

Capt. Carola J. G. List

Capt. Michael W. Raymond

Capt. Edward M. St. Pierre

#### MARINE CORPS

Exec. [Cal. #915](#) – Brig. Gen. Austin E. Renforth to be Major General

#### ARMY

Exec. [Cal. #916](#) – Col. Guy M. Jones to be Brigadier General

#### AIR FORCE

Exec. [Cal. #917](#) – Lt. Gen. Michael T. Plehn to be Lieutenant General

#### NAVY

Exec. [Cal. #918](#) – Rear Adm. Jeffrey W. Hughes to be Vice Admiral

#### AIR FORCE

Exec. [Cal. #919](#) – The following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Patrick J. Cobb

Brig. Gen. Nicholas A. Gentile, Jr.

Brig. Gen. Michael T. Gerock

Brig. Gen. Duke A. Pirak

Brig. Gen. Darrin E. Slaten

[Cal. #920](#) – The following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Matthew D. Dinmore

Brig. Gen. Gene W. Hughes, Jr.

Brig. Gen. Toni M. Lord

Brig. Gen. Peter Nezamis

Brig. Gen. Gregg A. Perez

Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Suelzer

Brig. Gen. Mark A. Weber

Exec. [Cal. #921](#) – The following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. Sandra L. Best

Brig. Gen. Charles G. Jeffries

Brig. Gen. James C. McEachen

Brig. Gen. Shanna M. Woyak

Brig. Gen. Brett A. Wyrick

Exec. [Cal. #922](#) – The following to be Major General:

Brig. Gen. James R. Camp

Brig. Gen. Thomas F. Grabowski

Brig. Gen. Paul E. Knapp

Brig. Gen. Richard R. Neely

Brig. Gen. Torrence W. Saxe

Exec. [Cal. #923](#) – Brig. Gen. Barry A. Blanchard to be Major General

Exec. [Cal. #924](#) – Col. Tara D. McKennie to be Brigadier General

Exec. [Cal. #925](#) – The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Matthew A. Barker

Col. Matthew A. Bourassa

Col. Michael J. Bruno

Col. Michael O. Cadle

Col. John J. Campo

Col. David J. Ciesielski

Col. Alice A. Clark

Col. David V. Cochran

Col. Lynn E. Cole

Col. John M. Cosgrove

Col. Kurt R. Davis

Col. Jason D. Dickinson

Col. Leon J. Dodroe

Col. Daniel M. Fesler

Col. Emil J. Filkorn

Col. Robert T. Gregory

Col. David B. Johnson

Col. Michele L. Kilgore

Col. Bradford U. Larson

Col. Victor R. Macias

Col. Dean B. Martin, Jr.

Col. Daniel R. McDonough

Col. Allison C. Miller

Col. Mark W. Mitchum

Col. Michelle R. Mulberry

Col. Billy F. Murphy, Jr.

Col. John R. O'Connor

Col. David A. Preisman

Col. Jori A. Robinson

Col. Shannon D. Smith

Col. Bryony A. Terrell

Exec. [Cal. #926](#) – The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. Jeffrey R. Alexander

Col. Mark A. Goodwill

Col. Mark A. Muckey

Col. Rick L. Mutchler

Exec. [Cal. #927](#) – The following to be Brigadier General:

Col. John H. Bondhus

Col. Jeffrey D. Coats

Col. Sean F. Conroy

Col. Michael L. Cornell

Col. Edward H. Evans, Jr.

Col. Christopher K. Faurot

Col. Lawrence P. Hager

Col. David M. Houghland

Col. Catherine M. Jumper

Col. Julio R. Lairt

Col. William M. Leahy

Col. James R. Parry

Col. Lyle D. Shidla

Col. Todd R. Starbuck

Col. Melinda L. Sutton

Col. Michael T. Venerdi

Col. Peter L. Zalewski

Exec. [Cal. #928](#) – Col. Denise M. Donnell to be Brigadier General

Exec. [Cal. #929](#) – Col. Anthony D. Stratton to be Brigadier General

And all nominations on the Secretary's Desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

Agreed to [S.Con.Res.52](#), Enrollment correction to [S.3312](#).

Passed Calendar #514, [S.2597](#), LEGEND Act of 2019, w/Thune amdt

Passed [H.R.4704](#), Advancing Research to Prevent Suicide Act, w/Wicker amdt

Passed [S.1636](#), Ensuring Innovation Act, w/Alexander amdt

Completed the Rule 14 process to place on the Legislative Calendar of Business [S.5014](#), Government Shutdown Prevention Act of 2020 (Paul).

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #931, Thomas L. Kirsch II to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, post-cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. Roll call votes are expected during Tuesday's session of the Senate but are not scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 7:09 PM.

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 6395 (National Defense Authorization Act). At 10:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to invoke Cloture on the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 6395 (National Defense Authorization Act).

Additional roll call votes are possible during Friday's session of the Senate.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

Leader McConnell filed cloture on the following nominations:

Executive Calendar #931 Thomas L. Kirsch II to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Executive Calendar #932 Katherine A. Crytzer to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**Conference Report to accompany H.R. 6395 (National Defense Authorization Act).** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **84-13**.

At 12:30pm today, the Senate will proceed to a vote on passage of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 6395, NDAA.

**Conference Report to accompany H.R. 6395 (National Defense Authorization Act), post-cloture.** Yeas and Nays ordered. Passed with a vote of **84-13**.

H.R. 8900 (An Act making further continuing appropriations for Fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes). The bill was agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. 5014 (A bill to amend Title 31, United States Code, to provide for Automatic Continuing Resolutions). The bill was read for the first time. Further readings were objected to and the bill as placed on the calendar.

House Message to Accompany S. 461 (HBCU PARTNERS Act). Motion to Concur agreed to by Voice Vote.

H.R. 4764 (TRANSPLANT Act of 2020). The Alexander substitute amendment was agreed to. The bill as amended was agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 14, 2020. Following Leader remarks. The Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration Executive Calendar #931 Thomas L. Kirsch II to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #931 Thomas L. Kirsch II to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

The Senate adjourned at 2:21 PM.

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020**

The Senate stands adjourned until 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 10, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 6395 (National Defense Authorization Act). Leader McConnell filed cloture on the Conference Report yesterday.

Votes are expected during today's session.

The Senate stands adjourned until 9:30am on Friday, December 11, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany [H.R.6395](#), National Defense Authorization Act.

**At 10:30am**, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report. Additional roll call votes are possible during Friday's session of the Senate.

### **Legislative Business**

Passed [S.1031](#), with Hawley substitute amendment: to implement recommendations related to the safety of amphibious passenger vessels, and for other purposes.

Passed [H.R.1520](#), with Alexander substitute amendment: to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the publication of a list of licensed biological products, and for other purposes.

Concurred in the House amendment to S. 1342: to require the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere to update periodically the environmental sensitivity index products of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for each coastal area of the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

Passed Calendar #333, S. 1310, with Wicker-Cardin substitute amendment: to strengthen participation of elected national legislators in the activities of the Organization of American States and reaffirm United States support for Organization of American States human rights and anti-corruption initiatives, and for other purposes.

Adopted [S.Res.799](#): designating December 2020 as “National Impaired Driving Prevention Month”.

Passed Calendar #560, [S.2730](#): to establish and ensure an inclusive transparent Drone Advisory Committee.

Passed [S.633](#), with Moran substitute amendment: to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the members of the Women's Army Corps who were assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, known as the "Six Triple Eight" with a Moran substitute amendment.

Passed [H.R.1925](#), with Gillibrand substitute amendment: to designate the Manhattan Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs as the "Margaret Cochran Corbin Campus of the New York Harbor Health Care System".

Passed [H.R.4983](#): to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Gilbert, Arizona, as the "Staff Sergeant Alexander W. Conrad Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic".

Passed [H.R.4983](#): to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Gilbert, Arizona, as the "Staff Sergeant Alexander W. Conrad Veterans Affairs Health Care Clinic".

Concurred in the House amendment to [S.900](#): to designate the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Bozeman, Montana, as the "Travis W. Atkins Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic".

The Senate adjourned at 7:09 PM.

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020**

The Senate stands adjourned under the provisions of [S.Res.797](#) until 10:00am on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of [Executive Calendar #912](#), Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

During Tuesday's session of the Senate, the cloture motions with respect to Executive Calendar #912, #913, and #914 were withdrawn. At 11:00am, the Senate will vote on confirmation of the following nominations, in the order listed:

1. Executive Calendar #912, Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.
2. Executive Calendar #913, Shana Broussard, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.
3. Executive Calendar #914, Sean Cooksey, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

Following disposition of the Cooksey nomination, Senator Menendez, or his designee, will be recognized to make motions to discharge [S.J.Res.77](#) and [S.J.Res.78](#); if either motion is made, there will be 4 hours of debate concurrently on the motions, equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the Joint Resolutions, with Senator Menendez controlling 15 minutes of proponent time immediately prior to the first vote. Upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate will vote on the motions to discharge [S.J.Res.77](#) and [S.J.Res.78](#), in the order listed.

11:00am – 3 roll call votes:

1. Confirmation of [Executive Calendar #912](#), Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.
2. Confirmation of [Executive Calendar #913](#), Shana Broussard, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.
3. Confirmation of [Executive Calendar #914](#), Sean Cooksey, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**[Executive Calendar #912](#), Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.**

S. 3451 (FASTER Act of 2020 ). The Scott (SC) amendment was agreed to. The bill as amended was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

**[Executive Calendar #912](#), Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **47-49**

**[Executive Calendar #913](#), Shana Broussard, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **92-4**

**[Executive Calendar #914](#), Sean Cooksey, of Missouri, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **50-46**

Circa 4:30 PM - 2 roll call votes:

1. Motion to discharge [J.Res.77](#): providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services (remotely piloted aircraft)
2. Motion to discharge [J.Res.78](#): providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services (F-35)

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

**4:29pm the Senate began a 15 minute roll call vote on the motion to discharge [S.J.Res.77](#) (re: UAE arms sales resolution of disapproval). Not agreed to: 46-50.**

**5:12pm the Senate began a 15 minute roll call vote on motion to discharge [S.J.Res.78](#): providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services (F-35). Not agreed to: 47-49.**

Leader McConnell filed cloture on the Conference Report to accompany H.R. 6395 (National Defense Authorization Act).

The Senate stands adjourned until 10:00am on Thursday, December 10, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of the conference report to accompany [H.R.6395](#), National Defense Authorization Act.

Votes are expected during Thursday's session.

### **Legislative Business:**

Passed [S.3451](#), with Scott (SC) substitute amendment: FASTER Act.

Passed [H.R.7105](#), with Moran-Tester substitute amendment: Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020.

Passed Calendar #511, [S.3418](#) with Peters substitute amendment: STORM Act.

Passed [S.2315](#): Whistleblower Act.

Passed [S.4996](#): Bankruptcy Administration Improvement Act.

The Senate adjourned at 7:01 PM.

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session for consideration of Executive Calendar #911, Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, under the previous order.

At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Simington nomination.

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

At 4:00 PM, the Senate will resume Executive Session and will proceed to two roll call votes under the previous order:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #649, Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #911, Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission (if cloture invoked).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Executive Calendar #911, Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **49–47**.

The Senate recessed until 2:15 PM.

**Executive Calendar #649, Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **49–47**.

**Executive Calendar #911, Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **49–46**.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 797 (Honoring the life and achievements of Former United States Senator Paul Spyros Sarbanes and expressing condolence to the family of Paul Spyros Sarbanes on his passing). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Message to Accompany S. 1869 (Secure Federal LEASEs Act). Motion to Concur was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Con. Res. 51 (Correcting the enrollment of S. 1869). The concurrent resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3729 (Motor Carrier Safety Grant Relief Act of 2020). The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. 4138 (Telework for U.S. Innovation Act). The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. 4460 (State Veterans Homes Domiciliary Care Flexibility Act). The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 5663 (Safeguarding Therapeutics Act). The Alexander amendment was agreed to. The bill as amended passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. 3325 (PARENTS Act of 2020). The bill was agreed to by Voice Vote.

The following cloture motions were withdrawn:

Executive Calendar #912, Allen Dickerson to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2025

Executive Calendar #913, Shana M. Broussard to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023.

Executive Calendar #914, Sean J. Cooksey to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2021.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Following leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration Executive Calendar #912, Allen Dickerson to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2025.

At 11:00 AM, there will be three votes:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #912, Allen Dickerson to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2025
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #913, Shana M. Broussard to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023.
3. Confirmation Executive Calendar #914, Sean J. Cooksey to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2021.

Following the disposition of the Cooksey nomination, the Senate will proceed to Legislative session where Senator Menendez or his designee will make motions to discharge S.J. Res. 77 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services) and S.J. Res. 78 (A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services).

If either motion is made there will be four hours of debate concurrently on the motions equally divided. Upon the use or yielding back of time, at approximately 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two votes:

1. Motion to Discharge S. J. Res. 77
2. Motion to Discharge S. J. Res. 78

The Senate adjourned at 7:45 PM.

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 7, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #649, Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Schwartz nomination.

On Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Leader McConnell filed cloture on Executive Calendar #911, Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Leader remarks.

Leader McConnell has filed cloture on the following nominations:

Executive Calendar #912, Allen Dickerson to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2025.

Executive Calendar #913, Shana M. Broussard to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2023.

Executive Calendar #914, Sean J. Cooksey to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission for a term expiring April 30, 2021.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #649, Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.** The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **48-46**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Passed Calendar #502, H.R.4761: DHS Opioid Detection Resilience Act.

Passed Calendar #530, H.R.5273: Securing America's Ports Act.

Passed H.R.1503, with Alexander substitute amendment: Orange Book Transparency Act of 2019.

Adopted S.Res.795: relating to the death of the Honorable Roger William Jepsen, former United States Senator for the State of Iowa.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session for consideration of Executive Calendar #911, Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, under the previous order.

At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Simington nomination.

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

At 4:00 PM, the Senate will resume Executive Session and will proceed to two roll call votes under the previous order:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #649, Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.
2. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #911, Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission (if cloture invoked).

The Senate adjourned at 6:39 PM.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM.

At 11:30 AM the Senate will proceed to 2 votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Exec. Cal. #761 Christopher Waller to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2016.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #842 Liam P. Hardy to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

At 1:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #842 Liam P. Hardy to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law (if cloture is invoked).

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

**Exec. Cal. #761, Christopher Waller to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2016.** The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **48-47**.

**Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #842, Liam P. Hardy to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.** The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of **61-34**.

**Executive Calendar #842, Liam P. Hardy to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.** The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **59-34**.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

The Senate stand adjourned until 3:00 PM Monday, December 7, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #649, Stephen Sidney Schwartz, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Confirmed Executive Calendar #568, Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Passed H.R. 473: Every Word We Utter Monument

Agreed to H.Con.Res. 125, Enrollment Correction of H.R. 1830

Adopted S.Res. 791 National College Application Month

Adopted S.Res 792 Senate Legal Counsel

Adopted S.Res 793 Naval Air Station Pensacola 2019 attack anniversary

Passed En Bloc Postal Naming Bills:

**H.R. 2246** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 West Cherokee Street in Brookhaven, Mississippi, as the "Deputy Donald William Durr, Corporal Zach Moak, and Patrolman James White Memorial Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 4279** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 445 Main Street in Laceyville, Pennsylvania, as the "Melinda Gene Piccotti Post Office".)

**S. 4409** (A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Illinois, as the "Lawrence M. 'Larry' Walsh Sr. Post Office".)

**H.R. 2969** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1401 1st Street North in Winter Haven, Florida, as the "Althea Margaret Daily Mills Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 3275** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 340 Wetmore Avenue in Grand River, Ohio, as the "Lance Corporal Andy 'Ace' Nowacki Post Office".)

**H.R. 3847** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 West Poythress Street in Hopewell, Virginia, as the "Reverend Curtis West Harris Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 3870** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 West 165th Street in New York, New York, as the "Normandia Maldonado Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 4034** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 602 Pacific Avenue in Bremerton, Washington, as the "John Henry Turpin Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 4200** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 321 South 1st Street in Montrose, Colorado, as the "Sergeant David Kinterknecht Post Office".)

**H.R. 4672** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 21701 Stevens Creek Boulevard in Cupertino, California, as the "Petty Officer 2nd Class (SEAL) Matthew G. Axelson Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 4785** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1305 U.S. Highway 90 West in Castroville, Texas, as the "Lance Corporal Rhonald Dain Rairdan Post Office".)

**H.R. 4975** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1201 Sycamore Square Drive in Midlothian, Virginia, as the "Dorothy Braden Bruce Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 5062** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9930 Conroy Windermere Road in Windermere, Florida, as the "Officer Robert German Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 5317** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 315 Addicks Howell Road in Houston, Texas, as the "Deputy Sandeep Singh Dhaliwal Post Office Building".)

**S. 4684** (A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 Arapahoe Street in Thermopolis, Wyoming, as the "Robert L. Brown Post Office".)

**H.R. 2454** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 East Sharpfish Street in Rosebud, South Dakota, as the "Ben Reifel Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 3005** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13308 Midland Road in Poway, California, as the "Ray Chavez Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 3680** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 415 North Main Street in Henning, Tennessee, as the "Paula Croom Robinson and Judy Spray Memorial Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 4725** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8585 Criterion Drive in Colorado Springs, Colorado, as the "Chaplain (Capt.) Dale Goetz Memorial Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 4875** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2201 E. Maple Street in North Canton, Ohio, as the "Lance Cpl. Stacy 'Annie' Dryden Post Office".)

**H.R. 4971** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 East Market Street in Leesburg, Virginia, as the "Norman Duncan Post Office Building".)

**H.R. 5307** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 115 Nicol Avenue in Thomasville, Alabama, as the "Postmaster Robert Ingram Post Office".)

**H.R. 5954** (To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 108 West Maple Street in Holly, Michigan, as the "Holly Veterans Memorial Post Office".)

At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Schwartz nomination. Cloture has also been filed on Executive Calendar #911, Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission.

The Senate Adjourned at 5:08 PM

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #835, Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

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

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #835, Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #650, Kathryn C. Davis, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.
3. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #761, Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

At approximately 2:00pm, Senator-elect Mark Kelly is expected to swear in as Senator of the State of Arizona.

If cloture is invoked on the Davis nomination, at 2:05pm, all post-cloture time will be considered expired, and the Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination.

Additional votes are possible.

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

Motion to go to conference on H.R. 6395 (NDAA), as amended, was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Executive Calendar #835, Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **56–39**.

**Executive Calendar #650, Kathryn C. Davis, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **51–44**.

**Executive Calendar #761, Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **50–45**.

**Executive Calendar #650, Kathryn C. Davis, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, post-cloture.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **51–45**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**S.578 (ALS Disability Insurance Access Act).**

At approximately 4 PM today, the Senate will proceed to 2 votes:

1. Adoption of the Grassley amendment to S. 578 (ALS Disability Insurance Access Act). **Not adopted, 48-49**
2. Passage of S.578, as amended, if amended. Both votes require a 60 vote affirmative threshold. **Passed, 96-1: S.578, ALS Disability Insurance Access Act.**

There are no further roll call votes scheduled during today's session of the Senate.

The Senate stands adjourned until 10:00 AM on Thursday, December, 3, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will resume consideration of Executive Calendar #761, Christopher Waller, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, post-cloture.

Adopted the Following Resolutions:

Res. 783: National Hospice and Palliative Care Month

Res. 784: Diabetes Month

Res. 785: Stomach Cancer Awareness Month

Res. 786: Wreaths Across America Day

Res. 787: Adoption Month and Adoption Day

H.R. 1044: Fairness for High-Skilled Immigrants Act, with Lee substitute amendment

H.R. 3349: To authorize the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to establish the Republic of Texas Legation Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3465: To Authorize the Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs.

S. 434: A bill to provide for a report on the maintenance of Federal land holdings under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior.

S. 496: To preserve United States fishing heritage through a national program dedicated to training and assisting the next generation of commercial fishermen, with Sullivan amendment S. 910, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act

S.1069: Digital Coast Act

At 11:30 AM the Senate will proceed to 2 votes on the following:

1. Confirmation of Exec. Cal. #761 Christopher Waller to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2016.
2. Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar #842 Liam P. Hardy to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

Further, if cloture is invoked, At 1:45pm on 12/3, the Senate will proceed to a vote on confirmation of Executive Calendar #842 Liam P. Hardy to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for the term of fifteen years to expire on the date prescribed by law.

The Senate adjourned at 7:16 PM

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #893, Taylor B. McNeel, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

There will be two votes at 11:00 AM:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #893, Taylor B. McNeel, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #864, J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio

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

The Senate will proceed to two additional votes at 2:15 PM:

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #864, J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #835, Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board+

The Senate convened and proceeded to Leader remarks.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

**Executive Calendar #893, Taylor B. McNeel, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.** The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **53-39**.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #864, J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.** The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of **58-35**.

By unanimous consent, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Democratic Leader, the Senate will proceed to S. 578 (ALS Disability Insurance Access Act of 2019). The only amendment in order will be an amendment to be offered by Senator Grassley, the text of which is at the desk. The Senate will vote on adoption of the Grassley amendment and upon disposition of the amendment, the bill as amended if amended will be read a third time and the Senate will vote on passage of the bill as amended if amended. Finally, adoption of the amendment in passage of the bill will require 60 affirmative votes.

At 12:20 PM, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 PM.

**Executive Calendar #864, J. Philip Calabrese, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.** Yeas and Nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **58-35**.

**Executive Calendar #835, Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.** Motion to Invoke Cloture. Yeas and Nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **56-37**.

The Senate proceeded to a Period of Morning Business.

S. 1153 (Stop Student Debt Relief Scams Act of 2019). The bill passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 780 (Designating November 2020 as National Lung Cancer Awareness Month). The resolution was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

House Message to Accompany S. 1982 (Save Our Seas 2.0 Act). Motion to Concur was agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Following Leader remarks, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar #835, Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.

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

1. Confirmation of Executive Calendar #835, Kyle Hauptman, of Maine, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board.
2. Motion to Invoke Cloture on Executive Calendar #650, Kathryn C. Davis, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims.

Additional votes are possible.

The Senate adjourned at 6: 52 PM.