

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill). The Senate will recess from 10:40 AM-12:00 PM for the Joint Meeting of Congress with the Prime Minister of Ireland.

H.R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill).

Rockefeller amend #4585 (Substitute amendment). The amendment is considered as original text for amendment purposes. Laid aside.

Durbin amend #4587 (To strike the provision relating to required funding of new accruals under air carrier pension plans). Laid aside.

The Senate recessed at 10:30 AM for the Joint Meeting of Congress with the Prime Minister of Ireland.

The Senate reconvened at 12:00 noon.

H.R. 5715 (Continue to Ensure Availability to the Federal Student Loan Program). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill).

Rockefeller amend #4585 (Substitute amendment). Withdrawn.

Rockefeller amend #4627 (Substitute amendment without the pension language contained in the previous Rockefeller substitute amendment). Laid aside.

Reid amend #4628 (Perfecting amendment). Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amend #4629 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #4628 (Perfecting amendment). Laid aside.

Reid amend #4630 (Perfecting amendment). Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amend #4631 (Perfecting amendment) to Reid amend #4630 (Perfecting amendment). Laid aside.

S. 1760 (Regarding the Healthy Start Initiative). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. Res. 511 (Recognizing the citizenship of an individual). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, May 1, 2008. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 8:01 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for party caucuses.

H.R. 5715 (Continue to Ensure Availability to the Federal Student Loan Program). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. Res. 539 (Authorize testimony and legal representation in the States of Jonathan Crabb, Jeffrey Henry and Dudley Hendrick). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The Senate considered the following en bloc:

Cal. #516, Rebecca Gregory to be US Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #519, Patricia M. Haslach to be US Senior Coordinator for the Asia-pacific Economic Cooperation Forum. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #520, Joxel Garci to be Rep of the US on the Exec. Board of the WHO. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #521, Samuel Speck to be a Commissioner on the part of the US on the International Joint Commission. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #522, Scot A. Marciel for the rank of Ambassador for the ASEAN Affairs. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #523, Yousif Ghafari to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #524, Kurt Volker to be US Rep on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #525, K. Kathleen Stephens to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #526, Robert Callahan to be Ambassador to the Republic of Nicaragua. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #527, Heather Hodges to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #528, Barbara Stephenson to be Ambassador to the Republic of Panama. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #529, William Todd to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #530, Hugo Llorens to be Ambassador to the Republic of Honduras. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #531, Nancy McEldowney to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #532, Stephen McFarland to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #533, Peter Cianchette to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #534, Frank Urbancic to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #535, Barbara Barrett to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #536, Robert cSwain to be Director of the Indian Health Services. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #542, Col. Bruce A. Litchfield to be Brigadier General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #543, A number of promotions to Major General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #544, Maj. Gen. Dana Atkins to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal #545, Brig. Gen. Scott G. West to be major General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #546, Lt. Gen. Walter Sharp to be General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #547, Lt. Gen. Ann Dunwoody to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #548, Gen. David McKiernan to be General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #549, Brig. Gen. Robert Caslen to be Major General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #550, Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #551, Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick to be Lieutenant General in the Army. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #552, A number of promotions to Major General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #553, Brig. Gen. Darrell Moore to be major General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #554, Lt. Gen. Keith Stalder to be Lieutenant General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #555, Col. James Lariviere and Col Kenneth Lee to be Brigadier General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #556, Brig. Gen. Joseph Dundford to be Lieutenant General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #557, Maj. Gen. John Paxton to be Lieutenant General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #558, Maj. Gen. Dennis Hejlik to be lieutenant General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #559, Lt. Gen. Richard Natonski to be Lieutenant General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #560, Maj. Gen. Duane Thiessen to be Lieutenant General in the Marine Corps. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #561, Rear Adm. John Bird to be Vice Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #562, Rear Adm Victor See to be Rear Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #563, A number of promotions to Rear Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #564, Rear Adm. Carol Turner to be Rear Admiral in the Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

All nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Foreign Service, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. Confirmed by voice vote.

S. 2929 (Temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:25 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM.

Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill). All post-cloture time is yielded back and the motion is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill).

Rockefeller amend #4585 (Substitute amendment).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

H.R. 4040 (CPSC Reform Act). The Senate insisted on its amendments and requested a conference with the House. The Senate appointed the following conferees: Inouye, Pryor, Boxer, Klobuchar, Stevens, Hutchison, Sununu.

S. Res. 515 (Commemorating the life and work of Faith Pram). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 533 (Sense of the Senate regarding the political situation in Zimbabwe). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill). The Senate will recess from 10:40 AM-12:00 PM for the Joint Meeting of Congress with the Prime Minister of Ireland.

The Senate adjourned at 7:36 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business until 4:30 PM. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H.R. 5613 (An act to extend certain moratoria and impose additional moratoria on certain Medicaid regulations through April 1, 2009, and for other purposes). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 2920 (A bill to reauthorize and improve the financing, development programs of the small business administration and for other purposes). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

Motion to proceed to H. R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill). Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed was agreed to by a vote of **88-0**.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

S. 2829 (Make technical corrections of Sec. #1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act). The bill was agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 74 (Honoring the Prime Minister of Ireland). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 497 (Sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 523 (Stating the strong support of the Senate for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 524 (Honoring the spirit of owners of small business during "Small Business Week"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 536 (Recognizing the 15th anniversary of the founding of "Seeds of Peace"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 538 (Designating April 30, 2008 as "Dia de Los Ninos). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 5715 (Ensure continued access to the Federal Student Loan Program for students). The first reading of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 29, 2008. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H. R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefits Enhancement Act). The pending amendment will be the Burr amend #4572 (Increase benefits for disabled veterans and provide a fair benefit to WWII Filipino veterans for the service to the US). There will be 60 minutes of debate on the amendment followed by a vote on the amendment. The Senate will then proceed to third reading of the bill followed by a vote on final passage. Upon dispensation of S. 1315, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 493 (Genetic Non-discrimination Act). There will be 2 hours of debate on a Snowe substitute amendment followed by a vote on passage of the bill.

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

S. 2903 (One Week Farm Bill Extension).

Harkin Unanimous Consent request to modify the bill (Extending the Farm Bill for two weeks) objected to by Sen. Craig.

S. 2903 (One Week Farm Bill Extension). Agreed to by UC.

S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefits Enhancement Act).

Burr amend #4572 (Increase benefits for disabled veterans and provide a fair benefit to WWII Filipino veterans for the service to the US). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **41-56**.

Substitute amendment, as amended, is agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefits Enhancement Act). The bill was read a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill as amended passed by a vote of **96-1**.

H.R. 493 (Genetic Non-discrimination Act). Third reading. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, was passed by a vote of **95-0**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill).

H.R. 4286 (Awards Congressional Gold Medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 510 (National Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month). Agreed to by UC.

H. Con. Res. 322 (60th Anniversary of the Founding of Israel). Agreed to by UC.

H. R. 5613 (Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008). First reading. Second reading was objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

S. 2920 (To improve the financing and entrepreneurial development programs of the Small Business Administration). First reading. Second reading was objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 28, 2008, and will be in a period of morning business until 4:30 PM. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2881 (FAA Authorization Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 6:28 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008

The Senate will convene at 5:00 PM and the first hour will be equally divided between the Majority and Minority Leaders. At 6:00 PM the Motion to Proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefits Enhancement Bill) will be agreed to. The Senate will then proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2831 (Fair Pay Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded with morning business.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 2831 (Fair Pay Act). The motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the bill was not agreed to by a vote of 56-42.

S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefits enhancement Bill).

Burr amend #4572 (Increase benefits for disabled veterans and provide a fair benefit to WWII Filipino veterans for the service to the US). Laid aside.

S. 2324 (A bill to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978"). The bill was agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. Con. Res. 77 (Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month 2008). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, April 24, 2008. There will be a period of Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefits Enhancement Act). The pending amendment will be the Burr amend #4572 (Increase benefits for disabled veterans and provide a fair benefit to WWII Filipino veterans for the service to the US). There will be 60 minutes of debate on the amendment followed by a vote on the amendment. The Senate will then proceed to third reading of the bill followed by a vote on final passage. Upon dispensation of S. 1315, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 493 (Genetic Non-discrimination Act). There will be 2 hours of debate on a Snowe substitute amendment followed by a vote on passage of the bill.

The Senate adjourned at 7:32 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefit Enhancement Bill). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefit Enhancement Bill) at 12:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for weekly party luncheons. The Senate will recess from 3:30 PM until 4:30 PM for the portrait unveiling of Senator Tom Daschle.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefits Enhancement Bill).

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefits Enhancement Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of 94-0.

The Senate recessed at 12:45 PM for weekly party luncheons.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM.

Motion to Proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefits Enhancement Bill).

The Senate recessed at 3:30 PM for the unveiling of Senator Tom Daschle's portrait.

The Senate reconvened at 4:30 PM.

S. Res. 532 (Founding of Israel). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 526 (April 20th -26th National Dental Health Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 527 (National Adopt a Library Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 528 (Global Youth Service Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Wednesday, April 23 at 5:00 PM and the first hour will be equally divided between the Majority and Minority Leaders. At 6:00 PM the Motion to Proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefits Enhancement Bill) will be agreed to, and the Senate will proceed to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 2831 (Fair Pay Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday and will be in a period of morning business. The next vote will occur at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 and it will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefit Enhancement Bill).

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 2831 (Fair Pay Act).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 518 (National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefit Enhancement Bill). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefit Enhancement Bill) at 12:00 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for weekly party luncheons. The Senate will recess from 3:30 PM until 4:30 PM for the portrait unveiling of Senator Tom Daschle.

The Senate adjourned at 5:26 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday and will be in a period of morning business. The next vote will occur at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 and it will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefit Enhancement Bill).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with morning business. There will be no votes during Friday's session. The next vote will occur at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 and it will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefit Enhancement Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with morning business.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, April 21 and will be in a period of morning business. The next vote will occur at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 and it will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefit Enhancement Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 10:20 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008

The Senate will convene at 12:45 PM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 1195 (Amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act). Votes could be expected as early as 1:45 PM tomorrow.

H.R. 5813 (Farm Bill temporary extension). Read three times and passed by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 519 (Welcoming Pope Benedict XVI to the United States). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 1195 (Amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act).

At 3:30 PM the Senate will proceed to the following:

Boxer 2nd degree amend #4539 (to call for a review by the Department of Justice of allegations of violations of Federal criminal law) to the Boxer substitute amendment #4146. Laid aside.

Coburn 2nd degree amend #4538 (to create a bipartisan, bicameral special committee to investigate the improper insertion of an earmark for Coconut Road into the conference report of the 2005 highway bill after both chambers of Congress had approved identical versions of the conference report) to the Boxer substitute amendment #4146. Laid aside.

Each of these amendments is subject to a 60-vote threshold. If either of these amendments achieves 60 votes, then it will be agreed to; if either of these amendments fails to achieve 60 votes, then it will be withdrawn.

Upon disposition of these amendments, the Senate will proceed to a roll-call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the Boxer amendment in the nature of a substitute (#4146).

If this motion to invoke cloture on the Boxer amendment is agreed to, the Boxer substitute amendment #4146 will be agreed to, the Committee-reported substitute will be agreed to, and the Senate will proceed to a roll-call vote on passage of H.R. 1195, as amended.

Boxer 2nd degree amend #4539 (to call for a review by the Department of Justice of allegations of violations of Federal criminal law) to the Boxer substitute amendment #4146. The amendment met the 60 vote threshold and was agreed to by a vote of **63-29**.

Coburn 2nd degree amend #4538 (to create a bipartisan, bicameral special committee to investigate the improper insertion of an earmark for Coconut Road) to the Boxer substitute amendment #4146. The amendment did not meet the 60 vote threshold and was not agreed to by a vote of 49-43. The amendment was withdrawn.

The motion to invoke cloture on Boxer amend #4146 (Complete Substitute amendment) to the bill. The motion to invoke cloture on the amendment was agreed to by a vote of 90-2. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

The Committee amendments were agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 1195 (Amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act). The bill was read for a third time, as amended. The bill was agreed to by a vote of 88-2.

H. R. 2828 (Foreign Service Victims of Terrorism Act of 2007). The bill was read for a third time and passed by voice vote.

H. R. 1595 (Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act). The motion to agree to the bill was objected to.

S. Res. 521 (Authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Senate Chamber). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the motion to proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefit Enhancement bill).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, April 18, 2008. The Senate will proceed with morning business. There will be no votes during Friday's session. The next vote will occur at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 and it will be on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 1315 (Veteran's Benefit Enhancement Bill).

There Senate adjourned at 6:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 1195 (Amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to a legislative session.

H.R. 1195 (Amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act).

Boxer amend #4146 (Substitute amendment).

DeMint motion to recommit H.R. 1195 (Amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act) to the Committee on Environment and Public Works with instructions to report the bill back to the Senate with an amendment striking all new earmarks and spending increases or existing earmarks.

The Senate will vote at 2:15 PM today on the DeMint motion to recommit.

Reid filed cloture on Boxer amend #4146 (Substitute amendment).

Reid filed cloture on **H.R. 1195 (Amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act).**

Motion to table the DeMint motion to recommit H.R. 1195 (Amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act) to the Committee on Environment and Public Works with instructions to report the bill back to the Senate with an amendment striking all new earmarks and spending increases or existing earmarks. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to **78-18**.

Boxer amend #4146 (Substitute amendment).

Coburn amend #4538 (To create a bipartisan, bicameral special committee to investigate the improper insertion of an earmark for Coconut Road into the conference report of the 2005 highway bill after both chambers of Congress has approved identical versions of the conference report) to Boxer amend #4146 (Substitute amendment). Laid aside.

Boxer amend #4539 (To call for a review by the Department of Justice of allegations of violations of Federal criminal law) to Boxer amend #4146 (Substitute amendment). Laid aside.

Coburn 2nd degree amend #4540 (Concerning Coconut Road investigations) to Boxer amend #4539 (To call for a review by the Department of Justice of allegations of violations of Federal criminal law). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 517 (Designating Week of the Young Child). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 12:45 PM on Thursday, April 17, 2008 and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 1195 (Amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act). Votes could be expected as early as 1:45 PM tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned at 6:31 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00AM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume the consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1195 (To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1195 (To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act).

S. Res. 514 (Congratulating Boston College's Hockey Team). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:24 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1195 (To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act). The motion to proceed to the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 1195 (Amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act).

S. Res. 516 (Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the tragic April 1958 bombing of the US Embassy in Beirut and remembering those who lost their lives and those who were injured). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 16, 2008. The Senate will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 1195 (Amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1195 (To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act). A vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1195 will occur at 5:30 PM.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1195 (To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act). The motion was agreed to by a vote of 93-1.

H.R. 1119 (an act to amend Title 36, United States Code, to revise the Congressional charter of the military order of the Purple Heart). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 513 (congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. J. Res. 70 (congratulating the Army Reserve on its centennial). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 470 (calling on the relevant governments, multilateral bodies, and non-state actors in Chad, the Central African Republic and Sudan to devote ample political commitment and material resources towards the achievement and implementation of a negotiated resolution to regional conflicts). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 76 (to make technical corrections in the enrollment of the bill S. 1858). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00AM on Tuesday, April 15 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume the consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1195 (To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for up to 60 minutes. Votes will occur as early as 10:40 AM.

The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/ Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill). The Senate will proceed to votes on or in relation to the Alexander amendment #4429 (provide a longer extension of the renewable energy production tax credit and to encourage all emerging renewable sources of electricity) and Ensign amendment #4419 (amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the limited continuation of clean energy production incentives and incentives to improve energy efficiency in order to prevent a downturn in these sectors that would result from a lapse in the tax law). All remaining amendments will be withdrawn and the Senate will adopt the Manager's amendment. The Senate will then proceed to third reading of the bill and a vote on final passage. The cloture motion on the bill will also be withdrawn.

Upon disposition of H. R. 3221, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 2739 (Energy Lands Bill) for two hours of debate, followed by votes on any amendments and final passage of the bill.

Upon disposition of S. 2739, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations; Cal. # 476 (Brian Miller to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Cal #477 (James Hall to be US District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, Cal. #478 (John Mendez to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of California and Cal. #515 (Catherina Haynes to be US Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. There will be four hours of debate on the nominations followed by votes on each one.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H. R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/ Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

Alexander amend #4429 (provide a longer extension of the renewable energy production tax credit and to encourage all emerging renewable sources of electricity). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **15-79**.

Ensign amendment #4419 (amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the limited continuation of clean energy production incentives and incentives to improve energy efficiency in order to prevent a downturn in these sectors that would result from a lapse in the tax law). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **88-8**.

H. R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/ Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill) as amended. Final passage. The bill passed by a vote of **84-12**.

S. 2739 (Energy Lands Bill).

Coburn amend #4522 (Require the Director of the OMB to determine on an annual basis the quantity of the land that is owned by the Federal Government). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #4521 (Regarding citizens affected by federal procurement land grants). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #4520 (to ensure all individuals who reside, or own property that is located, in a proposed National Heritage Area are informed of the designation of the National Heritage Area). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #4519 (to require the transfer of certain funds to be used by the Director of the National Park Service). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #4522 (Require the Director of the OMB to determine on an annual basis the quantity of the land that is owned by the Federal Government). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **30-63**.

Coburn amend #4521 (Regarding citizens affected by federal procurement land grants). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **19-76**.

Coburn amend #4520 (to ensure all individuals who reside, or own property that is located, in a proposed National Heritage Area are informed of the designation of the National Heritage Area). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **27-67**.

Coburn amend #4519 (to require the transfer of certain funds to be used by the Director of the National Park Service). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **22-73**.

S. 2739 (Energy Lands Bill). The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays ordered. Final passage. The bill passed by a vote of **91-4**.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session to consider the following nominations; Cal. # 476 (Brian Miller to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Cal #477 (James Hall to be US District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, Cal. #478 (John Mendez to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of California and Cal. #515 (Catherina Haynes to be US Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit. There will be four hours of debate on the nominations followed by votes on each one.

Cal. #515 (Catherina Haynes to be US Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. # 476 (Brian Miller to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas). The nomination was confirmed **88-0**.

Cal #477 (James Hall to be US District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #478 (John Mendez to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of California). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #479 (Stanley Thomas Anderson to be US District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee). The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1195 (To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act). The vote will occur on Monday, April 14 at 5:30 PM.

The Senate will convene on Monday, April 14 at 2:00 PM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 1195 (To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act). The vote will occur on Monday, April 14 at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill). All time during morning business, recess or adjournment will be counted toward post-cloture.

H.R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

Sen. Dodd motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill) on Thursday, April 10 was agreed to.

S. Res. 468 (Designating April 2008 as "National 911 Education Month"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 504 (Condemning the violence in Tibet). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 508 (Congratulating the University of Tennessee Women's Basketball Team on their victory). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for up to 60 minutes. Votes will occur as early as 10:40 AM.

The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill). The Senate will proceed to votes on or in relation to the Alexander amendment #4429 (provide a longer extension of the renewable energy production tax credit and to encourage all emerging renewable sources of electricity) and Ensign amendment #4419 (amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the limited continuation of clean energy production incentives and incentives to improve energy efficiency in order to prevent a downturn in these sectors that would result from a lapse in the tax law). All remaining amendments will be withdrawn and the Senate will adopt the Manager's amendment. The Senate will then proceed to third reading of the bill and a vote on final passage. The cloture motion on the bill will also be withdrawn.

Upon disposition of H. R. 3221, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 2739 (Energy Lands Bill) for two hours of debate, followed by votes on any amendments and final passage of the bill.

Upon disposition of S. 2739, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations; Cal. # 476 (Brian Miller to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Cal #477 (James Hall to be US District Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, Cal. #478 (John Mendez to be US District Judge for the Eastern District of California and Cal. #515 (Catherina Haynes to be US Circuit Judge for the

Fifth Circuit. There will be four hours of debate on the nominations followed by votes on each one.

The Senate adjourned at 6:41 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for Party Caucuses. There will be no votes in the morning. At 2:15 PM, The Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H. R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

Mikulski amend #4494 (make funds available to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #4401 (establish a maximum rate of loans insured under title II of the National Housing Act) as modified. Laid aside.

The Senate recessed at 12:42 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

H. R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

Motion to invoke cloture on Dodd amend #4387 (substitute amendment). The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of 92-6.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 505 (Commending the University of Kansas for winning National Basketball Championship). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill). All time during morning business, recess or adjournment will be counted toward post-cloture.

The Senate adjourned at 6:35 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H.R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

Murray amend #4478 (Increase funding for housing counseling with an offset). Laid aside.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 8, 2008. There will be a period of Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for Party Caucuses. There will be no votes in the morning. At 2:15 PM, The Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill.

The Senate adjourned at 6:25 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill) and will immediately vote on the following two amendments:

Voinovich amend #4406 (To protect families most vulnerable to foreclosure due to a sudden loss of income by extending the depreciation extension to loss companies that have accumulated alternative minimum tax and research and development tax credits).

Landrieu amend #4389 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow use of amended income tax returns to take into account receipt of certain hurricane-related casualty loss grants by disallowing previously taken casualty loss deductions), as modified.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

Voinovich amend #4406 (To protect families most vulnerable to foreclosure due to a sudden loss of income by extending the depreciation extension to loss companies that have accumulated alternative minimum tax and research and development tax credits), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 76-2.

Landrieu amend #4389 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow use of amended income tax returns to take into account receipt of certain hurricane-related casualty loss grants by disallowing previously taken casualty loss deductions), as modified. Corker point of order that the amendment violates Senate Resolution 21. Landrieu motion to waive the point of order. The motion to waive was agreed to by a vote of 74-5 and the point of order is moot. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Ensign amend #4419 (improve energy efficiency in order to prevent a downturn that would result from a lapse in the tax law). Laid aside.

Alexander 2nd degree amend #4429 (longer extension of the renewable energy tax credit) to Ensign amend #4419 (improve energy efficiency in order to prevent a downturn that would result from a lapse in the tax law). Laid aside.

Nelson amend #4423 (provide for the penalty-free use of retirement funds to provide foreclosure recovery relief). Laid aside.

Lincoln amend #4382 (incentive to employers to offer group legal plans that provide a benefit for real estate). Laid aside.

Lincoln amend 4433 (modify the increase in volume cap for housing bonds in 2008).
Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #4404 (include relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina, Rita and Wilma).
Laid aside.

Sanders amend #4384 (provide an increase in specially adapted housing benefits for
disabled veterans). Laid aside.

Reid filed Cloture on Dodd amend #4387 (substitute amendment). The vote will occur on
Tuesday, April 8th at 2:15 PM.

Reid filed Cloture on H.R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for
Housing Bill).

Reid filed Cloture on S. 2739 (the Forest Service Department of Interior and Energy and
Resource bill). Reid withdrew the motion.

H.R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 7 and will be in morning business
for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3221 (Greater
Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 12:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM, will resume consideration of H. R. 3221 (Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill) and will immediately agree to the Motion to Proceed to the bill. The Senate will begin with the following amendments: Durbin amendment, Schumer amendment and Feinstein amendment. The Senate will then continue with amendments throughout the day.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 2807 (A bill to protect the liberty and property of all Americans). The second reading of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.
S. 2808 (Require that citizens within the national heritage area are informed of the designation and the government officials must receive permission to enter private property). The second reading of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 2809 (Ensure that there are no adverse effect of a national heritage area designation to local communities and homeowners. The second reading of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 2810 (Require an annual report detailing the amount of property the federal government owns and the cost of government landownership to taxpayers). The second reading of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 2811 (Require citizens' approval of federal government land grabs). The second reading of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

H. R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

Dodd amend #4387 (Complete substitute amendment). Laid aside.

Durbin amend #4388 (address treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy). Laid aside.

Sen. Reid moved to proceed at 2:45 PM to a vote on S. Res 501, a resolution honoring the sacrifice of the members of the US Armed Forces who have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan). The motion was agreed to.

S. Res 501 (a resolution honoring the sacrifice of the members of the US Armed Forces who have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan). Agreed to by a vote of **95-0**.

Durbin amend #4388 (address treatment of primary mortgages in bankruptcy). Durbin motion to table the amendment. The Motion to Table is agreed to by a vote of **58-36**.

Voinovich amend #4406 (To protect families most vulnerable to foreclosure due to a sudden loss of income by extending the depreciation extension to loss companies that have accumulated alternative minimum tax and research and development tax credits). Laid aside.

Murray amend #4397 (To increase funding for housing counseling resources).

Kyl amend #4407 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust for inflation the dollar limitation for the principal residence gain exclusion). Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #4389 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow use of amended income tax returns to take into account receipt of certain hurricane-related casualty loss grants by disallowing previously taken casualty loss deductions). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #4401 (To establish a national consumer credit usury rate). Laid aside.

Cardin amend #4421 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against income tax for the purchase of a principal residence by a first-time homebuyer). Laid aside.

Murray amend #4397 (To increase funding for housing counseling resources). Kyl point of order that the amendment violates Section 201-A of the Congressional Budget Act. Murray motion to waive the point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to waive was not agreed to by a vote of 44-40. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Kyl amend #4407 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust for inflation the dollar limitation for the principal residence gain exclusion). Baucus point of order that the amendment violates amendment 201 of Senate Concurrent Resolution 21 for fiscal year 2008. Kyl motion to waive the point of order. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to waive was not agreed to by a vote of 41-44. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Con. Res. 73 (National Health Care Decisions Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 503 (Recognizing and Honoring the 40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and the 20th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Friday, April 4, 2008 and will resume consideration of H.R. 3221 (Greater Energy Independence/Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill) and will immediately vote on the following two amendments:

Voinovich amend #4406 (To protect families most vulnerable to foreclosure due to a sudden loss of income by extending the depreciation extension to loss companies that have accumulated alternative minimum tax and research and development tax credits).

Landrieu amend #4389 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow use of amended income tax returns to take into account receipt of certain hurricane-related casualty loss grants by disallowing previously taken casualty loss deductions), as modified.

The Senate adjourned at 8:32 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of **the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3221 (Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill)**. At 12:30 PM, the Senate Majority Leader will be recognized.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3221 (Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

S. Res. 498 (Designating April 8, 2008 as “National Cushion Syndrome Awareness Day”). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 2807 (A bill to protect the liberty and property of all Americans). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

S. 2808 (Require that citizens within the national heritage area are informed of the designation and the government officials must receive permission to enter private property). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

S. 2809 (Ensure that there are no adverse effect of a national heritage area designation to local communities and homeowners). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

S. 2810 (Require an annual report detailing the amount of property the federal government owns and the cost of government landownership to taxpayers). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

S. 2811 (Require citizens' approval of federal government land grabs). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, April 3, 2008. The Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3221 (Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill) and will immediately agree to the Motion to Proceed to the bill. The Senate will begin with the following amendments: Durbin amendment, Schumer amendment and Feinstein amendment. The Senate will then continue with amendments throughout the day.

The Senate adjourned at 7:25 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a period of morning business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM-2:15 PM for weekly party caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to the Motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the Motion to proceed to H.R. 3221 (Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill). At 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3221 (Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

At 12:30 PM, the Senate recessed for party caucuses.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3221 (Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill). The motion was agreed to by a vote of 94-1.

S. Res. 495 (Financial Literacy Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 980 (Online Pharmacies). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session and confirmed the following nominees en bloc:

Cal. #471 (Deborah Jones to be Ambassador to Kuwait).

Cal. #473 (Kevin O'Connor to be Associate Attorney General).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of **the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3221 (Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill)**. At 12:30 PM, the Senate Majority Leader will be recognized.

The Senate adjourned at 6:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a period of morning business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM-2:15 PM for weekly party caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to the Motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the Motion to proceed to H.R. 3221 (Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill). At 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 3221 (Legislative Vehicle for Housing Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

At 12:30 PM, the Senate recessed for party caucuses.