

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 4 (9/11 Commission Bill).

S. 4 (9/11 Commission Bill).

Reid amend #275 (Complete Substitute). The amendment is considered as original text for amendment purposes. Laid aside.

Feinstein amend #271 (Prohibit a foreign country with a visa refusal rate of more than 10 percent or that exceeds the maximum visa overstay rate from participating in the visa waiver program). Agreed to by voice vote.

Collins amend #277 (extend the deadline by which State identification documents shall comply with certain minimum standards). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #279 (Specify the criminal offenses that disqualify an applicant from the receipt of a transportation security card) as modified. Laid aside.

Collins amend #277 (extend the deadline by which State identification documents shall comply with certain minimum standards). Laid aside.

Inouye amend #285 (Specify the criminal offenses that disqualify an applicant from the receipt of a transportation security card). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 58-37.

DeMint amend #279 (Specify the criminal offenses that disqualify an applicant from the receipt of a transportation security card) as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 94-2.

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

Cal #30

Cal #31

S. Res. 36

S. Res. 90 (Senate Youth Program). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 91 (Read across America Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, March 1 and will be in morning business for 60 minutes. At 10:30 AM the Senate will resume consideration of S. 4 (9/11 Commission Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 7:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will resume the debate on the Motion to Proceed to S. 184 (Surface Transportation and Rail Security Act of 2007). At 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 184.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate recessed for party luncheons at 12:25 PM. The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

S. 184 (Surface Transportation and Rail Security Act of 2007). Request to proceed withdrawn by Sen. Bingaman.

S. 4 (9/11 Commission Bill). Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to by a vote of 97-0.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 4 (9/11 Commission Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 5:24 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM. The Senate will proceed to the reading of Washington's Farwell Address. Upon conclusion of the reading of the address, the Senate will proceed with Morning Business.

H.R. 976 (Amend Internal Revenue Code to provide tax relief for Small Businesses).
Second reading was agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene on Tuesday, February 27 at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the weekly party lunches. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will resume the debate on the Motion to Proceed to S. 184 (Surface Transportation and Rail Security Act of 2007). At 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 184.

The Senate adjourned at 5:12 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2007

The Senate will convene at 12:00 noon and will proceed with a period of morning business. At 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 574 (Sense of Congress on Iraq).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Motion to Proceed to the consideration of S. 574 (Sense of Congress regarding Iraq). The motion to invoke cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the resolution was not agreed to by a vote of 56 – 34 (3/5 of the Senate or 60 affirmative votes are needed to approve a motion to invoke cloture).

H. Con Res. 67 (Adjournment Resolution). Yeas and nays ordered. The resolution was agreed to by a vote of 47-33.

Reid Motion to Proceed to S. 184 (Improved rail and surface transportation security) on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007 Objection by Sen. McConnell.

Sen. Reid filed a motion to invoke cloture on motion to proceed to S. 184 (Improved rail and surface transportation security).

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc:

S 171 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 49 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 335 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 521 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 433 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 514 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 577 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

S 194 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 219 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 412 (Postal naming bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 81 (Recognizing the 45th anniversary of the event of John Glenn orbiting the Earth). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 69 (recognizing African American spirit as a national treasure). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 976 (Amend the IRS Code 1968 to provide relief for small businesses). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to. The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 26, 2007. The Senate will proceed to the reading of Washington's Farwell Address. Upon conclusion of the reading of the address, the Senate will proceed with Morning Business.

Under the provisions of H. Con. Res. 67 (Adjournment Resolution), the Senate adjourned at 3:27 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2007

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business. On Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 574 (Sense of Congress on Iraq). There will be no votes during today's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 12 noon on Saturday, February 17 and will be in a period of morning business. At 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 574 (Sense of Congress on Iraq).

The Senate adjourned at 7:36 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with morning business. At 10:20 AM the Senate will proceed to Executive Session and will debate the nominations of Cal. #24 (Norman R. Smith to be US Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit) and Cal. #26 (Marcia M. Howard to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). The Senate will vote on both nominations at 10:30 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #24 (Norman R. Smith to be US Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **94-0**.

Cal. #26 (Marcia M. Howard to be US District Judge for the Middle District of Florida). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **93-0**.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

S. 574 (Sense of Congress on Iraq). Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Rules Committee discharge of the following nominations:

Rosemary Rodriguez to be a member of the Election Assistance Commission).

Confirmed to by voice vote.

Caroline Hunter to be a member of the Election Assistance Commission). Confirmed to by voice vote.

Cal. #29 (Leon R. Sequeira of Virginia to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor).

Confirmed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session.

S. 487 (National Organ Transplant Act), as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 188 (Voting Rights Act of 2006), as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 12 (National Medal of Honor Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 641 (Prohibits cutting off troop funds). First reading. Second reading objected to and placed upon the table.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 PM on Friday, February 16, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business. On Saturday, February 17, 2007, at 1:45 PM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 574 (Sense of Congress on Iraq).

The Senate adjourned at 6:17 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, February 14, 2007. There will be a period of morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution). The Senate will continue with post cloture debate.

H J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution).

The Senate will proceed to Executive Session at 4:30 PM for the consideration of Cal. #25 (Nora Fischer to be a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the nomination at 4:45 PM. Following the vote, the Senate will return to Legislative Session and will vote on final passage of **H J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution)**.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session at 4:30 PM for the consideration of Cal. #25 (Nora Fischer to be a U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **96-0**.

The Senate proceeded to Legislative Session. **H J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution)**. The Resolution was agreed to by a vote of **81-15**.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in morning business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will recess for party caucuses until 2:15 PM. When the Senate reconvenes, it will resume consideration of H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution). At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

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

At 2:15 PM, the Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution). Motion to invoke cloture on the resolution. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 71-26.

S. Res. 79 (Rep. Charles Norwood of Georgia). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution). Post cloture debate will continue.

S. Res. 80 (Authorize testimony and documentation in a law suit). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 574 (Sense of Congress on Iraq). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to. The bill will be read for a second time on the next legislative day.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, February 14, 2007. There will be a period of morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution). The Senate will continue with post cloture debate.

The Senate adjourned at 5:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM and will proceed to a period of morning business. There will be no roll call votes on Monday. The vote on the motion to invoke cloture on **H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution)** is scheduled to occur on Tuesday morning.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

Sen. Reid announced that a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution) will occur on Tuesday morning.

H. R. 742 (Amend the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to Executive session to consider the following nomination: Cal. #23 (John D. Negroponte to be Deputy Secretary of State). Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 13, 2007. There will be morning business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will then recess for party caucuses until 2:15 PM. When the Senate reconvenes, it will resume consideration of H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution). At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution).

The Senate adjourned at 7:22 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM will proceed with morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of Cal. #15 (General George W. Casey Jr. to be Chief of Staff, US Army). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #15, General George Casey Jr. to be Chief of Staff, US Army. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 83-14.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative session.

H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution).

Reid amend #237 (Substitute). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid 2nd amend #238 (Substitute) to Reid amend #237 (Substitute). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid motion to recommit H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution), with instructions. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid amend #240 (Technical) to the instructions to the motion to recommit H. J. Res. 20. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Reid 2nd degree amend #241 (Technical) to amend #240 (Technical) to the motion to recommit H. J. Res. 20. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution).

The Senate proceeded to Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 1:00 PM on Monday, February 12, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business. There will be no roll call votes on Monday. The vote on the motion to invoke cloture on **H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution)** is scheduled to occur on Tuesday morning.

The Senate adjourned at 6:13 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for four hours. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to debate the nominations of Gen. George Casey and Adm. William Fallon.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #15 (General George W. Casey, Jr. to be Chief of Staff, United States Army). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the following nominations en bloc:

Cal. #16 (Adm William J. Fallon to be Admiral in the Navy). Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #17 (Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Travis to be Major General in the Air Force).

Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #18 (Col. David H. Cyr to be Brig. Gen in the Air Force). Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #19 (Col. Douglas J. Robb to be Brig. Gen in the Air Force). Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #20 (Numerous promotions in the Air Force). Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #21 (Lt. Gen. James M. Dubik to be Lieutenant General in the Army). Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #22 (J. Michael McConnell to be Director of National Intelligence). Confirmed by voice vote.

All nominations on the Secretary's desk. Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 75 (Congratulating the Indianapolis Colts on their win). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 8, 2007. There will be 60 minutes of morning business. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of Cal. #15 (General George W. Casey Jr. to be Chief of Staff, US Army). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the nomination. Upon conclusion of the vote, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H. J. Res. 20 (Continuing Resolution).

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 2 hours and 30 minutes. The Senate will stand in recess from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM for party caucuses and to permit Senators to attend an Intelligence Briefing at 2:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

Sen. Reid announced in his opening speech that the recess for party caucuses will last from 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM. Note the later time to reconvene. The time was extended in order to accommodate a closed security briefing for all Senators. At 3:30 PM, the Senate will proceed with a period of morning business until 6:30 PM.

The Senate recessed for party caucuses at 12:23 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 3:30 PM and proceeded with a period of morning business.

S. Res. 73 (Ronald Reagan Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 7 and will be in a period of morning business for four hours. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to debate the nominations of Gen. George Casey and Adm. William Fallon.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 2 hours and 30 minutes. The Senate will stand in recess from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM for party caucuses and to permit Senators to attend an Intelligence Briefing at 2:30 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business for two hours. At 4:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Motion to Proceed to **S. 470 (Iraq Resolution Bill)**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 470 (Iraq Resolution Bill). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture was not agreed to by a vote of 49-47. Reid motion to reconsider.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 2 ½ hours. The Senate will stand in recess from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM for party caucuses and to permit Senators to attend an Intelligence Briefing at 2:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:12 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 1, 2007. At 11:45, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc:
Cal. #8 (Lawrence Joseph O'Neill to be U.S. District Judge)
Cal. #9 (Valerie L. Baker to be U.S. District Judge)
Cal. #10 (Gregory Kent Frizzell to be U. S. District Judge).
Following these three votes, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of H.R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase), with all time during adjournment and morning business count against cloture time.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H.J. Res. 20 (Making further continuing appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007). Second reading of the resolution was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

S. 470 (Express the Sense of Congress on Iraq). Second reading of the resolution was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

The Senate proceeded to the following nominations en bloc:

Cal. #8 (Lawrence Joseph O'Neill to be U.S. District Judge). Yeas and nays ordered.

The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 97-0.

Cal. #9 (Valerie L. Baker to be U.S. District Judge). Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #10 (Gregory Kent Frizzell to be U. S. District Judge). Yeas and nays ordered.

The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 99-0.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase).

At 2:30 PM, the Senate recessed subject to the call of the Chair.

At 3:27 PM, the Senate reconvened.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2 (Minimum Wage Increase). Yeas and nays ordered. The bill passed by a vote of 94-3.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to **S. Con. Res. 2 (The bipartisan resolution on Iraq)**. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 0-97.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to **S. 470 (Sense of Congress on Iraq)**. The vote will occur at 5:30 PM on Monday, February 5.

HR 434 (Extension of programs under the Small Business Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

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

Cal. #11 (Irving Williamson to be a Member of the International Trade Commission).

Cal. #12 (Dean Pinkert to be a Member of the International Trade Commission).

Cal. #13 (Michael Astrue to be Commissioner of Social Security).

The Senate returned to Legislative Session.

S. Res. 66 (Honoring the Rev. Robert Drynan). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 67 (Go Direct Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 68 (Commending Miss America). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 23 (National School Counseling Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 34 (Honoring Organic Chemistry Pioneer). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Monday, February 5 at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business for two hours. At 4:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Motion to Proceed to **S. 470 (Sense of Congress on Iraq)**. A vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to **S. 470 (Sense of Congress on Iraq)** will occur at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 7:45 PM.