

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be a period of Morning Business for 90 minutes. Sen. Isakson will be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. At 3:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of Executive Cal. #2, Amy Totenberg to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia and Executive Cal. #9, Steve Jones to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia for one hour of debate. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a voice vote on the nomination of Amy Totenberg and a roll call vote on the nomination of Steve Jones.

The Senate convened at 2:00 PM and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

Sen. Isakson was recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

Sen. Leahy asked Unanimous Consent that the Committee-reported amendments agreed to by Unanimous Consent and the amended version be considered original text for the purpose of further amending. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Leahy amend #114 (To improve the bill). Laid aside.

Vitter amend #112 (To require that the Government prioritize all obligations on the debt held by the public in the event the debt limit is reached). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations are considered en bloc:

Cal. #2 (Amy Totenberg to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia).

Cal. #9 (Steve Jones to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia).

Cal. #2 (Amy Totenberg to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia).
The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #9 (Steve Jones to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of 90-0.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill).

Bennet amend #116 (To reduce the fee amounts paid by small entities requesting prioritized examination under the Three-Track Examination). Laid aside.

Bennet amend #117 (To establish additional USPTO satellite offices). Laid aside.

Lee amend #115 (To express the sense of the Senate in support of a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution).

S. Res. 78 (Relative to the death of Senator James McClure). Agreed to by voice vote.

Motion to Proceed to H.R. 359 (To reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions).

Reid filed cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 359 (To reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions).

S. Con. Res. 8 (Recognizing women serving in the armed forces). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 1 (Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill). Roll call votes are expected throughout the day. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 7:02 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). At 11:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Inhofe amend #7 (To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements may be altered), as modified. Additional roll call votes are expected throughout the day.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill).

Inhofe amend #7 (To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements may be altered), as modified.

S. 380 (Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act). Sen. McCain Motion to proceed to the bill and agree to it was objected to by Sen. Brown (OH).

H. R. 359 (Reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions). Sen. Brown (OH) motion to proceed to the bill with the Brown substitute amendment, an 18 month extension for trade adjustment assistance and the Andean Trade Preferences Act be agreed to was objected to by Sen. Brown.

Hutchison asked Unanimous Consent that the Cloture Motion on Inhofe amend #7 (To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements may be altered) is vitiated. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Hutchison 2nd degree amend #93 (To provide for an increase in the number of slots available at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport) to Inhofe amend #7 (To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to

the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements may be altered), as modified. **Agreed to by Voice Vote.**

Inhofe amend #7 (To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements may be altered), as modified. **Agreed to by Voice Vote.**

S. Res. 60 (Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the date of enactment of the law that created real estate investment trusts and gave millions of Americans new investment opportunities that helped them build a solid foundation for retirement and has contributed to the overall strength of the economy of the US). **Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.**

Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **96-2.**

McCain amend #4 (Repeal the Essential Air Service Program). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **61-38**

Paul amend #18 (Strike the provisions relating to clarifying a memorandum of understanding between the Federal Aviation Administration and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration). The motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **52-47.**

Reid amend #79 (Grand Canyon Economic Impact Study). Motion to proceed to the amendment was objected to.

Coburn amend #64 (Rescind unused earmarks). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #80 (Limit essential air service to locations that are 100 or more miles away from the nearest medium or large hub airport). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #81 (Limit essential air service to locations that average 10 or more enplanements per day). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #91 (Decrease the Federal share of project costs under the airport improvement program for non-primary airports). Laid aside.

Schumer amend #71 (Control helicopter noise pollution in residential areas). Laid aside.

Brown 2nd degree amend #105 (Improve the provisions relating to integrating unmanned aerial systems into the National Airspace System) to Ensign amend #32 (Improve provisions relating to certification and flight standards for military remotely piloted aerial systems in the National Airspace System). The Brown amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.

Ensign amend #32 (Improve provisions relating to certification and flight standards for military remotely piloted aerial systems in the National Airspace System). The Ensign amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent, as modified.

Reid amend #54 (Allow airports that receive airport improvement grants for the purchase of land to lease the land and develop the land in a manner compatible with noise buffering purposes). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Udall amend #49 (Authorize Dona Ana County, New Mexico, to exchange certain land conveyed to it for airport purposes). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

Udall amend #51 (Require that all advanced imaging technology used as a primary screening method for passengers be equipped with automatic target recognition software). Agreed to by unanimous consent, as further modified.

Coburn amend #80 (Limit essential air service to locations that are 100 or more miles away from the nearest medium or large hub airport). Motion to table the amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 34-65. The amendment was agreed to.

Coburn amend #81 (Limit essential air service to locations that average 10 or more enplanements per day). The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

Coburn amend #91 (Decrease the Federal share of project costs under the airport improvement program for non-primary airports). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of 58-41.

Schumer amend #71 (Control helicopter noise pollution in residential areas). Agreed to by voice vote.

Leahy amend #50 (Amend title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits, and to clarify the liability protection for volunteer pilots that fly for public benefit). The amendment was agreed to by a voice vote.

Manager's amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). The bill was read for a third time. Yeas and nays were ordered on final passage. The bill was passed by a vote of 87-8.

S. 365 (Technical amendment to the Science Reform Act of 2002). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 307 (Designate a Federal Building and Court House in Virginia). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 266 (Re-designate a wildlife refuge). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The following

S. Res. 72 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 73 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 74 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 75 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Res. 76 (). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. Con. Res. 17 (Adjournment Resolution). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #12, Stephanie O'Sullivan to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 28, 2011. There will be a period of Morning Business for 90 minutes. Sen. Isakson will be recognized to deliver Washington's Farewell Address. At 3:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of S. 23 (Patent Reform Bill). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of Executive Cal. #2, Amy Totenberg to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia and Executive Cal. #9, Steve Jones to be US District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia for one hour of debate. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a voice vote on the nomination of Amy Totenberg and a roll call vote on the nomination of Steve Jones.

The Senate adjourned at 9:20 PM under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 17 (Adjournment Resolution).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). Roll call votes are expected throughout the day, but none are scheduled at this time.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill).

Baucus amend #75 (Of a perfecting nature), as modified. Laid aside.

Hutchison 2nd degree amend #93 (To provide for an increase in the number of slots available at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport) to Inhofe amend #7 (To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements may be altered), as modified.

Coburn asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to Coburn amend #91 (). Objected to by Sen. Rockefeller.

Coburn asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to Coburn amend #80 (). Objected to by Sen. Rockefeller.

Coburn asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to Coburn amend #81 (). Objected to by Sen. Rockefeller.

Coburn asked Unanimous Consent to proceed to Coburn amend #82 (). Objected to by Sen. Rockefeller.

S. Con. Res. 6 (Commending the NAACP). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 17 and will immediately resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). At 11:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on Inhofe amend #7 (To require the

Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements may be altered), as modified. Additional roll call votes are expected throughout the day.

The Senate adjourned at 6:26 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for 30 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Administration Modernization Bill). At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to a vote on Nelson (Nebraska) amend #58 (Distribution of X-ray screening machines). The amendment requires a 60 yea vote threshold for passage. If the amendment fails to achieve 60 yea votes, the amendment will be withdrawn. The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 PM for party caucuses. When the Senate reconvenes at 2:15 PM, it will proceed to the consideration of the Wicker amend #14 (Exclude employees of the TSA from the collective bargaining rights of Federal employees and provide employment rights and an employee engagement mechanism for passenger and property screeners) for 10 minutes of debate. The Senate will then proceed to a vote on the amendment with a 60 yea vote threshold for passage. If the amendment fails to achieve 60 yea votes, the amendment will be withdrawn.

The following bill was read for the second time:

H.R. 359 (To reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions). Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill was placed on the calendar.

S. 223 (Federal Administration Modernization Bill).

Baucus amend #75 (To provide a substitute), as modified. Laid aside.

Nelson (NE) 2nd degree amend #85 (To improve the amendment), as modified.

Nelson (NE) amend #58 (Distribution of X-ray screening machines). The amendment requires a 60 yea vote threshold for passage. If the amendment fails to achieve 60 yea votes, the amendment will be withdrawn. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 98-0.

The Senate recessed at 2:15 PM for the party caucuses.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 223 (Federal Administration Modernization Bill).

Wicker amend #14 (Exclude employees of the TSA from the collective bargaining rights of Federal employees and provide employment rights and an employee engagement mechanism for passenger and property screeners). The yeas and nays were ordered. By unanimous consent, there is a 60 yeas vote threshold for passage. If the amendment fails to achieve 60 yeas votes, the amendment will be withdrawn. The amendment was not approved by a vote of 47-51. The amendment was withdrawn.

Paul amend #21 (Reduce the total amount authorized to be appropriated for the FAA for fiscal year 2011 to the total amount authorized to be appropriated for the Administration for fiscal year 2008). Reid Motion to Table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of 51-47.

H.R. 514 (3-Month Extension of the Expiring Provisions of the PATRIOT Act).

Reid/McConnell amend #90 (Substitute amendment). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 514 (3-Month Extension of the Expiring Provisions of the PATRIOT Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The bill, as amended, is passed by a vote of 86-12.

S. 223 (Federal Administration Modernization Bill).

Udall (NM) amend #49 (To authorize Dona Ana County, New Mexico, to exchange certain land conveyed to the County for airport purposes), as modified. Laid aside.

Udall (NM) amend #51 (To require that all advanced imaging technology used as a primary screening method for passengers be equipped with automatic target recognition software), as modified. Laid aside.

Inhofe amend #7 (To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements may be altered), as modified.

Hutchison 2nd degree amend #93 (To provide for an increase in the number of slots available at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport) to Inhofe amend #7 (To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements may be altered), as modified.

Hutchison Motion to Invoke Cloture on Inhofe amend #7 (To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements may be altered).

Reid Motion to Invoke Cloture on S. 223 (Federal Administration Modernization Bill).

The following amendments were considered en bloc:

Blunt amend #5 (To require the Under Secretary of Transportation to approve applications from airports to authorize passenger and property screening to be carried out by a qualified private screening company), as modified.

Reid amend #55 (To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the city of Mesquite, Nevada).

Agreed to en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Administration Modernization Bill). Roll call votes are expected throughout the day, but none are scheduled at this time.

The Senate adjourned at 8:36 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #1, James Graves to be US Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit Court and Cal. #5, Edward Davila to be US District Judge for the Northern District of California for one hour of debate. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a voice vote on Cal. #1, Graves and a roll call vote on Cal. #5, Davila.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill).

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #1, James Graves to be US Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit Court. The nomination was agreed to by unanimous voice vote.

Cal. #5, Edward Davila to be US District Judge for the Northern District of California. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **93-0**.

The Senate resumed with a Legislative Session.

S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill).

Inhofe amend #6 (Provide liability protection to volunteer pilot nonprofit organizations that fly for public benefit and to the pilots and staff of such nonprofit organizations). Withdrawn.

Baucus amend #75 (Proposed as a substitute), as modified. Laid aside.

S. Res. 49 ("Celebrating Black History Month"). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 359 (Reduce federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of Presidential election campaigns and Party Conventions). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 15, 2011. There will be a period of Morning Business for 30 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Administration Modernization Bill). At 12:00 Noon, the Senate will proceed to a vote on Nelson (Nebraska) amend #58 (Distribution of X-ray screening machines). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. When the Senate reconvenes at 2:15 PM, it will proceed to the consideration of the Wicker amend #14 (Exclude employees of the TSA from the collective bargaining rights of Federal employees and provide employment rights and an employee engagement mechanism for passenger and property screeners) for 10 minutes of debate. The Senate will then proceed to a vote on the amendment with a 60 yea vote threshold for passage. If the amendment fails to achieve 60 yea votes, the amendment will be withdrawn.

The Senate adjourned at 8:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2011

The Senate will convene at 4:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during today's session of the Senate. The next votes are expected to occur Monday, February 14, 2011 at 5:30 PM, possibly on a judicial nomination and amendments to S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). Sen. Reid announced the Senate hopes to clear the Trade Assistance Adjustment legislation on today.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H. R. 359 (Trade Adjustment Act). Sen. Casey motion to proceed to the bill and agree to it with Casey amend (18 month adjustment assistance and Andean Trade Preference Act) was objected to by Sen. Barrasso.

H. R. 359 (Trade Adjustment Act). Sen. Casey motion to proceed to the bill and agree to it with Casey amend (4 ½ month adjustment assistance and the Andean Trade Preference Act) was objected to by Sen. Barrasso.

H. R. 359 (Trade Adjustment Act). Sen. Brown motion to proceed to the bill and agree to it with Brown amend (18 month health insurance tax credit) was objected to by Sen. Barrasso.

H. R. 359 (Trade Adjustment Act) Sen. Barrasso motion to proceed to the bill and agree to it with a Barrasso amend (Andean Trade Preference Act) was objected to by Sen. Brown.

S. Res. 48 (Congratulating the Green Bay Packers on winning Super Bowl XLV). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 14, 2011 and will resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider Cal. #1, James Graves to be US Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit Court and Cal. #5, Edward Davila to be US District Judge for the Northern District of California for one hour of debate. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to a voice vote on Cal. #1, Graves and a roll call vote on Cal. #5, Davila.

The Senate adjourned at 5:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). The Senate will vote at 10:30 AM on the Nelson (FL) amend #34 (To strike section 605). This will be the only roll call vote during Tuesday's session. The Republicans will have their Tuesday party caucus lunch from 12:30 to 2:15 PM. The Democrats will not caucus today.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill).

The following amendments were called up en bloc:

Reid amend #54 (To allow airports that receive airport improvement grants for the purchase of land to lease the land and develop the land in a manner compatible with noise buffering purposes).

Reid amend #55 (To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to the city of Mesquite, Nevada).

The amendments were laid aside en bloc.

Udall (NM) amend #49 (To authorize Dona Ana County, New Mexico, to exchange land conveyed to the County for airport purposes). Laid aside.

Udall (NM) amend #51 (To require that all advanced imaging technology used as a primary screening method for passengers be equipped with automatic target recognition software). Laid aside.

Nelson (NE) amend #58 (To impose a criminal penalty for unauthorized recording or distribution of images produced using advanced imaging technology during screenings of individuals at airports and upon entry to Federal buildings). Laid aside.

Paul amend #18 (To strike provisions relating to clarifying a memorandum of understanding between the FAA and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration). Laid aside.

Nelson (FL) amend #34 (To strike section 605, regarding whether NASA should continue research and development on civilian aircraft). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 96-1.

The Senate will convene at 4:00 PM on Thursday, February 10, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during Thursday's session of the Senate. The next votes are expected to occur Monday, February 14, 2011 at 5:30 PM, possibly on a judicial nomination and amendments to S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). Sen. Reid announced the Senate hopes to clear the Trade Assistance Adjustment legislation on Thursday.

The Senate adjourned at 11:17 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations: Cal. #3 (Paul Holmes III to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas), Cal. #6 (Diana Saldana to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas) and Cal. #8 (Marco Hernandez to be a United States District Judge for the District of Oregon). Upon the use or yielding back of debate time, the Senate will confirm the Hernandez nomination by voice vote. At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote first on the nomination of Diana Saldana, followed by a vote on the nomination of Paul Holmes III.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill).

Wicker amend #14 (To exclude employees of the Transportation Security Administration from the collective bargaining rights of Federal employees and provide employment rights and an employee engagement mechanism for passenger and property screeners), as modified. Laid aside.

McCain amend #4 (To repeal the essential air service program). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Leahy amend #50 (To amend Title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include nonprofit and volunteer ground and air ambulance crew members and first responders for certain benefits). Laid aside.

The Senate recessed at 4:29 PM subject to the Call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 4:40 PM.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session and considered the following nominations en bloc:
Cal. #6 (Diana Saldana to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas).
Cal. #3 (Paul Holmes III to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas).
Cal. #8 (Marco Hernandez to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Oregon).

Cal. #8 (Marco Hernandez to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Oregon). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

Cal. #6 (Diana Saldana to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **94-0**.

Cal. #3 (Paul Holmes III to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **95-0**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). The Senate will vote at 10:30 AM on the Nelson (FL) amend #34 (To strike section 605). This will be the only roll call vote during Tuesday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 7:02 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during Friday's session of the Senate.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 289 (To extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005, the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, and the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 until December 31, 2013).

S. 290 (To extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act).

S. 291 (USA PATRIOT Reauthorization Act of 2011).

The bills were read for a second time en bloc. Further readings of the bills were objected to and the bills were placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 7, 2011 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a Legislative Session and resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). At 4:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations: Cal. #3 (Paul Holmes III to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas) and Cal. #6 (Diana Saldana to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on the two judicial nominees.

The Senate adjourned at 12:35 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2011

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). Roll call votes are expected throughout the day. At 1:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to a period of Morning Business until 3:00 PM, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes for the purpose of giving remarks relative to the upcoming centennial of the birth of President Ronald Reagan. At approximately 3:00 PM, Senator Manchin will be recognized to give his maiden speech to the Senate.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill).

Wicker amend #14 (To exclude employees of the Transportation Security Administration from the collective bargaining rights of Federal employees). Laid aside.

Blunt amend #5 (To require the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security to approve applications from airports to authorize passenger and property screening to be carried out by a qualified private screening company). Laid aside.

Nelson (FL) amend #34 (Relating to aeronautics research facilities). Laid aside.

At 1:00 PM, the Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business until 3:00 PM, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes for the purpose of giving remarks relative to the upcoming centennial of the birth of President Ronald Reagan.

S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill).

Paul amend #21 (To reduce the total amount authorized to be appropriated for the FAA for fiscal year 2011 to the total authorized to be appropriated for the Administration for fiscal year 2008). Laid aside.

Wyden amend #27 (To increase the number of test sites in the National Airspace System used for unmanned aerial vehicles and to require one of those test sites to include a significant portion of public lands). Laid aside.

At approximately 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to two roll call votes on the following amendments:

Whitehouse amend #8 (To provide penalties for pointing laser pointers at airplanes).

Paul amend #19 (To limit the application of the Davis-Bacon Act in the case of projects funded under this Act).

Paul amend #19 (To limit the application of the Davis-Bacon Act in the case of projects funded under this Act). Laid aside.

Whitehouse amend #8 (To provide penalties for pointing laser pointers at airplanes). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 96-1.

Paul amend #19 (To limit the application of the Davis-Bacon Act in the case of projects funded under this Act). Rockefeller Motion to Table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of 55-42.

Inhofe amend #6 (To provide liability protection to volunteer pilot nonprofit organizations that fly for public benefit and to pilots and staff of such nonprofit organizations). Laid aside.

Inhofe amend #7 (To require the Administrator of the FAA to initiate a new rulemaking proceeding with respect to the flight time limitations and rest requirements for supplemental operations before any of such limitations or requirements may be altered). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #32 (Improve provisions relating to certification and flight standards for military remotely piloted aerial systems). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 42 (To constitute the majority party's membership on certain committees for the 112th congress or until their successors are chosen). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 44 (Supporting democracy, universal right and the peaceful transition to a representative government in Egypt). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 45. (Congratulating the Eastern Washington University football team for winning the 2010 National Collegiate Athletic Association division I football championship subdivision title). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 289 ((A bill to extend expiring provisions of the USA Patriot Act of 2005). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 290 (A bill to extend the Sunset of certain provisions in the USA Patriot Act). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 291 (A bill to repeal the Sunset of certain provisions in the USA Patriot Act). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene Friday, February 4th at 10:00 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business. There will be no roll call votes during Friday's session of the Senate.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and proceed to a period of Morning Business where Sen. Paul will immediately be recognized for 20 minutes to deliver his maiden speech in the Senate. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). No votes are scheduled.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill).

Levin amend # 28 (To repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, the amendment is subject to a 60-vote threshold for adoption or the amendment will be withdrawn. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **44-54**. The amendment is withdrawn.

Stabenow amend #9 (To repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations). Inouye Point of Order that the amendment violates Section 311 of S. Con. Res. 70 (Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009). Stabenow Motion to Waive the applicable sections. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive was agreed to by a vote of **81-17**. Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, the amendment is **agreed to**.

McConnell amend #13 (To repeal the job-killing health care law and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010). Conrad Point of Order that the amendment violates Section 311 of S. Con. Res. 70 (Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2009). McConnell Motion to Waive the applicable sections. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive is not agreed to by a vote of **47-51**. The Point of Order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Whitehouse amend #8 (To provide penalties for pointing laser pointers at airplanes).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 30 (25th Anniversary of National Women and Girls in Sports Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:

S. Res. 36 ().

S. Res. 37 ().

S. Res. 38 ().

S. Res. 39 ().

S. Res. 40 ().

Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, February 3, 2011 and will proceed to a Legislative Session to resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). Roll call votes are expected throughout the day.

The Senate adjourned at 6:58 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for two hours. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the weekly party caucus lunches. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will proceed to S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). Roll call votes are possible during Tuesday's session but are currently not scheduled.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for the weekly party lunches.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill).

Stabenow amend #9 (Repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations). Laid aside.

McConnell amend #13 (Repeal the job-killing health care law and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010). Laid aside.

S. 188 (Designate the name of a court house in Arizona). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, February 2, 2011. Sen. Paul will immediately be recognized for 20 minutes to deliver his maiden speech in the Senate. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 223 (Federal Aviation Administration Modernization Bill). No votes are scheduled.

The Senate adjourned at 7:33 PM.