

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 31, 2008. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of motion to proceed to S. 3001 (Department of Defense Authorization). The Senate is expected to proceed to the consideration of the Consumer Product Safety Commission Conference Report and the Higher Education Conference report at some point during Thursday's session.

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

### **Motion to proceed to S. 3001 (Department of Defense Authorization).**

Sen. Reid motion to proceed to S. 3044 (Consumer First Energy Act), that the bill be read a third time and passed. Sen. Kyl objected.

Sen. Durbin motion to proceed to H.R. 6049 (Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act), that the bill be read a third time and passed. Sen. Kyl objected.

Sen. Dorgan motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act), that the bill be read a third time and passed. Sen. Kyl objected.

Sen. Murray motion to proceed to S. 3186 (Warm in Winter, Cool in Summer Act), that the bill be read a third time and passed. Sen. Kyl objected.

Sen. Dorgan motion to proceed to a bill to establish a renewable electricity standard, that the bill be read a third time and passed. Sen. Kyl objected.

Sen. McConnell motion to proceed to a bill on oil drilling, that the bill be read a third time and passed. Sen. Salazar objected.

Sen. McConnell motion to proceed to a bill on oil shale leasing, that the bill be read a third time and passed. Sen. Salazar objected.

Sen. McConnell motion to proceed to a bill on nuclear energy, that the bill be read a third time and passed. Sen. Durbin objected.

Sen. McConnell motion to proceed to a bill on coal to liquid energy, that the bill be read a third time and passed. Sen. Salazar objected.

**Conference Report to accompany H.R. 4040 (Consumer Product Safety Act).** The Conference Report was agreed to by a vote of 89-3.

**Conference Report to accompany H.R. 4137 (Higher Education Act).** The Conference Report was agreed to by a vote of 83-8 and one Senator voted present.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to proceed to S. 3001 (Department of Defense Authorization).** The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 51-39.

**H. Con. Res. 398 (Adjournment Resolution).** The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to by a vote of 48-40. Under the agreement, the Senate will convene on the following dates for pro forma sessions: Friday August 8, Friday August 15, Tuesday August 19, Friday, August 22, Tuesday August 26, Friday, August 29, Tuesday September 2, and Friday September 5.

**S. Res. 642 (Authorize Protections of Committee on Homeland Security).** Agreed to by voice vote.

**S. 3406 (Americans with Disabilities Act).** 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

The Senate will convene Friday, August 1st at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of the Motion to proceed to S. 3001 (Department of Defense Authorization).

The Senate adjourned at 10:20 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2035 (Media Shield Bill). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed around 11:00 AM. If cloture is not invoked on S. 2035 (Media Shield Bill), the Senate will then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3335 (Tax Extenders).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 2035 (Media Shield Bill). Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2035 (Media Shield Bill).** The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 51-43. Reid motion to reconsider the motion to proceed.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3335 (Tax Extenders).** Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 51-43. Reid motion to reconsider the motion to proceed.

The Senate proceeded with a period morning business.

**Motion to proceed to S. 3001 (DOD Authorization Bill).** Sen. Reid filed a motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the bill.

S. 2617 (Increase effective as of December 1, 2008 the rates of compensation for veterans with service connected disabilities). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

H. R. 5938 (Amend Title 18 of US Code to provide Secret Service protection to former Vice Presidents). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. Res. 635 (Making Minority appointments for the 110<sup>th</sup> Appointments). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 3348 (Investigations of certain civil rights crimes). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate Calendar.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 31, 2008. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of motion to proceed to S. 3001 (Department of Defense Authorization). The Senate is expected to proceed to the consideration of the Consumer Product Safety Commission Conference Report and the Higher Education Conference report at some point during Thursday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 8:00 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will proceed with morning business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2:15 for party caucuses.

H.R. 4137 (Amend and Extend the Higher Education Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM until 2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

Motion to proceed to S. 3335 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring tax provisions). Withdrawn by Sen. Murray.

The motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to H.R. 6049 was not agreed to, was agreed to by unanimous consent.

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**Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to the consideration of H.R. 6049 (Tax Extenders Act).** Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of 53-43.

**Motion to Proceed to S. 2035 (Media Shield Bill).**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 2035 (Media Shield Bill). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed around 11:00 AM. If cloture is not invoked on S. 2035 (Media Shield Bill), the Senate will then vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3335 (Tax Extenders).

The Senate adjourned at 7:07 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**MONDAY, JULY 28, 2008**

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3297 (A Bill to Advance America's Priorities). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the bill at 4:00 PM.

Reid motion that when the Senate proceeds to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Act), the bill be considered in the following manner: there will be three hours of general debate on the bill equally divided. The debate time on any amendment will be limited to two hours equally divided, that each amendment be held to an affirmative 60-vote threshold. That upon disposition of all amendments, the bill be read a third time and passed. McConnell objected.

**Motion to proceed to S. 3297 (America's Priorities Act).**

**The Chair Directs the Clerk to Call the Roll to Ascertain the Presence of a Quorum. Motion to Instruct the Sergeant of Arms to Request the Attendance of Absent Senators.** The motion passed by a vote of 87-3.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to proceed to S. 3297 (America's Priorities Act).** The motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed was not agreed to by a vote of 52-40.

**Motion to proceed to S. 3297 (America's Priorities Act).** Sen. Reid withdrew the motion to proceed to the bill.

**Motion to proceed to S. 2035 (Media Shield Law).** Sen Reid filed a cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the bill.

**Motion to proceed to S. 3335 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring tax provisions).** Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the bill.

S. 3344 (Child Exploitation bill). Sen. Coburn moved to proceed to the consideration of the bill and pass the bill was objected to by Sen. Reid.

S. 3297 (Advancing America's Priorities Act). Sen. Reid motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 3348 (Emmitt Till Bill). Sen. Coburn motion to proceed to the bill and pass the bill was objected to by Sen. Reid.

S. 3297 (Advancing America's Priority Act). Sen. Durbin motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill was objected to.

S. 3344 (Defend against child exploitation and child pornography). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to. The bill was placed on the Senate calendar

S. 3348 (Investigation of certain unsolved civil rights crimes). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

S. 3352 (Temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 29, 2008. The Senate will proceed with morning business until 12:30 PM. The Senate will recess from 12:30 until 2:15 for party caucuses.

The senate recessed at 7:55 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will resume consideration of the motion to concur with respect to H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill). The Senate will vote around 11:00 AM on the motion to concur to H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill). Following this vote, the Senate will immediately proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3186 (LIHEAP).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Motion to concur with respect to H. R. 3221 (Housing bill).** Motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill was agreed to by a vote of 72-13. The motion to concur with the Senate amendment was withdrawn.

**Motion to proceed to S. 3186 (LIHEAP).** Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed was not agreed to 50-35. Motion to proceed to the bill was withdrawn.

Motion to proceed to S. 3297 (Advancing America's Priorities Act). Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the bill.

S. 294 (Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act). Sen. Reid motion to disagree in the House amendment, agree to a request for a conference and appoint Conferees was objected to by Sen. Coburn.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

H. Con. Res. 395 (Printing of the Constitution). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 3334 (Defend against Child Pornography). 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

The Senate will convene on Sunday, July 27 at 10:00 AM for a pro forma session. The Senate will next convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, July 28 and will resume consideration of S. 3297 (A Bill to Advance America's Priorities). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill at 4:00 PM on Monday.

The Senate adjourned at 2:00 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:15 AM and will immediately resume consideration of S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill). The Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill. If cloture is not invoked, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur with respect to H. R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).** Motion to invoke cloture on the bill. The motion was not agreed to by vote of 50-43.

**Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur with respect to H. R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill).** The motion is agreed to by a vote of 80-13.

S. 3335 (amend the IRS Code to extend certain expiring provisions). The bill was read for a second time. Further action was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Saturday, July 26, 2008 and will resume consideration of the motion to concur with respect to H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill). The Senate will vote around 11:00 AM on the motion to concur to H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill). Following this vote, the Senate will immediately proceed to a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3186 (LIHEAP).

The Senate adjourned at 3:30 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2008**

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 24, 2008 and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3186 (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program). There will be a moment of silence at 3:40 PM in memory of officers Gibson and Chestnut.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

### **Motion to Proceed to S. 3186 (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program).**

At 3:40 PM, the Senate observed a moment of silence to remember the tragic deaths of US Capitol Police Officer John Gibson and US Capitol Police Detective Jacob Chestnut on July 24, 1998.

H. J. Res. 93 (Burma Sanctions Act Renewal). The resolution was agreed to by voice vote.

S. 3335 (amend the IRS Code to extend certain expiring provisions). The motion to read the bill for the first time was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:15 AM on Friday, July 25, 2008. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill). The Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill. If cloture is not invoked, the Senate will immediately proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur with respect to H. R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 8:16 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 23 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill). The Senate will recess from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM for a classified Intelligence briefing.

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

S. 3297 (Bill to Advance America's Priorities). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

**Motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).**

The Senate recessed at 4:03 PM until 5:00 PM for a classified Intelligence briefing.

The Senate convened at 5:00 PM and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

**Motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).** Agreed to by voice vote.

**S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).**

Reid amend #5098 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #5099 () to Reid amend #5098 ().

Reid motion to invoke cloture on S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).

Reid motion to commit to the Committee on Agriculture with instructions to report back forthwith with an amend #5100 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #5101 () to the instructions to the motion to commit. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #5102 () to Reid amend #5101 ().

**Message from the House with respect to H.R. 3221 (Housing Bill).**

Reid motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur.

Reid motion to concur in the House amendment with amend #5103 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #5104 () to Reid amend #5103 ().

**Reid motion to proceed to S.3186 (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program).**

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3186 (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 621 (Honoring John Gibson and Jacob Joseph Chestnut). Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 4841 (Approves, ratifies and confirms the settlement agreement resolution by Saboba band of Loui Sanio Indians). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

The following confirmations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #683 (Nelson Ford to be Under Secretary of the Army).

Cal. #684 (Joseph Benkert to be Assistant Secretary of Defense).

Cal #685 (Sean Stackley to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy).

Cal #686 (Frederick Celec to be Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Programs).

Cal. #693 (Bartholomew Chilton to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission).

Cal. #694 (Scott O'Malia to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission).

Cal. #695 (Christine Hill to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs).

Cal. #696 (Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Remington to be Lieutenant General in the U.S. Air Force).

Cal. #697 (Maj. Gen. Jack Rives to be Lieutenant General in the U.S. Air Force).

Cal. #698 (Lt. Gen. Donald Hoffman to be General in the U.S. Air Force).

Cal. #699 (Brig. Gen. Kelly McKeague to be Major General in the U.S. Air Force National Guard).

Cal. #700 (Col. Timothy Adams to be Brigadier General in the U.S. Army).

Cal. #701 (Lt. Gen. Ann Dunwoody to be General in the U.S. Army).

Cal. #702 (Maj. Gen. David Rodriguez to be Lt. Gen. in the U.S. Army).

Cal. #703 (Maj. Gen. Edgar Stanton III to be Lt. Gen. in the U.S. Army).

Cal. #704 (Brig. Gen. Matthew Kambic to be Maj. Gen. in the U.S. Army National Guard).

Cal. #705 (Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey to be General in the U.S. Army).

Cal. #706 (Lt. Gen. Carter Ham to be General in the U.S. Army).

Cal. #707 (Lt. Gen. Richard Zahner to be Lt. Gen. in the U.S. Army).

Cal. #708 (Maj. Gen. Robert Durbin to be Lt. Gen. in the U.S. Army).

Cal. #709 (Lt. Gen. Ronald Burgess Jr. to be Lt. Gen. in the U.S. Army).

Cal. #710 (Lt. Gen. John Kimmons to be Lt. Gen. in the U.S. Army).

Cal. #711 (Maj. Gen. Douglas Stone to be Lt. Gen. in the Marine Force Reserves).

Cal. #712 (Maj. Gen. George Flynn to be Lt. Gen. in the U.S. Marine Corps).  
Cal. #713 (10 to be Brig. Gen. in the U.S. Marine Corps).  
Cal. #714 (Capt. Cynthia Covell to be Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy).  
Cal. #715 (Capt. Elizabeth Niemyer to be Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy).  
Cal. #716 (Rear Adm. Robert Harward Jr. to be Vice Admiral in the U.S. Navy).  
Confirmed en bloc by UC.

The Senate resumed a period of morning business.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 24, 2008 and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3186 (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program). There will be a moment of silence at 3:40 PM in memory of officers Gibson and Chestnut.

The Senate recessed at 8:05 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill). The Senate will recess for party caucuses from 12:30 – 2:15. There will be a vote shortly after 11:00 AM on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).

S. 3297 (Advance America's Priorities). The bill was read for the first time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

### **Motion to Proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).**

The Senate agreed to the following bills en bloc by voice vote:  
S. 2766 (Amend the Water Pollution Control Act).  
S. 3298 (EPA Permit for Discharges Requirement).

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).** Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion on the motion to proceed was agreed to by a vote of 94-0.

### **Motion to Proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).**

S. Con. Res. 94 (). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate recessed from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party luncheons. Under a previous order, all recess time will be counted toward post-cloture debate time.

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

### **Motion to Proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).**

S. 3295 (Amend Trademark Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

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

Cal. #689 (Cathy Seibel to be US District Judge on New York).

Cal. #690 (Glenn Suddaby to US District Judge of New York).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, July 23 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**MONDAY, JULY 21, 2008**

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill). There will be no roll call votes during today's session. The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill) on the morning of Tuesday, July 22, 2008.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

### **Motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).**

S 901 (Amend the Public health service act to authorize additional funds under section 330). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. 3294 (Continued performance of the functions of the US Parole Commission). Agreed to by voice vote.

#### **Executive session:**

Treaty #110-9 (Protocol of Amendments to Convention on International Hydrographic Organization). The Division Vote was agreed to. The resolution of ratification was agreed to by voice vote.

Treaty #110-14 (International Convention Against Doping in Sport). The Division vote was agreed to. The resolution of ratification was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 22, 2008. The Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill). The Senate will recess for party caucuses from 12:30 – 2:15. There will be a vote shortly after 11:00 AM on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Energy Speculation Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 6:55 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008**

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 17 and the Majority Leader will be recognized to offer the Motion to Proceed to S. 3268 (The Speculation Bill).

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

Reid motion to proceed to S. 3186 (Home Energy Assistance Today Act). Cornyn objected.

Reid motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Gas Speculation Bill). Cornyn objected.

Reid motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the following nominations:  
Cal. #687 (Paul Gardephe to US District Judge for the Southern District of New York).  
Cal. #688 (Kiyoo Matsumoto to US District Judge for the Eastern District of New York).  
Cornyn objected.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

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

Cal. #687 (Paul Gardephe to US District Judge for the Southern District of New York).  
Cal. #688 (Kiyoo Matsumoto to US District Judge for the Eastern District of New York).

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate recessed at 2:30 until 3:45 PM today.

The Senate convened at 3:45 PM.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Gas Speculation Bill).

S. J. Res. 35 (Amends Public Law 108-331). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, July 21, 2008 and will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Gas Speculation Bill). There will be no roll call votes during Monday's session. The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 3268 (Gas Speculation Bill) on the morning of Tuesday, July 22, 2008.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 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 S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill). There will be votes throughout the session.

S. 3268 (A bill to amend the Commodity Exchange Act). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

### **S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill).**

Thune amend #5076 (to provide for an emergency plan for Indian safety and health). Agreed to by voice vote.

Dorgan 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #5084 (to reallocate the distribution of funds from the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health) to Thune amend #5076 (to provide for an emergency plan for Indian Safety and Health). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cornyn amend #5083 (To establish a bipartisan commission for the purpose of improving oversight and eliminating wasteful government spending). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 32-63.

Gregg amend #5085 (To encourage the inclusion of cost sharing assurances and transition strategies).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

### **S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill).**

Vitter amend #5086 (to withhold 20 percent of the Federal funding appropriated for the Global Fund until the Secretary certifies that the Global Fund has provided the State Department with access to financial and other data). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sessions amend #5087 (To advise the public about the risks of contracting HIV from blood exposures, to investigate unexplained infections, and to promote universal precautions in health care settings). Agreed to by voice vote.

Gregg amend #5085 (To encourage the inclusion of cost sharing assurances and transition strategies). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 44-51.

Kyl amend #5082 (To limit the period during which appropriations may be made to carry out this Act and to create a point of order in the Senate against any appropriation to carry

out this Act that exceeds the amount authorized for fiscal year 2013). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **28-67**.

DeMint amend #5077 (Reduces the amount authorized to \$35,000,000). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **32-63**.

**S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill)**. The bill was read for a third time.

**H.R. 5501 (United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008)**. The enacting clause is stricken and the text of S. 2731 as amended is inserted in lieu thereof. The bill was read a third time and passed by a vote of **80-16**.

H. Con. Res. 381 (Honoring Thurgood Marshall). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 17 and the Majority Leader will be recognized to offer the Motion to Proceed to S. 3268 (The Speculation Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 8:30 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 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 S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill). The majority leader or designee will then be recognized to move to table DeMint amend #5078 (Restricts funding to any organization or program which supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilizations). The Senate is expected to vote as early as 11:00 AM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party luncheons.

### **S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill).**

Motion to Table the DeMint amend #5078 (Restricts funding to any organization or program which supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilizations). The Motion to Table was agreed to by a vote of **70-24**.

The Senate recessed from 12:25-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

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

### **S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill).**

Kyl amend #5082 (To limit the period during which appropriations may be made to carry out this Act and to create a point of order in the Senate against any appropriation to carry out this Act that exceeds the amount authorized for fiscal year 2013). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #5081 (To strike provisions requiring the development of coordinated oversight plans and establish an independent Inspector General at the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator). Laid aside.

Bunning amend #5073 (Substitute amendment). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **16-80**.

A 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to the Veto Message to H.R. 6331 (Medicare Improvement Act). At 6:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on passage of the bill, the objections of the President notwithstanding.

**Veto Message on H. R. 6331 (Medicare Improvement Act).** The bill passes the Senate notwithstanding the objections of the President by a vote of **70-26**.

The senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 16, 2008. The Senate will be in a period of Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will resume consideration of S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill). There will be votes throughout the session.

The Senate adjourned at 7:00 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, JULY 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 **S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill)**. There will be no votes during Monday's session.

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

**S. 3257 (Extends immigrations programs to promote legal immigration)**. Second reading. Further reading was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

**S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill)**.

Reid motion to proceed to **S. 3186 (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program)** following the disposition of **S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill)**. Objected to by Sen. Lugar.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

**S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill)**.

The reported committee amendment is withdrawn by UC.

Biden amend #5075 (Substitute amendment). Agreed to by unanimous consent. Under previous agreement, the bill will be treated as original text for the purpose of further amendment.

DeMint amend #5077 (Reduces the amount authorized to \$35,000,000). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #5078 (Restricts funding to any organization or program which supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilizations).

DeMint 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #5079 (Limits the countries to which Federal financial assistance may be targeted) to DeMint amend #5078 (Restricts funding to any organization or program which supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilizations).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

**H.R. 3985 (Amends Title 49, U.S. Code)**. Agreed to by UC.

**S. Res. 611 (Sense of the Senate of the crisis in Zimbabwe)**. Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 612 (Group of G-8 Summit participants should work together). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 613 (National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 15 2008 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill). The majority leader or designee will then be recognized to move to table DeMint amend #5078 (Restricts funding to any organization or program which supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilizations). The Senate is expected to vote as early as 11:00 AM. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party luncheons.

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

**FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2008**

The Senate will convene at 3:30 PM on Friday, June 11, 2008. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of the Motion to Disagree with the House Message to Accompany H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Disagree at 5:21 PM when all post cloture time is complete. Upon conclusion of that vote, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill).

S. 3236 (Amend the Social Security Act). The bill was read for a second time. Further consideration of the bill was objected to.

**Motion to Disagree with the House Message to Accompany H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of 63-5.

**Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill).** The Motion was agreed to by a vote of 65-3. Under a previous agreement, all post-cloture time is yielded back and the Senate proceeds to the bill.

S. 1046 (Pay levels in Federal Government). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 4289 (Dept. of Veterans Affairs in Puerto Rico naming). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 236 (Recognizing US and San Marino relationship). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res 576 (Digital Television Transfer Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, July 15 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill). There will be no votes during Monday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 6:40 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2008**

The Senate will convene at 3:30 PM on Friday, June 11, 2008. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of the Motion to Disagree with the House Message to Accompany H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Disagree at 5:21 PM when all post cloture time is complete. Upon conclusion of that vote, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill).

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill). The first vote is expected around 10:30 AM. At a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to vote on the following nominations: Cal. #665 (Gen. David Petraeus to be General of U.S. Central Command) and Cal. #666 (Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno to be General).

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill).**

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Disagree to the House Amendment to H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 84-12. Cloture having been invoked to disagree on the remaining two amendments, the motion offered by the Majority Leader to concur with an amendment in the first such House amendment falls.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session to consider the following nominations:  
Cal. #665 (Gen. David Petraeus to be General of U.S. Central Command).  
Cal. #666 (Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno to be General).

The Senate will vote on the nominations at 2:00 PM.

Cal. #665 (Gen. David Petraeus to be General of U.S. Central Command). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 95-2.

Cal. #666 (Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno to be General). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of 96-1.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill).**

Sen. Reid announced there will be a vote on the House Message to Accompany H. R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill) on Friday, July 11, 2008 at 5:21 PM.

Sen. Reid motion to vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill) occur on Monday at 5:30 PM was objected to by Sen. Kyl on behalf of Sen. DeMint.

The Senate will convene at 3:30 PM on Friday, June 11, 2008. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of the Motion to Disagree with the House Message to Accompany H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill). The Senate will proceed to a vote on the Motion to Disagree at 5:21 PM when all post cloture time is complete. Upon conclusion

of that vote, the Senate will proceed to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 2731 (Global AIDS Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 11:35 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2008

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 6304 (FISA Legislation). Votes will begin at around 11:15 AM, and there will be up to 5 roll call votes on the FISA Legislation. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for Republican weekly party luncheon.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

### **H.R. 6304 (FISA Legislation).**

Dodd amend #5064 (To strike Title II). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 32-66.

Specter amend #5059 (To limit retroactive immunity for providing assistance to the United States to instances in which a Federal court determine the assistance was provided in connection with an intelligence activity that was constitutional). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous order, the amendment is subject to a 60-vote threshold. If 60 votes are not achieved, the amendment will be withdrawn. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 37-61. The amendment is withdrawn.

Bingaman amend #5066 (To stay pending cases against certain telecommunications companies and provide that such companies may not seek retroactive immunity until 90 days after the date the final report of the Inspectors General on the President's Surveillance Program is submitted to Congress). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous order, the amendment is subject to a 60-vote threshold. If 60 votes are not achieved, the amendment will be withdrawn. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of 42-56. The amendment is withdrawn.

The Senate recessed from 12:54-2:15 PM for Republican weekly party luncheon.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on H.R. 6304 (FISA Legislation).** The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote of 72-26.

**H.R. 6304 (FISA Legislation).** The bill was read for a third time. The bill passed by a vote of 69-28.

**Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to H.R. 6331 (Medicare Improvement Act).** Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion was agreed to by a vote of 69-30. Under a previous order, all post-cloture debate is yielded back, the motion to proceed is agreed to, the bill is read a third time and agreed to by voice vote.

Reid filed Cloture on the **Motion to Proceed to S. 2731 (HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act).**

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill).**

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, July 10 and will immediately resume consideration of the House Message to Accompany H.R. 3221 (Housing Reform Bill). The first vote is expected around 10:30 AM. At a time to be determined, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to vote on the following nominations: Cal. #665 (Gen. David Petraeus) and Cal. #666 (Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno to be General).

The Senate adjourned at 6:20 PM.

## SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2008

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 6304 (FISA). All time in adjournment, recess and morning business will count post cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for the Democrat weekly party luncheon. In order to accommodate Senators attending the funeral of Senator Jesse Helms, there will be no roll call votes during Tuesday's session. The next roll call votes are expected Wednesday around 11:15 AM in relation to H.R. 6304 (FISA legislation).

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

H.R. 6377 (Directs the Commodity Futures Trade Commission on energy prices).  
Second reading. Further reading was objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

**H.R. 6304 (FISA Legislation).**

Under a previous order, the motion to proceed is agreed to.

The Senate recessed from 12:30-2:15 PM for the weekly Democratic party luncheon.

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

**H.R. 6304 (FISA Legislation).**

Bingaman amend #5066 (To stay pending cases against certain telecommunications companies and provide that such companies may not seek retroactive immunity until 90 days after the date the final report of the Inspectors General on the President's Surveillance Program is submitted to Congress). Laid aside.

Specter amend #5059 (To limit retroactive immunity for providing assistance to the United States to instances in which a Federal court determines the assistance was provided in connection with an intelligence activity that was constitutional). Laid aside.

Dodd amend #5064 (To strike Title II). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

Message from the House with respect to H.R. 3221 (Housing Foreclosure Act). All postcloture time was yielding back.

Reid motion to concur in the House amendments striking titles VI-XI of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3221. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Reid motion to disagreed with the amendments of the House adding a new title and inserting a new section to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3221 (Housing Foreclosure Act).

Reid motion to invoke cloture on the motion to disagree with the amendments of the House.

Reid amend #5067 (). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2<sup>nd</sup> degree amend #5068 () to amend #5067 ().

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 and will resume consideration of H.R. 6304 (FISA Legislation). Votes will begin at around 11:15 AM, and there will be up to 5 roll call votes on the FISA Legislation. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for Republican weekly party luncheon.

The Senate adjourned at 7:55 PM.

## **SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS**

**MONDAY, JULY 7, 2008**

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 resume consideration of the House Message to accompany H.R. 3221 (Housing Foreclosure Act). The Senate will vote at 5:30 PM on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> on the Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Concur in the amendments of the House striking amendments 6-11 to the amendment of H.R. 3221 (Housing Foreclosure Act).

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

**House Message to Accompany H.R. 3221 (Housing Foreclosure Act).**

**Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur the amendments of the House striking amendments 6-11 to the amendment of H.R. 3221 (Housing Foreclosure Act).** Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion is agreed to by a vote of 76-10.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 608 (Death of Jesse Helms Jr.). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 594 (Tay-Sachs Awareness Month). Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 3891 (Amends the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establish Act). Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 6377 (Directs the Commodity Futures Trading Commission on energy futures). First reading. Second reading objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:

Cal. #633 (Richard Morrison to be a Judge of the U.S. Tax Court).

Cal. #634 (David Gustafson to be a Judge of the U.S. Tax Court).

Cal. #635 (Elizabeth Paris to be a Judge of the U.S. Tax Court).

Cal. #636 (Edwin Eck to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board).

The nominations were agreed to en bloc.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 6304 (FISA). All time in adjournment, recess and morning business will count post cloture. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for the Democrat weekly party luncheon. In order to accommodate Senators attending the

funeral of Senator Jesse Helms, there will be no roll call votes during Tuesday's session. The next roll call votes are expected Wednesday around 11:15 AM in relation to H.R. 6304 (FISA legislation).

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 as a mark of respect to the memory of former Senator Jesse Helms, Jr.