SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2007

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon and will be in a period for morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 3963 (Children's Health Insurance legislation).

S. 2264 (A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend for two years the tax-free distributions from individual retirement plans for charitable purposes). 2nd reading.

H.R. 2295 (An act to amend the Public Health Service Act). 2nd reading.

Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 3963 (Children's Health Insurance legislation). Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion on the motion to proceed was invoked by a vote of **62-33.**

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 361 (Permits the collection of donations in Senate Buildings to be sent to the United States Military Personnel on Active Duty Overseas). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 362 (Recognizing 2007 as the year of the 100th Anniversary of the American Society of Agronomy). Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 1808 (Charlie Norwood Department of Medical Affairs Medical Center). Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 2779 (Recognizes the Navy UDT-Seal Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official National Museum of Navy Seals and their predecessors). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 1, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 3963 (Children's Health Insurance legislation). All time in morning business during today's and tomorrow's sessions and the time during adjournment will count toward post-cloture.

The Senate adjourned at 5:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 and will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 for party caucuses. Up to three role call votes could occur prior to the Senate party caucus meetings.

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

S. 2258 (Temporarily Extending Programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965). Read three times and agreed to by UC.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill).

Coburn amend #3474 (To require Amtrak to regularly report to Congress on the profits or losses relating to the provision on food and beverage service and to limit such service on Amtrak rail lines that incur losses). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **24-67**.

S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill). Motion to invoke cloture. Yeas and nays are ordered. The cloture motion was invoked by a vote of **79-13**.

The Senate recessed at 12:30 PM for party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The vote on the cloture motion on the motion to proceed to HR. 3963 (S-CHIP Bill) will not occur before 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 31, 2007. Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill).

DeMint amend #3467 (Require Amtrak to disclose the Federal subsidy of every ticket sold for transportation on Amtrak). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
DeMint amend #3469 (Clarify the level of detail to be included in the modern financial accounting and reporting system required under section 203), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.
Vitter amend #3486 (Require the rail cooperative research program to include research designed to review rail crossing safey improvements). Agreed to by voice vote.

Schumer amend #3489 (Authorize a passenger rail cost study), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

DeMint amend #3467 (Require Amtrak to disclose the Federal subsidy of every ticket sold for transportation on Amtrak). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **27-65**.

S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill). The bill was read for a third time, as amended. All post cloture time has been yielded back. The yeas and nays are ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of **70 – 22**.

The Senate proceeded with morning business.

S. Res. 360 (Condolences offered for the tragic fire that occurred at Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina on October 28, 2007). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2265 (Extend the essential air service subsidies through fiscal 2008). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2198 (Require the Architect of the Capitol to permit the acknowledgment of God on flag certificates). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following bills were considered en bloc:
S. 2264 (Amend IRS code of 1986). The first reading of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. The second reading of the bill was objected to.
HR 2295 (Amend the Public Health service Act). The first reading of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, October 31, 2007. There will be a period for morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 3963 (Children's Health Insurance legislation).

The Senate adjourned at 7:16 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM and will be in morning business for 90 minutes. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill). There will be no votes in the Senate during Monday's session.

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

S. 2247 (Amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986). Second reading. Third reading objected to and placed on the calendar.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill).

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Coburn amend #3475 (To require Amtrak to publish a comprehensive annual financial report that allocates revenues and costs among each of its routes).
DeMint amend #3483 (To encourage private sector funding of passenger trains).
Hutchison amend #3488 (To express the sense of the Senate regarding the need to maintain Amtrak as a national passenger rail system).
Bond amend #3485 (To provide a mission statement for Amtrak).
DeMint amend #3484 (To include private rail passenger operators on the Next Generation Corridor Equipment Pool Committee).
Crapo amend #3477 (To give additional consideration to States with limited Amtrak service when considering new intercity passenger rail routes).
Allard amend #3476 (To require Amtrak to develop a plan to operate within budgetary limits, including a longterm plan).
Tester amend #3472 (To require Amtrak to conduct a 1-time evaluation of passenger rail service between Chicago and Seattle through Southern Montana).
Sanders amend#3473 (To clarify that the Secretary of Transportation should favor projects that involve the purchase of environmentally sensitive, fuel-efficient, and cost-effective passenger rail equipment in selecting projects to receive capital investment grants to support intercity passengers rail service).
Agreed to en bloc by UC.

Amend #3455 (To strike the provisions repealing Amtrak's self-sufficiency requirements). Withdrawn.
Amend #3464 (To amend section 24101 of title 49, United States Code, to clarify Amtrak's mission). Withdrawn.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #255 (R. Lyle Laverty to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife for the Department of the Interior). Confirmed by UC.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 359 (Congratulating the Boston Red Sox in winning the 2007 World Series). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 for party caucuses. Up to three role call votes could occur prior to the Senate party caucus meetings.

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill) for 30 minutes of debate. The Senate will then proceed with a period of Morning Business. There will be no votes in the Senate during Friday's session or on Monday, October 29, 2007.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The following bills were considered en bloc:
S. 2233 (Provide a permanent deduction for States and local general sales taxes). 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. 2234 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses). 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.
H.R. 505 (Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007). 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.
H. R. 3963 (Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007). 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. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill).

Sen. Reid filed a motion to invoke cloture on S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill). The vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
DeMint amend #3467 (Require AMTRAK to disclose the Federal subsidy of every ticket sold for transportation on AMTRAK). Laid aside.
DeMint amend #3468 (Increase competition in the American rail system by allowing any qualified rail operator or transportation company to compete for passenger rail service). Laid aside.
DeMint amend #3469 (Clarify the level of detail to be included in the modern financial accounting and reporting system required under section 203). Laid aside.
DeMint amend #3470 (Require the Performance Improvement Plan to address reaching financial solvency by eliminating routes and services that do not make a profit). Laid aside.
Bond amedn #3464 (Amend section 24101 of title 49, US Code, to clarify AMTRAK's mission). Laid aside.

Reid filed cloture on H.R. 3963 (SCHIP Reauthorization Act). Withdrawn.

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

Cal. #336 (George Pataki, of New York, to be a Representative of a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations).

Cal. #337 (Kelly Knight, of Kentucky, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations).

Cal. #338 (Rodger D. Young, of Michigan, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-second Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations).

Cal. #339 (William H. Frist, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years, vice Christine Todd Whitman, resigned).

Cal. #340 (Kenneth Francis Hackett, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of two years. (Reappointment).

Cal. #341 (David T. Johnson, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), vice Anne W. Patterson.

Cal. #342 (Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Cal. #343 (Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of The Gambia).

Cal. #344 (Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania).

Cal. #345 (James D. McGee, of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Zimbabwe).

Cal. #346 (Ronald K. McMullen, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Eritrea.

Cal. #347 (P. Robert Fannin, of Arizona, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Dominican Republic.

Cal. #348 (Christopher Egan, of Massachusetts, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador).

Cal. #349 (Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Chad.

Cal. #350 (Paul E. Simons, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Chile).

Cal. #351 (Gail Dennise Mathieu, of New Jersey, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Namibia).

Cal. #352 (Dan Mozena, of Iowa, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Angola).

Cal. #353 (Eunice S. Reddick, of New York, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe) Cal. #.

Cal. #354 (Daniel V. Speckhard, of Wisconsin, a Career Member of the Senior Executive Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Greece).

Cal. #355 (Thomas F. Stephenson, of California, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Portuguese Republic).

Cal. #356 (Vincent Obsitnik, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Slovak Republic.

S. 357 (National Veterans Awareness Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following were agreed to en bloc by voice vote:
S. Res. 347 (Be Bear Aware)
S. Res. 346 (Sympathy for flooding victims)

S. 2247 (Entertainment and Sport complexes). 1st reading.

The Senate will convene at 3:00 PM on Monday, October 29 and will be in morning business for 90 minutes. At 4:30 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill). There will be no votes in the Senate during Monday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 1:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 25, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 294 (Amtrak Bill). There will be 2 hours of debate prior to a vote on Sununu amend #3453 (To prohibit Federal subsidies in excess of specified amounts on any Amtrak train route).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 294 (Amtrak Bill).

Sununu amend #3453 (To prohibit Federal subsidies in excess of specified amounts on any Amtrak train route). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **28-66.**

Sununu amend #3456 (Remove limitation on the number of Amtrak routes available for competitive bid), as modified. Laid aside.

Allard amend #3455 (Strike provisions repealing Amtrak's self-sufficiency requirements). Laid aside.

Sununu amend #3456 (Remove limitation on the number of Amtrak routes available for competitive bid), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **27-64.**

Murray amend #3457 (Require the development of a strategic plan to facilitate expanded cross-border passenger rail service on the Amtrak Cascades route during the 2010 Olympic Games). Agreed to by voice vote.

Murray amend #3459 (Require a report by the Inspector General of the Department of Trahsportation on service delays on the Coast Starlight and Amtrak Cascades routes). Agreed to by voice vote.

DeMint amend #3460 (Ensure that capital investment grants authorized under section 24402 of title 49, US code, may be used for passenger rail infrastructure. Agreed to by voice vote.

DeMint amend #3461 (Direct the GAO to conduct a study that compares passenger rail systems in certain developed countries). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 3678 (Internet Tax Freedom Moratorium Act). The bill was agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

The following
S. 2233 (Permanent repeal). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.
S. 2234 (). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.
H. R. 505 (Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2007).). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.
H. R. 3963 (Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, October 26, 2007. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of S. 294 (AMTRAK Reauthorization Bill) for 30 minutes of debate. The Senate will then proceed with a period of Morning Business. There will be no votes in the Senate during Friday's session or on Monday, October 29, 2007.

The Senate adjourned at 7:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will proceed to Executive Session. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of Cal. #291 (Leslie Southwick of Mississippi to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 11:00 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with an Executive Session.

The following bills were considered en bloc:
S. 2216 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Indian Employment Credit). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bills were placed on the calendar.
S. 2217 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986). The Second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

Cal. #291 (Leslie Southwick of Mississippi to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit). Motion to invoke cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was invoked by a vote of **62-35**. Yeas and nays ordered on the nomination. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **59-38**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 2205 (DREAM Act). Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was not invoked by a vote of **52-44**.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 294 (Amtrak Bill).

Committee Amendments. Agreed to by UC.

Lautenberg amend #3451 (Manager's Amendment). Laid aside.

Sununu amend #3452 (To amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to make permanent the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce).
McConnell motion to invoke cloture on Sununu amend #3452 (To amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to make permanent the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce).

Sununu amend #3453 (To prohibit Federal subsidies in excess of specified amounts on any Amtrak train route). Laid aside.

Carper amend #3454 (Internet Tax Freedom Act Amendments). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H. Res. 995 (Amends 106-348, to extend the authorization for establishing a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs to honor veterans who became disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States). Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 3564 (Regulatory Improvement Act of 2007). First reading. Second reading objected to and placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 25, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 294 (Amtrak Bill). There will be 2 hours of debate prior to a vote on Sununu amend #3453 (To prohibit Federal subsidies in excess of specified amounts on any Amtrak train route).

The Senate adjourned at 7:45 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations). The Senate will proceed to Enzi amend #3437 for 30 minutes of debate and then lay the amendment aside. The Senate will then proceed to the Demint 2338 for 20 minutes of debate and then lay the amendment aside. The Senate will then proceed to the Roberts amend #3365 for 10 minutes of debate and then lay the amendment aside. The Senate will then proceed to the Coburn amend #3358 for 20 minutes of debate and then lay the amendment aside. The Senate will then proceed to votes on Enzi amend #3437, DeMint amend #2338, Roberts amend #3365 and Coburn amend #3358. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations).

Enzi amend #3437 (Prohibit the use of funds to modify certain HIV/AIDS finding formulas). Laid aside.

Roberts amend #3365 (To fund the small business child care grant program). Agreed to by UC.

DeMint amend #3387 (To replace non-competitive earmarks for the AFL-CIO with competitive grants under the Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve program), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Coburn amend #3358 (To require Congress to provide health care for all children in the U.S. before funding special interest pork projects). Laid aside.

Enzi amend #3437 (Prohibit the use of funds to modify certain HIV/AIDS finding formulas). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **65-28**.

Coburn amend #3358 (To require Congress to provide health care for all children in the U.S. before funding special interest pork projects). Yeas and nays ordered. Harkin motion to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **68-26**.

DeMint amend #3387 (To replace non-competitive earmarks for the AFL-CIO with competitive grants under the Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve program), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. Harkin motion to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **60-34**.

Smith amend #3351 (To provide funds for programs under the Older Americans Act of 1965, for supportive services and senior centers to allow area agencies on aging to account for projected growth in the population of older individuals and inflation, for

congregate and home-delivered nutrition services to help account for increased gas and food costs, and for the National Family Caregiver Support Program to fund the program), as modified. Laid aside.

Smith amend #3376 (To provide for the National Violent Death Reporting System within the CDC), as modified. Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Smith amend #3351 (To provide funds for programs under the Older Americans Act of 1965, for supportive services and senior centers to allow area agencies on aging to account for projected growth in the population of older individuals and inflation, for congregate and home-delivered nutrition services to help account for increased gas and food costs, and for the National Family Caregiver Support Program to fund the program), as modified.
Smith amend #3376 (To provide for the National Violent Death Reporting System within the CDC), as modified.
Lautenberg amend #3397 (Requires the Secretary of HHS to submit a report to the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate on workers' compensation set-asides under the Medicare secondary payer set-aside provisions).
Cardin amend #3401 (Expresses the Sense of the Senate that the Secretary of HHS should maintain "deemed status" coverage under the Medicare program for clinical trials that are federally funded or reviewed as provided for by the Executive Memorandum of June 2000).
Feingold amend #3430 (To require the Comptroller General of the U.S. to submit a report to Congress on student preparation techniques for standards-based assessments).
Hatch amend #3436 (To assess the impact of education funding in western states with a high proportion of public lands).
Lieberman amend #3418 (To prohibit the use of funds to close a field office of the Social Security Administration before submission of a report justifying the closure).
DeMint amend #3388 (To prohibit the use of funds by cities that provide safe havens to illegal drug users).
Agreed to en bloc by UC.

Lautenberg amend #3350 (To prohibit the use of funds to provide abstinence education that includes information that is medically inaccurate). Withdrawn by Sen. Harkin.

Landrieu amend #3446 (Relative to the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling program). Withdrawn by Sen. Harkin.

Kerry amend #3398 (To provide funding for the Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate adjourned at 12:42 PM for weekly party caucuses.

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

H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations).

Dorgan amend #3345 (Secretary of Labor report to Congress on jobs lost due to NAFTA). Withdrawn.

Kennedy amend #3433 (Secretary of Education to renegotiate a voluntary flexible agreement). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cardin amend #3400 (Special Immigrant Visa Program for Iraqis and Afghans). Yeas and nays ordered. Agreed to **92-0.**

Ensign amend 3342 (Social Security benefits under a totalization agreement with Mexico). Agreed to **91-3.**

Ensign amend #3352 (illegal work for Social Security benefits). Agreed to **92-2.**

Vitter amend #3328 (prescription drugs from Canada). Agreed to by voice vote.

Bingaman amend #3440 (disability benefits). Agreed to **88-6.**

Grassley amend #3396 (educational opportunities for well paying jobs). Agreed to by voice vote.

Schumer amend #3404 (nurses and physical therapists). Agreed to by voice vote.

DeMint amend #3450 (prevent Fed employees from buying first class tix).Agreed to by voice vote.

Chambliss amend #3391 (public health in Georgia). Withdrawn.

Motion to Commit H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations). The motion was not agreed to **40-54.**

H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations). The Substitute amendment was agreed to by voice vote. The bill as amended was passed by a vote of **75-19.**

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

McConnell filed cloture on Cal. #291 (Leslie Southwick of Mississippi to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit).

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, October 24 and will proceed to Executive Session. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of Cal. #291 (Leslie Southwick of Mississippi to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit). The Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 11:00 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 9:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations). Votes are expected at 5:30 PM.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations).

Dorgan amend #3335 (To increase funding for the State Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program of the CDC), as modified. Laid aside.

Chambliss amend #3391 (To provide for a declaration of a public health emergency with respect to Sumter County, Georgia), as modified. Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc
Dorgan amend #3335 (increase funding for the State Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Agreed to by voice vote.
Obama amend #3331 (Regarding Contracts with respect to Federal tax liability). Agreed to by voice vote.
Snowe amend #3419 (Regarding the hearing backlog for disability claims at the Social Security Administration). Agreed to by voice vote.
Burr amend #3434 (Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority). Agreed to by voice vote.
Voinovich amend #3405 (A GAO report on the process for hiring and managing administrative law judges). Agreed to by voice vote.
Durbin amend #3411 (Grants to Federal commissions that support museum and library activities). Agreed to by voice vote.

Allard amend #3369 (Reduce the total amount appropriated to any program that is rated ineffective by the Office of Management and Budget through the Program Assessment Rating Tool—"PART"). Harkin motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **68-21.**

Menendez amend #3347 (Activities under the Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005), as modified. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **89-3.**

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Reed amend #3432 (Provide funding for trauma care), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Cantwell amend #3377 (Provide funds for allied health professional programs), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.
Tester amend #3378 (Provide additional funding for veterans employment and training for Federal management activities). Agreed to by voice vote.

Reed amend #3360 (Provide funding for the trauma and emergency medical services programs administered through the Health Resources and Services Administration). Withdrawn.

Cardin amend #3400 (Provide support to Iraqis and Afghans who arrive in the US under the Special Immigrant Visa program). Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #3446 (Regarding grants under the Elementary and Secondary School Counseling program).

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Cornyn amend #3427 (Hemo-dialysis at the NIDDK), as modified. Laid aside.
Cornyn amend #3379 (Community-based Job Training grants, which strengthen the role of community and technical colleges in training workers), as modified. Laid aside.
Baucus amend #3344 (Allocate funds to the Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD) Clinic in Libby, Montana), as modified. Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Brown amend #3361 (provide information to schools relating to the prevention of violent events and other crisis situations.). Agreed to by voice vote.
Cornyn amend #3427 (Hemo-dialysis at the NIDDK), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.
Cornyn amend #3379 (Community-based Job Training grants, which strneghtne rhte role of community and technical colleges in training workers), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.
Baucus amend #3344 (Allocate funds to the Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD) Clinic in Libby, Montana), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2205 (The Dream Act). Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the motion to proceed to the bill. The cloture motion can be voted on Wednesday, October 24, 2007. Sen. Reid withdrew the motion.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations). The Senate will proceed to Enzi amend #3437 for 30 minutes of debate and then lay the amendment aside. The Senate will then proceed to the Demint 2338 for 20 minutes of debate and then lay the amendment aside. The Senate will then proceed to the Roberts amend #3365 for 10 minutes of debate and then lay the amendment aside. The Senate will then proceed to the Coburn amend #3358 for 20 minutes of debate and then lay the amendment aside. The Senate will then proceed to votes on Enzi amend #3437, DeMint amend #2338, Roberts amend #3365 and Coburn amend #3358. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM – 2:15 PM for party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 8:21 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations). All first degree amendments must be submitted by Senators by 1:00 PM today. All business on this bill is scheduled to be completed by the afternoon of Tuesday, October 23, 2007. There will be no votes during today's session.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The following bills were considered en bloc:
S. 2198 (Require the Architect of the Capitol to permit the acknowledgment of God on flag certificates). The Second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.
S. 2205 (Authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents and who entered the United States as children). The second reading of the bill was agreed to. Further consideration was objected to and the bill was placed on the calendar.

H. R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill).

Coburn amend #3358 (to provide all children with healthcare before funding special pork projects). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #3399 (eliminate wasteful spending by the CDC). Laid aside.

Brown 3361 (violent acts in schools). Laid aside.

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc:
Feingold amend #3353
Thune amend #3333 (To provide additional funding for the telehealth activities of the Health Resources and Services Administration).
Feingold amend # 3354
Collins amend #3374 (dental programs).
Smith amend #3399 (To provide a technical correction to suicide prevention grants authorized under the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act).

Cornyn amend #3381 (eliminating wasteful government spending). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #1 Treaty Doc. #108-8 (Protocol to Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation of Denmark). The treaty ratification was agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 354 (Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 35th anniversary of the enactment of the Clean Water Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3233 (an act to designate the facility of the post office located in Piney, Mississippi). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Monday, October 22 at 2:00 PM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations). Votes are expected at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 2:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in morning business for 60 minutes. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations).

H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations).

Demint amend #3338 (To provide a limitation on funds with respect to the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #3340 (To provide that none of the funds made available under the Act may be used to circumvent any statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive awarding process to award funds to a project in response to a request from a Member of Congress). Agreed to by voice vote.

Dole amend #3341 (To provide funding for the National Cord Blood Stem Cell Program). Agreed to by voice vote.

Brown amend #3348 (To provide funding for the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program). Laid aside.

Brown amend #3349 (To prohibit the Secretary of Education from using funds with respect to an evaluation for the Upward Bound Program until congressional examination of the regulation providing for such review). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #3321 (To provide additional care for pregnant women, mothers and infants by eliminating a $1,000,000 earmark for a museum dedicated to Woodstock). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #3338 (To provide a limitation on funds with respect to the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **34-61**.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Ensign amend #3342 (To prohibit the use of funds to administer Social Security benefit payments under a totalization agreement with Mexico). Laid aside.
Ensign amend #3352 (To prohibit the use of funds to process claims based on illegal work for purposes of receiving Social Security benefits).
Laid aside.

Byrd amend #3362 (To increase funding for the Mine Safety and Health Administration). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Harkin amend #3368 (To provide funding for activities to reduce infections from methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) and related infections). Yeas and nays ordered. Laid aside.

Lautenberg amend #3350 (To prohibit the use of funds to provide abstinence education that includes information that is medically inaccurate). Laid aside.

Roberts amend #3365 (To fund the small business child care grant program). Laid aside.

Harkin amend #3368 (To provide funding for activities to reduce infections from methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) and related infections). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **90-3**.

Byrd amend #3362 (To increase funding for the Mine Safety and Health Administration). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **89-4**.

Brown amend #3348 (To provide funding for the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **81-12**.

Coburn amend #3321 (To provide additional care for pregnant women, mothers and infants by eliminating a $1,000,000 earmark for a museum dedicated to Woodstock). Schumer motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was not agreed to by a vote of **42-52**. The amendment is agreed to by voice vote.

Kyl amend #3356 (To modify provisions relating to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program). Withdrawn by Sen. Kyl.

Sessions amend #3373 (To increase the amount of funds available for Office of Labor Management Standards). Laid aside.

Reid amend #3395 (clarify the application of current law). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **68-25**.

Vitter amend #3330 (Prohibit the provision of funds to grantees who perform abortions). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **41 – 52.**

Sessions amend #3373 (To increase the amount of funds available for Office of Labor Management Standards). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **46-47**.

Sen. Reid announced that all business on H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations) will be complete by the morning of Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Reed amend #3360 (Emergency medical and trauma care). Laid aside.

Allard amend #3369 (Reduce the total amount appropriated to any program that is rated ineffective by the Office of Management and Budget through the Program Assesment Rating Tool). Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #3402 (Child Trauma Stress Network Initiative). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2128 (permanent moratorium internet tax). Sen. McConnell motion to proceed to the bill was objected to by Sen. Carper.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Coburn amend #3323 (Provide an annual report card for the Department of Education). Agreed to by voice vote.
Alexander amend #3337 (Sense of the Senate regarding science teaching and assessment). Agreed to by voice vote.
Salazar amend #3355 (Allocate funds to the Traumatic Brain Injury model Systems of Care Program). Agreed to by voice vote.
Alexander amend #3375 (Provide funds for partnership grants for teacher preparation under title II of the Higher Education Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

S. Res. 351 ("National Character Counts Week"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 352 (Sense of the Senate regarding the 20th anniversary of US-Mongolia relations). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res .353 (Sense of the Senate regarding the importance of a democratic Lebanon). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 51 (Supporting "Lights on after school"). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 222 (Commending NASA Langley Research Center). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2206 (Technical correction to a public law). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 1284 (Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2007). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 258 (Recognizing the significance of the tour of the freedom schooner Amistad).

S. 1839 (Require periodic reports on claims relating to terrorism). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following bills were considered en bloc:

S. 2198 (A requirement of the Architect of the Capitol). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.
S. 2205 (Regarding alien status). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading fo the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 19, 2007. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations).

The Senate adjourned at 8:25.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007

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 proceed to H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations). The Senate will stand in recess from 1:00-2:00 PM.

H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations).

Harkin amend #3325 (In the nature of a substitute).

The Senate recessed at 1:00 PM. The Senate will reconvene at 2:00 PM.

The Senate reconvened and proceeded with a Legislative session.

H. R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations Bill).

Vitter amend #3328 (Provide a limitation on funds with respect to preventing the importation by individuals of prescription drugs from Canada). Laid aside.

Dorgan amend #3335 (increase funding for the State Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program). Laid aside.

Feinstein amend #3336 (provide funding for a feasibility study on the child abuse and neglect registry). Agreed to by voice vote.

Harkin amend #3339 (provide technical correction to suicide prevention grants). Laid aside.

Thune amend #3333 (telehealth activities of the Heath Resources and Services Admin). Laid aside.

Dorgan amend #3345 (report on jobs lost due to the North American Free Trade Agreement). Laud aside.

Menendez amend #3347 (provide funding for the activities under the Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act). Laid aside.

McCaskill 3332 (require the Departments to establish and maintain their website pages to maintain a link to the Inspector General websites). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 182 (cure for pulmonary fibrosis). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 349 (Honoring Al Gore for the Nobel Peace Prize). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 18 and will be in morning business for 60 minutes. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations).

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses.

H. R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).

DeMint amend #3286 (Earmark transparency). Agreed to by voice vote.

DeMint amend #3289 (To prevent Federal employees from purchasing unnecessary first class or premium class airline tickets at taxpayers' expense). Laid aside.

The following amendments were proposed en bloc:
Ensign amend #3294 (Increases funding for the U.S. Marshals Service to ensure funding for the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006).
Ensign amend #3295 (Increases funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program).
Laid aside.

DeMint amend #3289 (To prevent Federal employees from purchasing unnecessary first class or premium class airline tickets at taxpayers' expense). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **90-0**.

The Senate adjourned at 12:38 PM for weekly party luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Inouye amend #3214 (To establish a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948, and the impact of those actions by the United States). Withdrawn.

Ensign amend #3294 (Increases funding for the U.S. Marshals Service to ensure funding for the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **91-0**.

Ensign amend #3295 (Increases funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program). Mikulski motion to table. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **70-23**.

Thune #3317 (To provide, in a fiscally responsible manner, additional funding for United States attorneys to prosecute violent crimes in Indian country). Mikulski motion to table. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **61-32.**

Leahy amend #3249 (To appropriate an additional $30,000,000 for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Dole amend #3313 (Sets aside $75,000,000 of the funds appropriated under the heading State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance for activities that support State and local law enforcement agencies in their efforts to assist the Federal Government's enforcement of immigration laws). Yeas and nays ordered. Mikulski motion to table. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **50-42.**

Vitter amend #3277 (To prohibit funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996). Mikulski motion to table. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **52-42.**

The following amendments are considered en bloc:
Landrieu amend #3228 (To provide funds for bycatch reduction devices for shrimpers in areas of the Gulf Coast impacted by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina), as modified.
Sununu amend #3314 (To make funds available for regional coastal disaster assistance, transition, and recovery programs).
Stevens amend #3278 (To correct a technical error in Public Law 110-53 relating to emergency communications modernization).
Boxer amend #3304 (To make $2,000,000 available for sampling, analysis, and clean-up related to the disposal of obsolete vessels owned or operated by the Federal Government in Suisun Bay, California), as modified.
Kyl amend #3279 (To increase appropriations for personnel, equipment, and other resources to be used for the analysis of DNA samples).
Sessions amend #3283 (To use $10,000,000 from the Department of Justice Working Capital Fund for the expansion of Operation Streamline, the zero tolerance prosecution policy currently in place in the Del Rio and Yuma sectors).
Bingaman amend #3208 (To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine), as modified.
Stevens amend #3312 (To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to develop and maintain a list of vessels and vessel owners engaged in illegal, unreported, or unregulated fishing), as modified.
Smith amend #3290 (To increase appropriations for salaries and expenses for hiring 200 additional Assistant U.S. Attorneys for the prosecution of offenses relating to the sexual exploitation of children).
Bingaman amend #3209 (To make certain forestry workers eligible for legal assistance).
Mikulski amend #3311 (To extend the numerical limitation exception for H-2B nonimmigrants).

Dorgan amend #3227 (To provide adequate funding for the Drug Courts program), as modified.
Dorgan amend #3276 (To amend the Mandatory Victims' Restitution Act to improve restitution for victims of crime).
Agreed to en bloc by voice vote.

McConnell motion to commit H.R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill) to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back to the Senate. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to recommit was not agreed to by a vote of **44-50.** **H. R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).** The bill is read a third time. **Final passage.** Yeas and nays are ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of **75-19.** Under the previous UC order, the Senate insists on its amendments and requests a Conference with the House. The following Senators are named as Conferees: Sens. Mikulski, Inouye, Leahy, Kohl, Harkin, Dorgan, Feinstein, Reed of RI, Lautenberg, Byrd, Shelby, Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Brownback, Alexander and Cochran.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

P.N. 230 (William Evers to be Assistant Secretary of the Department of Education). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate considered the following en bloc:
S. Res. 326 (Supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims).
H. Con. Res. 193 (Recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety).
Agreed to en bloc by UC.

S. Res. 348 (Supporting the goals and ideals of Red Ribbon Week). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. Following morning business, the Senate will proceed to H.R. 3043 (Labor-HHS Appropriations). The Senate will stand in recess from 1:00-2:00 PM tomorrow.

The Senate adjourned at 8:10 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007

The Senate will meet at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriation Act). Votes are expected between 5:00-6:00 PM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H. R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill).

Brown amend #3260 (To prohibit the use of any funds made available in this Act in a manner that is inconsistent with the trade remedy laws of the United States) Laid aside.

Mikulski amend #3233 (Provide additional funding for the Office on the Violence Against Women). The amendment was previously agreed to on Thursday, October 4, 2007, was modified by unanimous consent.

Reid amend #3225 (Require an analysis of methods for data collecting). The amendment was previously agreed to on Thursday, October 4, 2007, was modified by unanimous consent

Bingaman amend #3208 (Amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968). Laid aside.

Mikulski amend #3309 (Provide that certain funds be available for the development of educational activities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics related to the civilian space program), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Lautenberg amend #3251 (Provide funds for the National Research Council study on acidification of the oceans as authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Levin amend #3275 (Require the FBI to submit an annual report to Congress regarding the length of time taken by the FBI to conduct background checks). Agreed to by voice vote.

McCaskill amend #3247 (Require the Departments, agencies and commissions to establish and maintain on their website homepages a direct link to the websites of their Inspectors General). Agreed to by voice vote.

Obama amend #3234 (Regarding the awarding of contacts). Agreed to by voice vote.

Pryor amend #3263 (Establish a pilot program for digital and wireless networks to advance online higher education opportunities for minority students). Agreed to by voice vote.

Shelby amend #3271 (Regarding an audit and issuance of a report to the Committees on Appropriations). Agreed to by voice vote.

Shelby amend #3272 (Review of IT and 2010 Census related activities at the Bureau of the Census). Agreed to by voice vote.

Shelby amend #3273 (Regarding he FBI's Sentinel program). Agreed to by voice vote.

Shelby amend #3288 (Regarding conferences and meetings of the NASA). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #3318 (Regarding conferences and meetings of the NASA). Agreed to by voice vote.

Brown amend #3260 (To prohibit the use of any funds made available in this Act in a manner that is inconsistent with the trade remedy laws of the United States). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **85-3**.

Vitter amend #3277 (Prohibit funds from being used in contravention of section 642(a) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996). Laid aside.

Biden amend #3256 (Appropriated an additional $110,000,000 for community oriented policing services and to provide a full offset for such amount), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Mikulski amend #3310 (Provide for certain public-private competition requirements). Agreed to by voice vote.

Kennedy amend #3239 (Clarify that student loan repayment assistance does not violate section 209 of title 18, US Code, relating to Federal salary). Agreed to by voice vote.

Thune amend #3317 (Additional funding for US attorneys to prosecute violent crimes in Indian country). Laid aside.

S. Res. 345 (Supporting the work of Fire Fighters during "Fire Prevention Week"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 36 (Supporting the goals of "National Teen Driver Safety Week"). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 16, 2007. There will be a period of morning business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and State Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 6:44 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007

The Senate will convene for a Pro Forma Session at 9:30 AM. The Senate will stand in adjournment under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 49 until 2:00 PM on Monday, October 15, and will be in a period of morning business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriation Act). Votes are expected between 5:00-6:00 PM on Monday, October 15.

S. 2152 (A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program through fiscal year 2012). Read a second time; further reading objected to and placed on the calendar.

H.R. 2740 (MEJA Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007). Read a second time; further reading objected to and placed on the calendar.

The Senate will stand in adjournment under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 49 until 2:00 PM on Monday, October 15, and will be in a period of morning business until 3:00 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriation Act). Votes are expected between 5:00-6:00 PM on Monday, October 15.

The Senate adjourned at 9:35 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Thursday, October 4 and will be in morning business for one hour. The Senate will then proceed to H.R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriation Act).

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

H.R. 2828 (Provides compensation for relatives of U.S. citizens killed as a result of bombings on the U.S. Embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998). Second reading. Further readings objected to and placed on the record.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Con. Res. 49 (Conditional adjournment resolution bill). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriation Act).

Mikulski amend #3211 (Substitute amendment).

Mikulski amend #3215 (Require reporting regarding the costs of conferences held by the Department of Justice). Laid aside.

Mikulski amend #3216 (Requires certain evaluations by the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget before the satellite acquisition program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may proceed). Agreed to by voice vote.

Inouye amend #3214 (Establishes a fact-finding Commission to extend the study of a prior Commission to investigate and determine facts and circumstances surrounding the relocation, internment, and deportation to Axis countries of Latin Americans of Japanese descent from December 1941 through February 1948). Laid aside.

Shelby amend #3231 (To improve the working conditions for the United States Marshal's Service). Agreed to by voice vote.

Menendez amend #3220 (To provide additional funding for juvenile mentoring programs). Agreed to by voice vote.

Dorgan amend #3227 (To provide adequate funding for the Drug Courts program). Agreed to by voice vote.

Mikulski amend #3233 (To provide additional funding for the Office on Violence Against Women), as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

Mikulski amend #3215 (Require reporting regarding the costs of conferences held by the Department of Justice). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Coburn 2nd degree amend #3230 (Ensure Dept. of Justice conference spending does not fund excessive junkets, lavish meals, or organizations linked to terrorism) to Mikulski amend #3215 (Require reporting regarding the costs of conferences held by the Department of Justice). Agreed to by voice vote.

Domenici amend #3213 (Increase the number of Deputy US Marshals assigned to work on immigration-related matters), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Landrieu amend #3222 (Provide for hiring additional conciliators for the regional offices of the Community Relations Service of the Dept. of Justice). Agreed to by voice vote.

Bingaman amend #3210 (Conduct a study regarding investments in intangible assets), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Murray amend #3219 (Ensure FBI work force is properly allocated to meet the FBI's mission requirements and priorities), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Mikulski amend #3250 (Provide hiring of additional conciliators for the regional offices of the Community Relations Service of the Department of Justice).

S. 722 (Asbestos Act of 2007).
Murray amend #3257 (Committee Substitute). Agreed to by UC.

Murray amend #3258 (Amends title of the bill). Agreed to by UC.

S. 722 (Asbestos Act of 2007). Read third time and agreed to by UC.

H.R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriation Act).

Landrieu amend #3223 (To waive certain matching requirements for counties and parishes in which the President declared a major disaster in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #3243 (To provide $1,680,000 to investigate and prosecute unsolved civil rights crimes in a fiscally responsible manner by prioritizing spending). Shelby motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **61-31**.

Dorgan amend #3240 (To increase funding for crime control and methamphetamine abuse projects for Indians). Withdrawn.

Mikulski amend #3250 (Provide hiring of additional conciliators for the regional offices of the Community Relations Service of the Department of Justice). Agreed to by UC.

Biden amend #3256 (To appropriate an additional $110,000,000 for community oriented policing services). Laid aside.

Murray amend #3218 (To provide funds for a Northern Border Prosecutor Initiative), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Reid amend #3225 (To require an analysis of the methods for collecting data regarding the status of the U.S. economy and a determination of whether the current data results in an overstatement of U.S. economic growth, domestic manufacturing output, and productivity). Agreed to by voice vote.

Mikulski amend #3268 (To provide funds for science, engineering, technology, and mathematics related activities). Agreed to by voice vote.

Brown amend #3260 (To prohibit the use of any funds made available in a manner inconsistent with the trade remedy laws of the U.S.). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session

Cal. #302 (Jennifer Walker Elrod to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #242 (Roslynn Renee Mauskopf to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of New York). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #293 (Richard A. Jones to by U.S. District Judge for the Western District). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #294 (Sharion Aycock to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Cal. #303 (Patrick P. Shen to be Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices).
Cal. #304 (Donald M. Kerr to by Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence).
Cal. #310 (Robert Charles Tapella to be Public Printer).

Cal. #311 (Kristine Mary Miller to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development).
Cal. #312 (Brenda L. Kingery to be Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development).
Cal. #313 (Julie E. Kitka to be Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development).
Cal. #314 (Sonya Kelliher-Combs to be Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development).
Cal. #315 (Perry R. Eaton to be Member of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development).
Cal. #316 (James Russell Dedrick to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern Distrcit of Tennessee).
Cal. #331 (Paul J. Hutter to be General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs).
Thomas P. O'Brien
Edward Marburrow
Agreed to by voice vote en bloc.

S. 1640 (Vessel Hull Design Protection Amendments of 2007). Read third time and passed by UC.

S. Res. 344 (Commending the government of Germany from preventing a large scale terrorist attack on September 2007). Agreed to by UC.

The following resolutions were considered en bloc:
S. J. Res. 17 (A joint resolution directing the United States to initiate international discussions and take necessary steps with other Nations to negotiate an agreement for managing migratory and transboundary fish stocks in the Arctic Ocean)
S. Con. Res. 39 (A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a world day of remembrance for road crash victims).
Read third time and passed by UC.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
S. 2152 (Re-authorizing the SCHIP program).
H.R. 2740 (Requires accountability for contractors and personnel under federal contracts).
Read first time; second reading objected to and placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene for a Pro Forma Session at 9:30 on Friday, October 5, 2007.
The Senate will stand in adjournment under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 49 until 2:15 PM on Monday, October 15, and will be in a period of morning business until 3:00 PM.
The Senate will then resume consideration of H.R. 3093 (Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriation Act). Votes are expected between 5:00-6:00 PM on Monday, October 15.

The Senate adjourned at 7:33 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be a period of Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 3222 (Department of Defense Appropriations Bill). A vote on final passage of the bill is expected during Wednesday's session.

S. 2128 (Moratorium on Internet Taxes). 2nd reading.

S. 1538 (Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 3222 (Department of Defense Appropriations Bill).

Allard amend #3146 (Designates up to $5,000,000 for the Missile Defense Space Experimentation Center). Laid aside.

Gregg 2nd degree amend #3119 (Sets effective date) to Graham amend #3117 (To improve the security of the U.S. borders). Withdrawn.

Graham amend #3117 (To improve the security of the U.S. borders). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **95-1.**

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Biden amend #3142 (Provides an additional $23,600,000,000 for the procurement of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles). Laid aside.
Biden amend #3167 (Provides $4,000,000 for MARK V replacement research). Laid aside.

Feingold amend #3164 (To safely redeploy U.S. troops from Iraq). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous UC order, the amendment must have 60 yea-votes to be agreed to. If the amendment does not receive 60 votes, the amendment will be withdrawn. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **28-68**. The amendment is withdrawn.

Boxer amend #3166 (Provides $5,000,000 for the program of the National Military Family Association known as Operation Purple). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Kyl amend #3144 (Provides $10,000,000 for the Space Test Bed).
Kyl amend #3145 (Provides $7,000,000 for the Insider Threat program).
Withdrawn.

Biden amend #3142 (Provides an additional $23,600,00,000 for the procurement of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles). Withdrawn.

Durbin amend #3129 (Make available from Military Personnel $3,000,000 for a pilot program on troops to nurse teachers). Agreed to by voice vote.

Menendez amend #3198 (authorize the expenditure of funds appropriated under subsection (b) of the Border Security First Act of 2007 to address any border security issue). Laid aside.

Sessions amend #3141 (enhance United States sea-based missile defense capabilities).

The following amendments were agreed to by voice vote:
Gregg amend #3153
Levin amend #3162 (advanced automotive technology).
Brown amend #3152 (minuteman digitization program).
Domenici amend #3127 (high altitude airship).
Domenici amend #3155 (advanced chemical lasers).
Domenici amend #3173 (sea light beam directors).
Reid amend #3206
Sununu amend #3204 (harbor surveillance applications).
McCaskill amend #3116 (web site for DOD Inspector).
Coleman amend #3182 (perimeter awareness system).
Kennedy amend #3135 (high-temperature super computer conductor motors).
Inhofe amend #3177 (ground warfare accuse cal combat systems).
Harkin amend #3163 (F-15 aircraft).
Cornyn amend #3176 (improvement of barriers at the border).
Landrieu amend #3136 (super space innovation center).
Bennett amend #3175 (Internet observer threat mitigation tools).
Coburn amend #3137 (federal tax liability).

Menendez amend #3198 (authorize the expenditure of funds appropriated under subsection (b) of the Border Security First Act of 2007 to address any border security issue). Leahy point of order that the amendment is legislation on an appropriation bill. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Stevens 2nd degree amend #3207 to Stevens amend #3166

Sessions amend #3192 (Operation Jump Start). Agreed to by voice vote.

Stabenow amend #3131 (Virtual Design systems).Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 3222 (Department of Defense Appropriations Bill) as amended. The bill was passed by voice vote.

S. Con Res. 45 (commending the courage award foundation). Agreed to by voice vote.

(A bill to provide nationwide subpoena authority for actions brought under the 9/11 victims compensation fund of 2001). The bill was read a third time and passed.

H.R. 2828 (an act to provide compensation to relatives of US citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of US embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998). 1st reading.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Thursday, October 4 and will be in morning business for one hour. The Senate will then proceed to HR 3093 (Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriation Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to consideration of H.R. 3222 (Defense Appropriation Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM-2:15 PM for weekly party luncheons.

H.R. 3222 (Defense Appropriation Act).

Committee-Reported Substitute Amendment considered and agreed to by UC. The bill, as amended, is considered as the original text for the purpose of further amendment under UC.

Graham amend #3117 (To improve the security of the U.S. borders). Laid aside.

Gregg 2nd degree amend #3119 (Sets effective date) to Graham amend #3117 (To improve the security of the U.S. borders). Laid aside.

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

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

H.R. 3222 (Defense Appropriation Act).

Boxer amend #3126 (Prohibit waivers for enlistment in the Armed Forces of individuals with certain felony offenses). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #3130 (Operation and maintenance, Army National Guard). Laid aside.

Boxer amend #3126 (Prohibit waivers for enlistment in the Armed Forces of individuals with certain felony offenses). Motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **53-41**.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Baucus amend #3120 (Smart Data Project). Agreed to by voice vote.
Roberts amend #3125 (Air Force materials research). Agreed to by voice vote.
Kohl amend #3128 (Navy's permanent magnet mortar). Agreed to by voice vote.
Lott amend #3124 (Accelerate the deployment of the Associate Intermodal Platform pallet system). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with Morning business.

S. Res. 342 (Hispanic Heritage Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 343 (Designating Oct 19 as "National Mammography Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 319 (Sense of the Senate regarding the U. S. Transportation Command on its 20th anniversary). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. J. Res. 13 (consent of congress to the international emergency assistance memorandum of understanding). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 2128 (Moratorium on internet taxes). The first reading of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, October 3, 2007. There will be a period of Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 3222 (Department of Defense Appropriations Bill). A vote on final passage of the bill is expected during Wednesday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 6:16 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 1, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Act).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

H. R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Act).

The following amendments considered and agreed to en bloc:
Kennedy amend #2897 (To establish a Joint Pathology Center located at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD), as modified.
Sanders amend #3082 (To provide, with an offset, an additional $15,000,000 Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army, for a program of research on Gulf War illnesses), as modified.
Kennedy amend #2068 (To require reports on the mitigation of effects of explosively formed projectiles and mines), as modified.
Hutchison amend #3027 (To require a report on the feasibility of establishing a Border State Aviation Training Center), as modified.
Sanders amend #2905 (To require a pilot program on military family readiness and servicemember reintegration), as modified.
McConnell amend #3103 (To require a pilot program on commercial fee-for-service air refueling support for the Air Force), as modified.
Baucus amend #2325 (Relating to the removal of missiles from the 564th Missile Squadron), as modified.
Feingold amend #3005 (To provide for 2 programs to authorize the use of leave by caregivers for family members of certain individuals performing military service), as modified.
Murray amend #2953 (To assist school districts serving large numbers or percentages of military dependent children affected by the war in Iraq or Afganistan), as modified.
Lott amend #2264 (To improve the administration and oversight of the Armed Forces Retirement Home), as modified.
Lautenberg amend #2957 (To authorize certain activities of the Maritime Administration), as modified.
Bennett amend #3102 (To require the Secretary of Energy to develop and implement a strategy to complete the remediation at the Moab site, and the removal of the tailings to the Crescent Junction site, in the State of Utah by no later than January 1, 2019).
Sessions amend #3032 (To provide an effective date for section 531), as modified.
Chambliss amend #3112 (To express the sense of Senate on the Air Force Logistics Centers).
Reed amend #3099 (To make available from Shipbuilding and Conversion for the Navy, $1,172,710,000 for advanced procurement relating to the Virginia class submarine program), as modified.

Carper amend #3028 (To allow additional types of vehicles to be used to meet minimum Federal fleet requirements).
Nelson of FL amend #3107 (To modify the purposes for which the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation at the National Museum of Naval Aviation at Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL, may operate the National Flight Academy).
Domenici amend #2937 (To require a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed funding reduction for the High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility), as modified.
Agreed to by UC.

Kennedy 2nd degree amend #3109 (To provide for certain public-private competition requirements) to Kennedy amend #3058 (To provide for certain public-private competition requirements). Withdrawn.

Kennedy amend #3058 (To provide for certain public-private competition requirements). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **51-44**.

Substitute amendment, as amended. Agreed to by UC.

H. R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Act), as amended. Third reading. **Final passage.** Yeas and nays ordered. The bill was passed by a vote of **92-3**. The Senate insists on its amendment and requests a conference with the House. The following Senators were appointed Conferees: Sens. Levin, Kennedy, Byrd, Lieberman, Reed of RI, Akaka, Nelson of FL, Nelson of NE, Bayh, Clinton, Pryor, Webb, McCaskill, McCain, Inhofe, Warner, Sessions, Collins, Chambliss, Graham, Dole, Cornyn, Thune, Martinez and Corker.

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Treaty Document 1588 (Protocols of 2005 Concerning the Safety of Maritime Navigation). Injunction of Secrecy removed by UC. Treaty is read the first time and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 338 (National Passport Month). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 339 (Sense of the Senate on the situation in Burma). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 340 (Recognizing the contributions and efforts of Hispanic scientists in the U.S.). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 2, 2007, and will be period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to consideration of H.R. 3222 (Defense Appropriation Act). The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM-2:15 PM for weekly party luncheons.