SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM on Friday, September 28 and will resume consideration of **H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Act).**

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2693 (Directs the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to Issue a Standard Regulating Worker Exposure to Diacital). Second reading.

H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Act).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations have been agreed to en bloc:
Cal. #317 (Gen. Kevin P. Chilton to be General of the U.S. Air Force).
Cal. #318 (Maj. Gen. Ted F. Bowlds to be Lt. General of the U.S. Air Force).
Cal. #319 (Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Miller to be Lt. General of the U.S. Army).
Cal. #320 (Gen. William E. Ward to be General of the U.S. Army).
Cal. #321 (Brig. Gen. David N. Blackledge to be Maj. General of the U.S. Army).
Cal. #322 (Col. Keith D. Jones to be Brig. General of the U.S. Army).
Cal. #323 (Brig. Gen. Christopher A. Ingram to be Maj. General of the U.S. Army).
Cal. #324 (Col. Oliver J. Mason, Jr. to be Brig. General of the U.S. Army).
Cal. #325 (Lt. Gen. James N. Mattis to be General of the U.S. Marine Corps).
Cal. #326 (Vice Adm. Mark P. Fitzgerald to be Admiral of the U.S. Navy).
Cal. #327 (Rear Adm. Carl V. Mauney to be Vice Admiral of the U.S. Navy).
Cal. #328 (Adm. Gary Roughead to be Admiral of the U.S. Navy).
Cal. #329 (Vice Adm. Jonathan W. Greenert to be Admiral of the U.S. Navy).
Cal. #330 (Capt. Lawrence S. Rice to be Rear Admiral of the U.S. Navy).

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

S. Res. 337 (Authorizing the Committee on Rules and Administration to prepare a revised addition of the Standing Rules of the Senate as a Senate Document). Agreed to by voice vote.

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 adjourned at 1:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will proceed to the immediately consideration of H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Kennedy amend #3035 (To provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes). Under a previous UC, if cloture is not invoked, the amendment will be withdrawn. Following disposal, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Hatch amend #3047 (To require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials). Under a previous UC, if cloture is not invoked, the amendment will be withdrawn.

Immediately following the votes, the Senate will proceed to the Message from the House on H.R. 976 (SCHIP). There will be two minutes of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur with the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976 (SCHIP).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill).

Kennedy amend #3035 (To provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes). Motion to invoke cloture. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture was agreed to **60-39**.

Kennedy amend #3035 (To provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes). Agreed to by voice vote.

Hatch amend #3047 (To require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials). The motion to invoke cloture was vitiated. The amendment was agreed to **96-3.**

Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur with the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976 (SCHIP). The motion to invoke cloture is agreed to by a vote of **69-30**.

H.J. Res. 43 (Increasing the statutory limit on the public debt).

Motion to concur with the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976 (SCHIP). The motion was agreed to **67-29.**

H.J. Res. 43 (Increasing the statutory limit on the public debt). The joint resolution passed by a vote of **53-42.**

H.J. Res. 52 (Continuing Resolution). The resolution passed by a vote **94-1.**

H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Act)

Cloture having been invoked on Kennedy amend #3035 (Hate crimes language proposed to replace the language stricken by Graham amend #2064), the pending motion to commit with instructions offered by Sen. Reid, falls.

Kennedy amend #3035 (Hate crimes language proposed to replace the language stricken by Graham amend #2064), having been adopted, Graham amend #2064 (To strike section 1023, relating to the granting of civil rights to terror suspects), falls.

Webb amend #2999 (Contracting Commission). Agreed to by voice vote.

Menendez amend #2972 (base closures). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2196 (NICS). Not agreed to by vote of **26-69.**

Motion to invoke cloture on Levin amend #2011 (Complete Substitute). The motion was agreed to by a vote of **89-6.**

Kennedy amend #3058 ().

Kennedy 2nd degree amend #3109 () to Kennedy amend #3058 ().

The Senate will convene at 10:30 AM on Friday, September 28 and will resume consideration of **H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Act).**

The Senate adjourned at 10:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in morning business for 60 minutes.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill).

Biden amend #2997 (To express the sense of Congress on federalism in Iraq), as amended. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **75-23**.

Kyl amend #3017 (To express the sense of the Senate regarding Iran), as amended. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **76-22**.

Coburn amend #2196 (To eliminate wasteful spending and improve the management of counter-drug intelligence). Laid aside.

McCaskill amend #2999 (Provide for a study and investigation of wartime contracts in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom). Laid aside.

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc by voice vote:
McCaskill amend #3010 (Air Fore intertheater airlift force).
Hatch amend #3016 (require a report on the solid rocket motor industrial base).
Biden amend #3043 (strengthen nuclear forensics capabilities).
Levin amend #3009 (modify authority of Secretary of the Navy to carry out certain military construction projects).
McCaskill amend #3046 (improve and streamline the security clearance process).
Levin amend #3006 (Nuke missile site in Gross Ile, MI).
Levin amend #3008 (Nuclear Aircraft Carrier Maintenance Pier).
Conrad amend #2172 (retirement of B-52 bomber aircraft)

Reid filed a cloture motion on the substitute amendment to H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill).

Message from the House on H.R. 976 (SCHIP). Reid motion to concur on the House amendments.

Reid filed a cloture motion on the motion to concur on the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976 (SCHIP).

Reid motion to concur on the first House amendment with Reid amend #3071 (Sets effective clause).

Reid 2nd degree amend #3072 (Technical Changes) to Reid amend #3071 (Sets effective clause).

H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill).

McConnell filed a cloture motion on H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 333 (To authorize production of records by the permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Thursday, September 27, 2007 and will proceed to the immediately consideration of H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill). At 11:00 AM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Kennedy amend #3035 (To provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes, and for other purposes). Under a previous UC, if cloture is not invoked, the amendment will be withdrawn. Following disposal, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Hatch amend #3047 (To require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials). Under a previous UC, if cloture is not invoked, the amendment will be withdrawn.

Immediately following the votes, the Senate will proceed to the Message from the House on H.R. 976 (SCHIP). There will be two minutes of debate prior to a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur with the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976 (SCHIP).

The Senate adjourned at 7:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be a period of Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill).

Graham amend #2064 (To strike section 1023, relating to the granting of civil rights to terror suspects). Laid aside.

Kennedy amend #3035 (Hate crimes language proposed to replace the language stricken by Graham amend #2064). Laid aside.

Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion to bring to a close debate on Kennedy amend #3035 (Hate crimes language proposed to replace the language stricken by Graham amend #2064). Unless an agreement is announced, the vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday morning.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate adjourned at 12:22 PM for party luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill).

Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Armed Services Committee with the instructions to report back forthwith with following amend #3038 (Sets effective clause). Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid amend #3039 (Technical Language) to the Motion to Recommit. Yeas and nays ordered.

Reid 2nd amend #3040 (Technical Language) to Reid amend #3039 (Technical Language). Yeas and nays ordered.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate recessed at 3:30 PM until 5:00 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 5:00 PM.

H.R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill).

A Manager's Amendment consisting of 34 amendments was agreed to en bloc by voice vote:
Lieberman amend #2932 (contact information)
Hagel amend #2979 (synthetic fuels)
Smith amend #2956 (towbarless aircraft ground equipment)
Chambliss amend #2977 (health care)
Nelson amend #2158 (Elementary and Secondary Education Act)
Boxer amend #2962 (Mental Health)
Smith amend #2095 (burial services)
Graham amend #2975 (Uniform Code of Military Justice)
Dole amend #2951 (drinking water contaminants)
Chambliss amend #2978 (housing privatization)
Domenici amend #2981 (National Nuclear Security Administration)
Coleman amend #2982 (TRICARE)
Bingaman amend #2943 (nuclear missions)
Isakson amend #2952 (fire resistant rayon fiber)
Clinton amend #2917 (major disaster declaration)
Levin amend #3007 (military construction)
Chambliss amend #2936 (Charlie Norwood Dept. of VA)
Akaka amend #2995 (Tomb of the Unknowns)
Menendez amend #2973 (sense of Congress on National Guard0
Cornyn amend #2929 (Darnall Army Medical Center)
Salazar amend #2920 (Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site)
Martinez amend #2197 (Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico)
Biden amend #2290 (health care during military conflicts)
Landrieu amend #2963 (Baton Rouge airport for military use0
Kerry amend #3023 (Commercialization Pilot Program0
Hagel amend #2980 (scholarship program)
Lautenberg amend #3029 ((Warren Grove Gunnery Range)
Boxer amend #2870 (Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve0
Coburn amend #3044 (prohibit earmarks)
Bennett amend #3030 (Utah national defense lands0
Martinez amend #2950 (disability evaluation system)
Kerry amend #2969 (Eye injuries)
Thune amend #3021 (Butterbaugh vs Dept of Justice)

Casey asked for unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the Hatch amendment, number 3047, that the cloture motion at the desk on the amendment be considered as having been filed and reported, and the Senate then resume the regular order regarding the bill and then return to morning business. Without objection.

Casey unanimous consent that on Wednesday, September26, when cloture is filed on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976, then it be considered to have been filed on Tuesday and the mandatory quorum be waived, notwithstanding rule 22. Without objection.

S. Res. 325 (sporting efforts to increase childhood cancer awareness, treatment, and research). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 3375 (an act to extend the trade adjustment assistance program under the trade act of 1974 for three months). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, September 26 and will be in morning business for 60 minutes.

The Senate adjourned at 7:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 1495 (WRDA).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

Conference Report to Accompany H. R. 1495 (Water Resources Development Act of 2007). The Conference Report was agreed to by a vote of **81-12.**

H. R. 1255 (Presidential Records Acts Amendment of 2007). Sen. Feinstein motion to proceed to the bill and agree to is as amended was objected to by Sen. Ensign.

S. 223 (Require Senate candidates to file designates and statements in electronic form). Sen. Feinstein motion to proceed to the bill and agree to the bill was objected to by Sen. Ensign.

Ted Poe A nominee to be the US Representative to the 62nd Session of the United Nations. Confirmed by voice vote.

William Dellahunt to be the US Representative to the 62nd Session of the United Nations Confirmed by voice vote.

S. Res. 328 (Condemning the September 19, 2007 assassination of Antoine Gainio who opposed Syrian interference in Lebanon). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 329 (Congratulating the Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville as it celebrates its 50th anniversary). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 25, 2007. There will be a period of Morning Business for 60 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1585 (Defense Authorization Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses.

The Senate adjourned at 7:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:15 AM on Friday, September 21and will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization). At 9:50 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on Levin amend #2898 (provide for a reduction and transition of U.S. forces in Iraq).

H.R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization).

Levin amend #2898 (provide for a reduction and transition of U.S. forces in Iraq). Yeas and nays ordered. Under the previous order, the amendment must receive 60 votes in order to pass, or the amendment will be withdrawn. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **47-47**.

Biden amend #2997 (To express the sense of Congress on federalism in Iraq). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. Res. 320 (Recognizing the achievements of the people of Ukraine in pursuit of freedom and democracy). Agreed to by UC.

S. 456 (Increases and enhances law enforcement resources to committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs). Under a UC agreement, the committee substitute is considered and agreed to as amended, the Fienstein/Hatch amendment is agreed and the bill is read a third time and passed.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 24, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 1495 (WRDA).

The Senate adjourned at 2:25 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with Morning Business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Act).

S. 2070 (Prevent Government Shutdowns). 2nd reading.

H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Act).

Boxer amend #2947 (Reaffirms strong support for all the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and to strongly condemn attacks on the honor, integrity, and patriotism of any individual who is serving or who has served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous order, the amendment must receive 60 votes to pass, or the amendment will be withdrawn. The vote was **51-46.** Under the previous order the amendment was **withdrawn.**

Cornyn amend #2934 (To express the sense of the Senate that General David II. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, deserves the full support of the Senate and strongly condemn personal attacks on the honor and integrity of General Petraeus and all members of the United States Armed Forces). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous order, the amendment must receive 60 votes to pass, or the amendment will be withdrawn. The amendment was agreed to **72-25.**

Feingold amend #2924 (To safely redeploy United States troops from Iraq). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous order, the amendment must receive 60 votes to pass, or the amendment will be withdrawn. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **28-70.** Under the previous order, the amendment was **withdrawn.**

Levin amend #2898 (provide for a reduction and transition of U.S. forces in Iraq). Laid aside.

The Senate agreed to the following amendments en bloc by voice vote:
Bond amend #2875 (provide certain limitations to the issuance of security clearances)
McCaskill amend #2939 (provide for independent management reviews of contracts for services).
Kennedy amend #2262 (modify the sunset date for the Office of the Ombudsman of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program.
Nelson amend #2864 (modify the provisions relating to mandatory separation for years of service of Reserve officers in the grade of lieutenant or vice admiral).
Levin amend #2233 (require a report on the feasibility of housing a National Disaster Response Center at Kelly Air Field) as modified.
Bond amend #2893 (enhance the national defense through empowerment of the Chief of the National Bureau and the functions of the National Guard Bureau).

Reed amend #2941 (modify the termination of assistance to State and local governments after the completion of the destruction of the US chemical weapons stockpile).
Nelson amend #2866 (authorize demonstration projects on the provision of services to military dependent children with autism).
Bingaman amend #2119 (require a report from the Inspector General of the DOD on a pilot program for the imposition of fines for noncompliance of contractor personnel with requirements for contractor personnel performing private security functions in areas of combat operations.
Salazar amend #2880 (require a report on the High-Altitude Aviation Training Site).
Kyl amend #2892 (require information regarding asymmetric capabilities in the annual report on the military power of China).
Levin amend #2278 (authorize land exchange in Detroit).
Akaka amend #2871 (provide flexibility in paying annuities to certain Federal retirees who return to work).
Nelson amend #2865 (authorize the Secretary of Defense to expand the persons eligible for continued health benefits coverage).
Boxer amend #2285 (require recurring reports on the readiness of the National Guard for domestic emergencies).
Nelson amend #2868 (provide for a continuation of eligibility for TRICARE Standard coverage for certain members of Selected Reserve).
Snowe amend #2299 (require consideration of small business concerns in evaluating actions that should be taken to address any disadvantages in the performance of contracts to actual and potential contractors).
McCaskill amend #2940 (provide for enforcement of requirements applicable to undefinitized contractual actions).
Nelson amend #2869 (increases in compensation for the staff of the Uniformed Services University for Health and Sciences).
Nelson amend #2867 (repeal the authority for payment of a uniform allowance to civilian employees of the DOD).
Snowe amend #2300 (to require relevant reports to be submitted to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate).
Murray amend #2921 (National Guard benefits delivery and discharge program).

At 3:00 PM on Monday, September 24, the Senate will proceed to the Conference Report to accompany HR 1495 (Water Resources Bill). At 5:45 PM, the Senate will proceed to vote on final passage of the Conference Report.

Levin amend #2898 (provide for a reduction and transition of U.S. forces in Iraq). Laid aside.

Kyl amend #3017 (Express sense of Senate regarding Iran). Laid aside.

Levin amend #2898 (provide for a reduction and transition of U.S. forces in Iraq). Laid aside.

H.R. 3580 Amend the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 324 (supporting the goals and ideals of national life insurance awareness month). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:15 AM on Friday, September 21and will resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization). At 9:50 AM, the Senate will proceed to a vote on Levin amend #2898 (provide for a reduction and transition of U.S. forces in Iraq).

The Senate adjourned at 9:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with Morning Business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Act).

S. 2070 (Prevent Government Shutdowns). 2nd reading.

H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Act).

Boxer amend #2947 (Reaffirms strong support for all the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and to strongly condemn attacks on the honor, integrity, and patriotism of any individual who is serving or who has served honorably in the U.S. Armed Forces). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous order, the amendment must receive 60 votes to pass, or the amendment will be withdrawn. The vote was **51-46.** Under the previous order the amendment was **withdrawn.**

Cornyn amend #2934 (To express the sense of the Senate that General David II. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, deserves the full support of the Senate and strongly condemn personal attacks on the honor and integrity of General Petraeus and all members of the United States Armed Forces). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous order, the amendment must receive 60 votes to pass, or the amendment will be withdrawn. The amendment was agreed to **72-25.**

Feingold amend #2924 (To safely redeploy United States troops from Iraq). Yeas and nays ordered. Under a previous order, the amendment must receive 60 votes to pass, or the amendment will be withdrawn. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **28-70.** Under the previous order, the amendment was **withdrawn.**

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill). At 10:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Leahy amend #2022 (Habeas Corpus).

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).

Leahy amend #2022 (Habeas Corpus). Motion to invoke cloture on the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **56-43**. The amendment was withdrawn.

Webb amend #2909 (To specify minimum periods between deployment of units and members of the Armed Forces deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom). Under a unanimous consent agreement, this amendment requires 60 votes in order to pass. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **56-44**. The amendment was withdrawn.

McCain amend #2918 (Express the sense of the Senate on Dept. of Defense policy regarding dwell time). Under a unanimous consent agreement, this amendment requires 60 votes in order to pass. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **55-45**. The amendment was withdrawn.

Cornyn amend #2934 (Sense of the Senate on General David Petraeus). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

H. R. 3528 (Authority to the Peace Corp regarding pay). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 322 (Honoring the lifetime achievements of Gen. George Sears Greene). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 27 (Prevent Government shutdowns). The bill was read for the first time. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 20, 2007. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business until 10:30 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Act).

The Senate adjourned at 7:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to consideration of H. R. 1124 (To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999) for 65 minutes of debate. There will then be a vote on the Coburn amendment (Public colleges), followed by a vote on passage. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the DC Voting Rights Bill. If the motion is agreed to, the Senate will proceed to the bill. If the motion is not agreed to, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1124 (To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999)

Coburn amend #2887 (Restricts college funding to children with families making $1 million a year). Under the previous order, the amendment is adopted by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2888 (To prohibit the Federal Government from favoring public colleges and universities over private colleges and universities under the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **38-59.**

H.R. 1124 (To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999) as amended. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill as amended was agreed to by a vote of **96-0.**

The Senate recessed at 1:00 PM for the party lunches.

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

Motion to Invoke Cloture on the Motion to Proceed to S. 1257 (DC Voting Rights Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed was not agreed to by a vote of **57-42.**

H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).

Leahy amend #2022 (Habeas Corpus).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. 558 (Mental Health Parity Act of 2007). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, September 19, 2007 and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill). At 10:30 AM, the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Leahy amend #2022 (Habeas Corpus).

The Senate adjourned at 6:47 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with morning business. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will begin consideration of H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc by voice vote:

· Levin-McCain amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to provide, with an offset, $59,041,000 for other procurement for the Army for the General Fund Enterprise Business System of the Army. (#2174, as modified)

· Levin amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to modify the requirements on the Defense Science Board Review of Department of Defense policies and procedures for the acquisition of information technology (#2175)

· Sessions amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to express the sense of Congress on the procurement program for the KC-X tanker aircraft. (#2168)

· Clinton amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require a report on the planning and implementation of the policy of the United States toward Darfur. (#2108)

· Hagel amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to provide for additional members on the Department of Defense Military Family Readiness Council. (#2015)

· Chambliss-Pryor amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require a report on surveys of patient satisfaction at military treatment facilities. (#2050)

· Bingaman amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require an additional element in the management plan for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Fund. (#2120)

· Harkin-Collins amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to provide support and assistance for families of members of the Armed Forces who are undergoing deployment. (#2056)

· Sessions-Shelby amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to authorize the Air University to confer additional academic degrees. (#2147)

· Clinton-Lott amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to specify additional individuals eligible to transportation for survivors of deceased members of the Armed Forces to attend their burial ceremonies. (#2047)

· Coleman amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to revise the authorized variances on end strengths authorized for Selected Reserve personnel. (#2117)

· McCain amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to designate the positions of Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretaries of the military departments for acquisition matters as critical acquisition positions. (#2190)

· Reed-Collins amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require a Comptroller General assessment of the Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. (#2199)

· Gregg-Boxer amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to express the sense of Congress on family care plans and the deployment of members of the Armed Forces who have minor dependents. (#2203)

· Inhofe amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to amend the American Servicemembers' Protection Act of 2002 to repeal the limitations on providing United States military assistance to parties to the International Criminal Court. (#2201)

· Inhofe amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to prescribe that members of the Armed Forces and veterans out of uniform may render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of the flag. (#2200)

· Gregg amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require studies on support services for families of members of the Active and Reserve Components who are undergoing deployment.(#2112)

· Voinovich-Bayh amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to extend the date on which the National Security Personnel System will first apply to certain defense laboratories. (#2099)

· Levin-McCain amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide for the protection of certain individuals. (#2212)

· Clinton-Whitehouse amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to prevent nuclear terrorism, and for other purposes. (#2222)

· Warner-Webb amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, relative to limitation on assistance to the government of Thailand. (#2230, as modified)

· Salazar-Sessions amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to provide authority for Department of Defense to provide support for certain sporting events. (#2234, as modified)

· Webb-Warner amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to extend and modify the authorities on Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse Attack. (#2272)

· Sessions-Chambliss-Clinton amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to authorize the payment of inactive duty training travel costs for certain Selected Reserve members. (#2220)

· Kohl-Warner amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require a report on the implementation of the green procurement policy of the Department of Defense. (#2276)

· Cornyn-Dole amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to provide that the study on the national security interagency system shall focus on improving interagency cooperation in post-conflict contingency relief and reconstruction operations. (#2257)

· Akaka amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require a report on the control of the brown tree snake. (#2281)

· McCaskill amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to provide for a review of licensed mental health counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists under the TRICARE program. (#2250)

· Menendez amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require a Department of Defense Inspector General report on physical security of Department of Defense installations. (#2254)

· Durbin-Inouye-Inhofe amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to provide for an increase in the number of nurses and faculty. (#2268)

· Sessions amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to provide for continuity and efficiency of the depot operations of the Department of Defense to reset combat equipment and vehicles in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. (#2292)

· Dole amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require a report on counternarcotics assistance for the Government of Haiti. (#2305)

· Coleman-Klobuchar amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, relating to satisfaction by members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty of applicable professional licensure and certification requirements. (#2216)

· Biden-Dodd-Dole amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require a report on the airfield in Abeche, Chad, and other resources needed to provide stability in the Darfur region. (#2309)

· Schumer amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to authorize, with an offset, and additional $162,800,000 for Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense-wide, to combat the growth of poppies in Afghanistan, to eliminate the production and trade of opium and heroin, and to prevent terrorists from using the proceeds for terrorist activities in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere. (#2308)

· Salazar-Cardin amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to express the sense of Congress regarding Department of Defense actions to address the encroachment of military installations. (#2310)

· McCaskill-Collins amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to provide further protection for contractor employees from reprisal for disclosure of certain information. (#2617)

· Hatch-Crapo amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to commend the founder and members of Project Compassion. (#2313)

· Chambliss amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to express the sense of the Senate on collaborations between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs on health care for wounded warriors. (#2863)

· Chambliss-Coleman-Klobuchar amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to establish a National Guard yellow ribbon integration program. (#2282)

· Bingaman amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to modify a reporting requirement. (#2210)

· Cantwell-Murray amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require a report on the search and rescue capabilities of the Air Force in the northwestern United States. (#2291)

· Brown amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require a comprehensive accounting of the funding require to ensure that the plan for implementing the final recommendations of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment commission remains on schedule. (#2096)

· Dorgan amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to authorize a land conveyance at the Lewis and Clark United States Army Reserve Center, Bismarck, North Dakota. (#2315)

· Dodd amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to review the application of certain authorities under the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes. (#2176)

· Cardin-Biden amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to grant a Federal charter to the Korean War Veterans Association, Incorporated. (#2326)

· Pryor amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to enhance the availability of rest and recuperation leave. (#2263)

· Chambliss amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit a plan to ensure the appropriate size of the Department of Defense acquisition workforce. (#2294)

· Levin amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to require a report on water conservation projects. (#2277, as modified)

· McConnell-Salazar amendment to Levin substitute amendment #2011, to authorize to be increased by up to $49,300,000 the amount authorized to be appropriated for the construction of munitions demilitarization facilities at Blue Grass Army Depot, Kentucky, and Pueblo Chemical Depot, Colorado, and to ensure the timely destruction of lethal chemical agents and munitions. (#2862)

Leahy amend #2022 (Habeas Corpus). Laid aside.

Graham amend #2064 (civil rights for terrorists). Laid aside.

Leahy amend #2022 (Restoration of Habeas Corpus). Reid filed cloture on the amendment.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. on Tuesday, September 18 and will be in morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will proceed to consideration of H. R. 1124 (To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999) for 65 minutes of debate. There will then be a vote on the Coburn amendment (Public colleges), followed by a vote on passage. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:45 AM and will conduct a pro forma session only. At the close of the pro forma session, the Senate will stand adjourned until 2:00 PM on Monday, September 17, 2007 and will be in a period of morning business. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will begin consideration of H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill). On Tuesday, September 18, 2007, the Senate will proceed to consideration of H. R. 1124 (To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999) for 65 minutes of debate. There will then be a vote on the Coburn amendment (Public colleges), followed by a vote on passage.

The Senate convened for a Pro Forma Session.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 17, 2007 and will proceed with morning business. At 2:00 PM, the Senate will begin consideration of H. R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization Bill). On Tuesday, September 18, 2007, the Senate will proceed to consideration of H. R. 1124 (To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999) for 65 minutes of debate. There will then be a vote on the Coburn amendment (Public colleges), followed by a vote on passage.

The Senate adjourned at 9:47 AM.

SENATE FLOOR PRIOCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill). The following amendments remain in order to the bill:
Coburn amend #2812 (Removes an unnecessary earmark for the International Peace Garden in Dunseith, North Dakota).
Coburn amend #2814 (Prohibits funding for the construction of a baseball facility in Billings, Montana).
DeMint amend # (Davis-Bacon).
Following the disposition of the above amendments, the bill will be read a third time and the Senate will vote on final passage.

H.R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill).

DeMint amend #2844 (To provide a system for better maintaining bridges by spending tax dollars more efficiently). Murray motion to table the amendment. The Motion to Table was agreed to **56-37.**

Coburn amend #2812 (Removes an unnecessary earmark for the International Peace Garden in Dunseith, North Dakota) and Coburn amend #2814 (Prohibits funding for the construction of a baseball facility in Billings, Montana). Murray motion to table the amendments en bloc. The Motion to Table was agreed to **63-32.**

H.R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill). The bill was read a third time. The bill was agreed to **88-7.**

H.R. 3218 (An act to designate a portion of Interstate route 395 as Cal Ripken way). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1692 (a bill to grant federal charter to Korean veterans). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 318 (supporting the "we don't serve teens" campaign). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations en bloc:
Cal. #297 (Margaret Spellings to be Representative to the Session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).
Cal. #298 (Nancy Brinker to be Chief of Protocol for the State Department).
Cal. #299 (Harry Thomas to be Career Member of the Foreign Serivce).
Cal. #300 (Paula Dobriansky to be Ambassador to Northern Ireland).
Cal. #301 (Ned Siegel to be Ambassador to the Bahamas).

The Senate will stand in recess until 9:45 AM on Friday, September 14. The Senate will conduct a pro forma session only. At the close of the pro forma session the Senate will stand adjourned until 2:00 PM on Monday, September 17 and will be in a period of morning business. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1585 (Department of Defense Authorization bill). On Tuesday, September18 the Senate will proceed to consideration of HR 1124 (To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 for 65 minutes of debate. There will then be a vote on the Coburn amendment (public colleges), followed by a vote on passage.

The Senate adjourned at 3:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PRIOCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. At 12:00, Noon, the Senate will observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill).

Cornyn amend #2808 (Sense of the Senate that General David Petraeus deserves the full support of the Senate). Murray point of order that the amendment is not germane. The Chair ruled that the Cornyn amendment is not germane, the point of order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Klobuchar amend #2816 (to make available amounts authorized to be appropriated for repair of the I-35W bridge that collapses in Minneapolis, MN). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2810 (Earmark moratorium until all obsolete bridges have been repaired). Laid aside.

The Senate observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the events of September, 11, 2001.

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

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM and proceeded with a legislative session.

H. R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill).

Bingaman amend #2794 (technical correction). Agreed to by voice vote.

Obama amend #2799 (Provides that non of the funds appropriated may be used to enter into a contract or grant in an amount greater than $5,00,000 unless the prospective contractor or grantee makes certain certifications regarding Federal tax liabiliy). Agreed to by voice vote.

Clinton amend #2823 (Requires a report on plans to alleviate congestion and flight delays in the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Airspace). Agreed to by voice vote.

Schumer amend #2803 (clarify how the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall manage and dispose of multifamily properties owned by the Secretary). Agreed to by voice vote.

Klobuchar amend #2816 (to make available amounts authorized to be appropriated for repair of the I-35W bridge that collapses in Minneapolis, MN), as modified. Laid aside.

Landrieu amend #2795 (Provides funding for 3,000 units of permanent supportive housing for homeless, disabled and elderly persons in the State of Louisiana). Withdrawn.

Coburn amend #2810 (Earmark moratorium until all obsolete bridges have been repaired). Murray motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **82-14**. The motion was agreed to and the amendment falls.

Klobuchar amend #2816 (to make available amounts authorized to be appropriated for repair of the I-35W bridge that collapses in Minneapolis, MN), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2811 (Prohibits the use of funds made available for bicycle paths or trails). Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Coburn amend #2812 (Removes an unnecessary earmark for the International Peace Garden in Dunseith, North Dakota).
Coburn amend #2813 (Sets provisions for funding for any activity relating to the design or construction of the America's Wetland Center in Lake Charles, Louisiana).
Coburn amend #2814 (Prohibits funding for the construction of a baseball facility in Billings, Montana).
Laid aside.

Inhofe amend #2796 (To prohibit the use of funds to implement the proposed Air Traffic Control Optimum Training Solution of the Federal Aviation Administration), as amended. Agreed to by voice vote.

Durbin amend #2800 (Amends the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant programs), as modified. Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Bond amend #2832 (Establishes mitigation activities and alternatives to mortgage foreclosure when viable and to reasonably ensure the long-term affordability of any mortgage assisted under this agreement). Agreed to by voice vote.
Durbin amend #2800 (Amends the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant programs), as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.
Stevens amend #2845 (Permits pilots to serve in multicrew covered operations until attaining 65 years of age). Agreed to by voice vote.

Dorgan amend #2797 (To prohibit the establishment of a program that allows Mexican truck drivers to operate beyond the commercial zones near the Mexican border). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **74-24**.

Cornyn amend #2842 (To ensure that every motor carrier entering the U.S. through the cross-motor carrier demonstration program is inspected and meets all applicable safety standards). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is not agreed to by a vote of **29-69**.

Coburn amend #2811 (Prohibits the use of funds made available for bicycle paths or trails). Murray motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **80-18**. The motion was agreed to and the amendment falls.

There are no more votes during today's session.

The following amendments are the only amendments remaining in order to **H. R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill)**:
Coburn amend #2812 (Removes an unnecessary earmark for the International Peace Garden in Dunseith, North Dakota).
Coburn amend #2814 (Prohibits funding for the construction of a baseball facility in Billings, Montana).
DeMint amend # (Davis-Bacon).
Menendez amend #2826 (Requires a GAO study on the efficacy of strategies used by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Transportation regarding flight delays).
Menendez amend #2834 (Provides additional funding to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to implement guidance in connection with assisting persons with limited English proficiency).
No second degree amendments will be in order previous to voting on these amendments, which will take place the morning of Wednesday, September 12, 2007. Following the disposition of the above amendments, the bill will be read a third time and the Senate will vote on final passage.

Menendez amend #2826 (Requires a GAO study on the efficacy of strategies used by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Transportation regarding flight delays). Withdrawn.

Menendez amend #2834 (Provides additional funding to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to implement guidance in connection with assisting persons with limited English proficiency). Withdrawn.

Manager's Package to H.R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill), as modified, is considered en bloc and agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered and agreed to en bloc:

Cal. #274 ().
Cal. #275 (Ronald Spoehel to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration).
Cal. #295 (Michael David Credo to be U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana).
Cal. #296 (Esteban Soto III to by U.S. Marshal for the District of Puerto Rico).
Agreed to by UC.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 316 (Child Lead Poisoning Prevention Week). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 317 (Constitutes the Minority Party's membership on the Committeeon Veteran's Affairs for the remained of the 110th Congress). Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 954 (Designates the Percy Sutton Post Office Building). Read three times and agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 and will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill).
The following amendments remain in order to the bill:
Coburn amend #2812 (Removes an unnecessary earmark for the International Peace Garden in Dunseith, North Dakota).
Coburn amend #2814 (Prohibits funding for the construction of a baseball facility in Billings, Montana).
DeMint amend # (Davis-Bacon).
Following the disposition of the above amendments, the bill will be read a third time and the Senate will vote on final passage.

The Senate adjourned at 9:41 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PRIOCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM. and will proceed to Executive Session to debate en bloc, Cal. #238 (William Osteen to be US District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina), Cal. #239 (Martin Reidinger to US District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina) and Cal. #241 (Janis Sammartino to be US District Judge for the Southern District of California). There will be 60 minutes of debate on the nominations. At 11:00 AM the Senate will proceed to three stacked votes on the nominations. The Senate will then proceed to Morning Business for 30 minutes. Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of **H.R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill).**

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session.

Cal. #238 (William Osteen to be US District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **87-0.**

Cal. #239 (Martin Reidinger to US District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina). Agreed to by voice vote.

Cal. #241 (Janis Sammartino to be US District Judge for the Southern District of California). Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **90-1.**

The Senate proceeded to legislative session.

H.R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill).

Murray amend #2791 (Strike a provision of the bill and insert authority for the Secretary of Transportation). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Murray 2nd degree amend #2792 (Expand the extension of authority of the Sec. of Transportation and provide additional obligation authority for the highway bridge program) to amend #2791 (Strike a provision of the bill and insert authority for the Secretary of Transportation). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **60-33**.

Dorgan amend #2797 (Prohibit the establishment of a program that allows Mexican truck drivers to operate beyond the commercial zones near the Mexican border). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with morning business. There will be no further roll call votes during today's session.

S. Res. 222 (Supporting the goals of "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 314 (Designating Sept 12, 2007 as "National Sealiack Disease Awareness Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 1908 (Provide for patent reform). The first reading of the bill was approved by voice vote. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 11, 2007. The Senate will immediately resume consideration of H. R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. At 12:00, Noon, the Senate will observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001.

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PRIOCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

The Senate will convene at 8:55 AM and will proceed immediately to the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2669 (Education Reconciliation). At 10:15 AM, the Senate will vote on final passage of the Conference Report.

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Conference Report to accompany H. R. 2699 (Education Reconciliation Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The conference report was agreed to by a vote of **79-12.**

The Senate considered the following amendments en bloc:
S. Res. 144 (Honoring Michigan State University on it 2007 Men's National Collegiate Hockey Championship).
S. Res. 282 (National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Week).
S. Res. 288 (National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month).
S. Res. 292 (National Assisted Living Week).
S. Res. 301 (50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School).
Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 253 (Sense of the Senate that a Museum of the History of American Diplomacy be established). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 310 (250th Anniversary of Lafayette, Louisiana). Agreed to by UC.

S. Res. 311 (National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month). Agreed to by UC.

The Senate will convene on Monday, September 10 at 10:00 AM. The Senate will proceed to Executive Session to debate en bloc, Cal. #238 (William Osteen to be US District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina), Cal. #239 (Martin Reidinger to US District Judge for the Western District of North Carolina) and Cal. #241 (Janis Sammartino to be US District Judge for the Southern District of California). There will be 60 minutes of debate on the nominations. At 11:00 AM the Senate will proceed to three stacked votes on the nominations. The Senate will then proceed to Morning Business for 30 minutes. Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of **H.R. 3074 (Transportation Appropriations Bill).**

The Senate adjourned at 12:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PRIOCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 2642 (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill). Senator Bunning will speak for up to 30 minutes. Following his remarks, there will be votes on the following amendments: Coleman, Sanders, Salazar, Brown, McConnell, and then final passage.

H. R. 2642 (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill).

McConnell amend #2666 (chemical demilitarization program). Withdrawn.

Coleman amend #2687 (additional funds be made available for security in the cities of Denver, CO and St. Paul, MN). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **76-15.**

Sanders amend #2664 (compensation for disabled Veterans, eliminating "rounding down"). Agreed to by voice vote.

Salazar amend #2662 (expansion of the boundaries of the Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site). The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **47-45.**

Brown amend #2673 (public/private competition for contract competition). The amendment was agreed to **52-39.**

H. R. 2642 (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill).
The bill was read a third time. The bill passed by a vote of **92-1.**

H.R. 2764 (Foreign Ops Appropriations).

Martinez amend #2694 (To promote democracy in Cuba). Agreed to by voice vote.

Martinez amend #2695 (To increase the funding for broadcasts to Cuba and to provide an offset). Withdrawn.

Martinez amend #2696 (To modify the conditions on the availability of funds for the aerial eradication of coca in Colombia). Withdrawn.

Martinez amend #2697 (To increase by $30,000,000 the amount appropriated for "Andean Programs" in Colombia). Withdrawn.

Brownback amend #2708 (To prevent contributions to organizations that perform or promote abortion as a method of family planning). Laid aside.

Brownback amend #2707 (To prohibit funding of organizations that support coercive abortion). Laid aside.

Boxer amend #2719 (Prohibits the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #2700 (Limits the percentage for United Nations peacekeeping operations). Laid aside.

Lieberman amend #2691 (Provides for $75,000,000 be made available for programs of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs to support democracy, the rule of law and governance in Iran). Laid aside.

The Senate recessed at 4:45 PM to meet five Parliamentarians of the Republic of Slovenia.

The Senate reconvened at 4:47 PM and proceeded with a legislative session.

H.R. 2764 (Foreign Ops Appropriations).

Coburn amend #2704 (Restricting funds to the Word Bank for malaria control or prevention programs). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2705 (To provide for funding for the President's Malaria Initiative). Withdrawn.

Coburn amend #2706 (Ensuring full public transparency and fiscal accountability at the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2716 (To provide for funding for the President's Malaria Initiative). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2773 (Concerning U.S. contributions to the United Nations). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #2700 (Limits the percentage for United Nations peacekeeping operations). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **30-63**.

Lieberman amend #2691 (Provides for $75,000,000 be made available for programs of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs to support democracy, the rule of law and governance in Iran). The amendment is agreed to by voice vote.

Brownback amend #2707 (To prohibit funding of organizations that support coercive abortion). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **48-45**.

Boxer amend #2719 (Prohibits the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **53-41**.

Brownback amend #2708 (To prevent contributions to organizations that perform or promote abortion as a method of family planning). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **41-53**.

Vitter amend #2774 (prohibit the use of funds by international organizations, agencies, and entities that requires the registration of, or tax guns owned by U.S. citizens). Laid aside.

Dole amend #2772 (Prohibits funds appropriated from being expended in violation of section 243(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act). Agreed to by voice vote.

Dodd amend #2721 (To increase by $10,000,000 the amount appropriated for Peace Corps). Agreed to by voice vote.

Vitter amend #2774 (prohibit the use of funds by international organizations, agencies, and entities that requires the registration of, or tax guns owned by U.S. citizens). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **81-10**.

Coburn amend #2773 (Concerning U.S. contributions to the United Nations). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **92-1**.

Coburn amend #2716 (To provide for funding for the President's Malaria Initiative). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **46-47**.

Coburn amend #2706 (Ensuring full public transparency and fiscal accountability at the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria). The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2704 (Restricting funds to the Word Bank for malaria control or prevention programs). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **33-60**.

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc:
Cardin amend #2689 (Commission on the Security and Cooperation in Europe increase by $333,000).
Brown amend #2701 (Mobilizing an urgent response to the growing crisis of drug resistant tuberculosis).
Levin amend # ().
Kyl amend # ().
Coleman amend # ().
Obama amend #2692 (Requires a comprehensive nuclear threat reduction and security plan).
Kyl amend # ().

See attached

Bingaman amend # ().
Agreed to by UC.

H.R. 2764 (Foreign Ops Appropriations). The bill was read a third time. The bill was passed by a vote of **81-12**. The Senate insists on its amendments, requests a conference with the House and appoints the following conferees: Sens. Leahy, Inouye, Harkin, Reed, Byrd, Specter, Bennett, Bond, Brownback and Cochran.

Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2669 (Education Reconciliation Bill).

The Senate will convene at 8:55 AM on Friday, September 7, 2007 and will proceed immediately to the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2669 (Education Reconciliation). At 10:15 AM, the Senate will vote on final passage of the Conference Report.

The Senate adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Byrd, Gregg, McConnell, Specter, Bennett, Bond, Brownback, Alexander, and Cochran)

Amendments

- Ensign amendment to strike the provision in section 113 that increases the limit on the United States' share for United Nations peacekeeping operations during fiscal year 2008 from 25 percent to 27.1 percent so that the United States does not pay more than its fair share for United States peacekeeping (#2700) was not agreed to by a roll-call vote of 30-63.
- Brownback amendment to prohibit funding of organizations that support coercive abortion (#2707) was agreed to by a roll-call vote of 48-45.
- Boxer-Snowe amendment to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (#2719) was agreed to by a roll-call vote of 53-41.
- Brownback amendment to prevent contributions to organizations that perform or promote abortion as a method of family planning (#2708) was not agreed to by a roll-call vote of 41-53.
- Vitter amendment to prohibit the use of funds by international organizations, agencies, and entities that requires the registration of, or tax guns owned by citizens of the United States (#2774) was agreed to by a roll-call vote of 81-10.
- Coburn amendment to ensure that the United States contribution to the United Nations is not being lost to waste, fraud, abuse or corruption by maximizing the public transparency of all United Nations spending. (#2773) was agreed to by a roll call vote of 92-1.
- Coburn amendment to provide for the spending of $106,763,000 on programs that save children's lives, such as the President's Malaria Initiative, rather than lower priority programs, such as the Global Environment Facility, which produce few results and are managed by the United Nations Development Program, which utilizes corrupt procurement practices, operates contrary to United Nations rules, and retaliates against whistleblowers (#2716) was not agreed to by a roll-call vote of 46-47.
- Coburn amendment to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for "Contribution to the International Development Association" may be made available for the World Bank malaria control or prevention programs (#2704) was not agreed to by a roll-call vote of 33-60.

The following amendments were agreed to by voice vote:

- Martinez-Menendez amendment to promote democracy in Cuba (#2694, as modified)
- Dole amendment to prohibit funds appropriated under this Act from being expended in violation of section 243(d) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (# 2772)
- Dodd-Feinstein amendment to increase by $10,000,000 the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for the Peace Corps, and to provide an offset (#2721)
- Coburn amendment to ensure full public transparency and fiscal accountability at the Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (#2706)

The following amendment was agreed to by unanimous consent:

- Lieberman-Brownback amendment to provide that, of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available for the Economic Support Fund, $75,000,000 shall be made available for programs of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs of the Department of State to support democracy, the rule of law, and the governance in Iran. (#2691)

MANAGER'S PACKAGE:

The following amendments were agreed to by unanimous consent as part of the managers package:

- Lugar amendment to modify the obligation of funds requirement related to the Millennium

Challenge Compacts (#2779)

- Coleman amendment regarding restrictions on funds – United Nations Human Rights Council (#2712, as modified)
- Brown-Brownback amendment regarding increased funding for extensively drug resistant tuberculosis (XDR-TB) (#2701, as modified)

- Bayh amendment to require GAO to study World Bank finances (#2782, as modified)
- Cardin amendment to increase funds for the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (#2689)
- Bingaman-Domenici amendment regarding funds to repair, relocate, or replace fencing between U.S. and Mexico border (#2718)

- Domenici amendment to improve coordination between U.S. and Mexico regarding border security, criminal activity, and circular migration (#2693, as modified)

- Levin-Brownback amendment regarding Sense of the Senate regarding the need for the President to respond to refugee crisis in Iraq (#2781, as modified)

- Coleman amendment to ensure UNDP implements measures to increase transparency (#2710, as modified)
- Cornyn amendment regarding support for foreign law enforcement (#2713, as modified)
- Cornyn amendment regarding report on use of levees (#2771)
- McCaskill amendment regarding State Department Office of Inspector General website (#2709, as modified)
- Alexander amendment regarding OPIC funding (#2703)
- Kyl amendment regarding Nogales flood control (#2723)
- Gregg amendment regarding World Bank report (#2727)
- Gregg amendment regarding U.S.-Egypt endowment (#2726)
- Gregg amendment regarding national budget transparency (#2725)
- Gregg amendment regarding assistance for Iraq (#2728)
- Leahy amendment regarding consular operations (#2730)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2731)
- Leahy amendment regarding missing persons (#2733, as modified)
- Leahy amendment regarding assistance for Guatemala (#2734)
- Leahy amendment regarding Columbia aircraft (#2735)
- Leahy amendment regarding protection of food security (#2736)
- Leahy amendment regarding assistance for Bolivia (#2737)
- Leahy amendment regarding Western Sahara (#2738)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2740)
- Leahy amendment regarding Inter-American Foundation (#2741)
- Leahy amendment regarding Nepal (#2742)
- Leahy amendment regarding Afghan assistance (#2743)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2744)
- Leahy amendment regarding demobilization of former combatants (#2746)
- Leahy amendment regarding non-governmental organizations (#2747)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2748)
- Leahy amendment regarding assistance for Latin America (#2749)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2750)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2751)

- Leahy technical amendment (#2752)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2753)
- Leahy amendment regarding Southern Sudan (#2754)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2755)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2756)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2757)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2758)
- Leahy amendment regarding Indonesia (#2759)
- Leahy amendment regarding Guatemala (#2760)
- Leahy amendment regarding child soldiers (#2761)
- Leahy-Boxer amendment regarding Philippines (#2762)
- Leahy amendment regarding Sri Lanka (#2764)
- Leahy technical amendment (#2765)
- Leahy amendment regarding anti-corruption (#2766)
- Leahy amendment regarding Korea (#2767, as modified)
- Leahy amendment regarding Uganda (#2769, as modified)
- Obama-Hagel amendment regarding nuclear threat reduction (#2692, as modified)

The following amendments were withdrawn:

- Martinez amendment to increase the funding for broadcasts to Cuba and to provide an offset (#2695)
- Martinez amendment to modify the conditions on the availability of funds for the aerial eradication of coca in Colombia to address circumstances where manual eradication is too impractical or risky and to limit the requirement to implement programs to provide alternative sources of income to areas where conditions exist for successful alternative development (#2696)
- Martinez amendment to increase by $30,000,000 the amount appropriated or otherwise made available for "Andean Programs" and available for aerial eradication of coca in Colombia, and to provide an offset (#2697)
- Coburn amendment to provide for the spending of $106,763,000 on programs that save children's lives, such as the President's Malaria Initiative, rather than lower priority programs, such as the Global Environment Facility, which produce few results and are managed by the United Nations Development Program, which utilizes corrupt procurement practices, operates contrary to United Nations rules, and retaliates against whistleblowers (#2705)

SENATE FLOOR PRIOCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

The Senate will convene 10:00 AM and will proceed with Morning Business until 11:30 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2642 (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will consider a resolution welcoming back to the Senate Sen. Johnson.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2419 (Farm, Nutrition, and Bioenergy Act of 2007). The second reading was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate calendar.
H. R. 3221 (New Direction for Energy Independence, National Security, and Consumer Protection Act). The second reading was agreed to. Further consideration of the bill was objected to and the bill was placed on the Senate calendar.

H. R. 2642 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Reed amend #2656 (Committee Substitute).

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

The Senate reconvened at 2:16 PM and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 306 (Welcoming Sen. Tim Johnson back to the U.S. Senate). Agreed to by unanimous consent.

H. R. 2642 (Military Construction and Veteran's Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Reed amend #2656 (Committee Substitute).

DeMint amend #2686 (strike provision relating to prohibition on the disposal of Dept. of VA lands). Feinstein motion to table the amendment. The motion to table was agreed to **66-25.**

Feingold amend 2661(VA mental health G.A.O. report). Agreed to by voice vote.

Obama amend #2658 (prohibiting VA funds to enter into a contract greater than $5 million). Agreed to by voice vote.

McCaskill amend #2660 (web site for reporting VA waste, fraud or abuse). Agreed to by voice vote.

Murray amend #2677 (transfer of funds from the VA to Secretary of Health and Human Services to train psychologists). Agreed to by voice vote.

Landrieu amend #2679 (requiring a report on the progress of the veterans hospital in New Orleans. Agreed to by voice vote.

Kennedy amend #2687 (renaming a clinic located in Michigan). Agreed to by voice vote.

Hutchinson amend #2681 (regarding a clinic lease in Texas). Agreed to by voice vote.

Tester amend #2669 (mileage reimbursement). Agreed to by voice vote.

Stevens amend #2682 (rural health report). Agreed to by voice vote.

Allard amend #2688 (land transfer to the VA). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. Con. Res. 196 (authorizing the use of the Rotunda for a ceremony to award the Congressional Gold Medal the Dhali Lama). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 308 (congratulating s little league world champions). Agreed top by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Thursday, September 6 at 9:30 AM and will be in morning business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 2642 (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill). Senator Bunning will speak for up to 30 minutes. Following his remarks, there will be votes on the following amendments: Coleman, Sanders, Salazar, Brown, McConnell, and then final passage.

The Senate adjourned at 8:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PRIOCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

The Senate will convene 12:00 Noon and will proceed with morning business until 1:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of H. R. 2642 (Military Construction Appropriations Bill). At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Jim Nussle to be the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. The Senate will vote at approximately 5:30 PM on the nomination.

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

The Senate proceeded to legislative session.

H.R. 2642 (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill).

Reed amend #2656 (Committee Substitute).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #278 (Jim Nussle to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget). The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **69-24**.

S. Res. 305 (Sense of the Senate regarding Medicare national coverage determination). Agreed to by voice vote.

The following bills were considered en bloc:
H. R. 2419 (Regarding agriculture). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.
H. R. 3221 (Energy Independence). The first reading of the bill was agreed to. The second reading of the bill was objected to.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. The Senate will proceed with Morning Business until 11:30 AM. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2642 (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 – 2:15 for party caucuses. At 2:15 PM, the Senate will consider a resolution welcoming back to the Senate Sen. Johnson.

The Senate adjourned at 7:20 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PRIOCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Timorhy D. DeGiusti to be US District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. The vote on the nomination will occur at 9:35 AM.

The Senate convened and proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #240 Timothy D. DeGiusti to be US District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma. The nomination was agreed to by a vote of **96-0**.

The Senate proceeded with a period of Morning Business.

The Senate recessed at 11:35 PM subject to the call of the chair.

The Senate reconvened at 8:09 PM.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Sen. Reid moved to proceed to concurrent debate on S. 2011 (Protect America Act of 2007) and S. 1927 (Amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes), as amended. He further moved that there be 60 minutes of debate and that no amendments or motions be in order with respect to either bill. At the conclusion of the 60 minutes, the Senate will proceed to votes on final passage of S. 1927 (Amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes) to be followed by a vote on final passage of S. 2011 (Protect America Act of 2007). Further, if either bill fails to achieve 60 votes, the vote on passage will be vitiated and the bill or bills will be placed on the Senate Calendar. The motion was agreed to by unanimous consent.

S. 2011 (Protect America Act of 2007). This is the version Sen. Levin and Rockefeller offered. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill was not agreed to by a vote of **43-45** and the bill was placed on the Senate calendar.

S. 1927 (Amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes). This is the version Sen. McConnell and Sen. Bond offered. Yeas and nays ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of **60-28**.

Sen. Reid motion to proceed to the consideration of the Conference report to accompany H.R. 1495 (WRDA), that there will be 4 hours of debate and vote on adoption was objected to.

H. R. 3311 (Authorize additional funds for emergency repairs and reconstruction of the Interstate I-35 Bridge located in Minneapolis, Minnesota). Agreed to by voice vote.

Sen. Dodd motion to proceed to the bill H. R. 327 (Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act) was objected to by Sen. Thune.

Sen. Dodd motion to proceed to the consideration of the Message from the House on H. R. 1538 (Wounded Warriors Bill) and agree to a request for a conference was objected to by Sen. Thune.

Sen. Dodd motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1257 (District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act of 2007) was objected to by Sen. Thune.

Sen. Dodd motion to proceed to the consideration of H. R. 3159 (Ensuring Military Readiness Through Stability and Predictability Deployment Policy Act of 2007) was objected to by Sen. Thune.

Sen. Dodd motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 742 (Ban Asbestos in America Act of 2007) and agree to the bill was objected to by Sen. Thune.

Sen. Dodd motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1785 (Amend the Clean Air Act to establish deadlines by which the Administrator of the EPA shall issue a decision on whether to grant certain waivers of preemption under that Act) and agree to the bill was objected to by Sen. Thune.

Sen. Dodd motion to proceed to the consideration of the S. 558 (Mental Health Parity Act of 2007) and agree to the bill was objected to by Sen. Thune.

Reid motion to proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Jim Nussle to be the Director of the OMB on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 for two hours of debate followed by a vote on the nomination was agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceed to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:
Cal. #245 246 247 248 249 256 273 274 276 277 279-290. All confirmed by voice vote.
David W. James to be Asst. Sec. of Labor. Confirmed by voice vote. .
Bradford Campbell to be Asst. Sec. of Labor. Confirmed by voice vote.
Mark Greene to be Ambassador to Tanzania. Confirmed by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 43 (Adjournment Resolution). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1974 (Making technical corrections to the Pension Protection Act of 2006). 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.

H. R. 3006 (Improve the use of the grant of a parcel of land in Idaho). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the following nominations on the Executive Calendar:
Cal. #299. Agreed to by voice vote.
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Cal # 301 . Agreed to by voice vote.
Cal # 302. Agreed to by voice vote.
Cal # 303. Agreed to by voice vote.
Cal # 304. Agreed to by voice vote.
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Cal # 312. Agreed to by voice vote.
Cal # 313. Agreed to by voice vote.
Cal # 314. Agreed to by voice vote.
Cal # 315 . Agreed to by voice vote.
H. R. 2309 (The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3916 Milgen Road in Columbus, Georgia, as the "Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. Post Office Building".). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 2358 (Authorizing the minting of coins in commemoration of Native Americans). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Cal. #139, S. 163 (Improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 496 (Improve the program authorized by the Regional Development Act of 1965). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 304 (Congratulating the new Poet Laureate, Charles Simmock). Agreed to by voioce vote.

S. 849 (Promote openness in government through FOIA). Agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

Nomination of Tevy David Troy to be Deputy Secretary of HHS. The nomination was confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, September 4, 2007. The Senate will proceed with morning business until 1:00 PM. The Senate will then proceed to the consideration of H. R. 2642 (Military Construction Appropriations Bill).

The Senate adjourned at 11:08 PM under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 43 (Adjournment Resolution).

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of House Message on S. 1 (Ethics Reform Bill). There will be two hours of debate prior to a cloture vote on the motion to concur with the House Message. Following the vote, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

The Senate convened and proceeded with a Legislative Session.

House Message on S. 1 (Ethics Reform Bill). Motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur with the House amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The cloture motion was agreed to by a vote of **80-17**. The Senate will vote on the motion to concur with the House Message on S. 1 (Ethics Reform Bill) with the House amendment at 1:50 PM.

H.R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

Baucus amend #2530 (Substitute amendment with the text of S. 1893 - SCHIP). This amendment is considered original text of the bill for the purposes of amendment.

Coburn amend #2627 (To ensure that children and pregnant women whose family income exceeds 200 percent of the poverty line and who have access to employer-sponsored coverage receive premium assistance). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #2600 (To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to limit the use of funds for States that receive the enhanced portion of the CHIP matching rate for Medicaid coverage of certain children). Laid aside.

Sanders amend #2571 (To establish an incentive program for State health access innovations). Laid aside.

House Message on S. 1 (Ethics Reform Bill). Motion to concur with the House amendment on the House Message on S. 1 (Ethics Reform Bill). Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was adopted by a vote of **83-14**.

H.R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

Baucus amend #2530 (Substitute amendment with the text of S. 1893 - SCHIP). This amendment is considered original text of the bill for the purposes of amendment.

Webb amend #2618 (To eliminate the deferral of taxation on certain income of United States shareholders attributable to controlled foreign corporations), as modified. Laid aside.

Dorgan amend #2934 (Authorizing the Indian Health Care Improvement Act). Amendment withdrawn by Sen. Dorgan.

Vitter amend #2596 (To require individuals who are eligible for SCHIP and employer-sponsored coverage to use the employer-sponsored coverage instead of SCHIP), as modified. Laid aside.

Allard amend #2535 (To codify the unborn child rule), as modified. Laid aside.

Dodd amend #2631 (To expand family and medical leave in support of servicemembers with combat-related injuries). Laid aside.

Hutchison amend #2520 (To increase access to health insurance for low-income children based on actual need, as adjusted for cost-of-living). Laid aside.

Specter amend #2557 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reset the rate of tax under the alternative minimum tax at 24 percent). Baucus point of order. Specter motion to waive the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **47-52.** The point of order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Graham amend #2558 (To sunset the increase in the tax on tobacco products on September 30, 2012), as modified. Baucus point of order. Graham motion to waive the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **39-60.** The point of order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Ensign amend #2540 (To prohibit a State from using SCHIP funds to provide coverage for nonpregnant adults until the State first demonstrates that it has adequately covered targeted low-income children who reside in the State). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote **43-55.**

Thune amend #2579 (Excludes individuals with alternative minimum tax liability from eligibility for SCHIP coverage). The amendment was not agreed to **42-57.**

Kyl amend #2537 (To minimize the erosion of private health coverage). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to **37-62.**

Lincoln amend #2621 (to express the sense of the Senate that Congress should improve access to affordable healthcare). Laid aside.

Obama amend #2588 (employment protections for family members caring for injured or ill Armed Service members). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #2577 (Amend Public Health Service Act). Laid aside.

The following amendments were agreed to en bloc by voice vote:

Nelson amend #2619 (reduce the cap on the tax on large cigars to $3).
Dodd amend #2631
Obama amend #2588 (employment protections for family members caring for injured or ill Armed Service members).

Wyden amend #2570 (reducing Type 2 diabetes). Agreed to by voice vote.

Webb amend #2618 (To eliminate the deferral of taxation on certain income of United States shareholders attributable to controlled foreign corporations), as modified. Withdrawn.

Coburn amend #2627 (to ensure that children and pregnant women whose family income exceeds 200 percent of the poverty line and who have access to employer-sponsored coverage receive premium assistance). The amendment was not agreed to **37-62.**

Vitter amend #2596 (to require individuals who are eligible for SCHIP and employer-sponsored coverage to use the employer-sponsored coverage instead of SCHIP) as modified. The amendment was not agreed to **35-64.**

Allard amend #2535 (to codify the unborn child rule) as modified. The amendment was not agreed to **49-50.**

Hutchison amend #2620 (to increase access to health insurance for low-income children based on actual need, as adjusted for cost-of-living). The amendment was not agreed to **21-78.**

Kyl amend #2562 to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the 15-year straight-line cost recovery for qualified leasehold improvements and qualified restaurant improvements and to provide a 15-year straight-line cost recovery for certain improvements to retail space). A point of order was raised. Kyl motion to waive the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was not agreed to by a vote of **49-50.** The point of order was sustained and the amendment falls.

Baucus request that all pending amendments except for the DeMint amend be withdrawn. Motion agreed to.

DeMint amend #2577 (Amend Public Health Service Act). The amendment was not agreed to **37-62.**

Baucus amend #2530 (Substitute amendment with the text of S. 1893 - SCHIP). A point of order was raised. Baucus motion to waive the Budget Act. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion was agreed to by a vote of **67-32.**

Baucus amend #2530 (Substitute amendment with the text of S. 1893 - SCHIP). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007). The bill was agreed to **68-31.**

The following resolutions were agreed to en bloc by voice vote.
S. Res. 294,
S. Res. 295
S. Res. 296
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S. Res. 298

S. Res. 87 (expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should declare lung cancer a public health priority). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1983 (Amend the federal insecticide, fungicide and rodentccide act). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 2952 (authorize the Saginaw Chippewa tribe of Indians to convey land and interest owned by the tribe). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 775 (to establish a national commission on the infrastructure of the US). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, August 3rd and will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Timothy D. DeGiusti to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma.

The Senate adjourned at 11:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2007

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with morning business for 30 minutes. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007). The first order of business will be the Ensign amend #2538 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a disease prevention and treatment research trust fund). There will be 30 minutes of debate followed by a vote on the amendment.

H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

Baucus amend #2530 (Substitute amendment with the text of S. 1893 - SCHIP). This amendment is considered original text of the bill for the purposes of amendment.

Ensign amend #2538 (Amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a disease prevention and treatment research trust fund). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to **26-58.**

Gregg amend #2587 (Limit the matching rate for coverage other than for low-income children or pregnant women covered through a waiver and to prohibit any new waivers for coverage of adults other than pregnant women). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to **42-53.**

Lott amend #2593 (Perfecting amendment), as modified. Laid aside.

McConnell amend #2599 (Sense of the Senate that Judge Leslie Southwick should receive a vote by the full Senate). Laid aside.

Dole amend #2554 (Amending the Congressional Budget Act to provide for a 60-vote point of order against legislation that includes a Federal excise tax rate increase which disproportionately affects taxpayers with earned income of less than 200 percent of the Federal poverty level). Laid aside.

Kerry amend #2602 (To provide sufficient funding and incentives to increase the enrollment of uninsured children), as modified. Laid aside.

Thune amend #2579 (Excludes individuals with alternative minimum tax liability from eligibility for SCHIP coverage). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #2540 (To prohibit a State from using SCHIP funds to provide coverage for nonpregnant adults until the State first demonstrates that it has adequately covered targeted low-income children who reside in the State). Laid aside.

Ensign amend #2541 (To prohibit a State from providing child health assistance or health benefits coverage to individuals whose family income exceeds 200 percent of the Federal

Poverty Level unless the State demonstrates that it has enrolled 95 percent of the targeted low-income children who reside in the State). Laid aside.

Dole amend #2554 (Amending the Congressional Budget Act to provide for a 60-vote point of order against legislation that includes a Federal excise tax rate increase which disproportionately affects taxpayers with earned income of less than 200 percent of the Federal poverty level). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **32-64**.

Bunning amend #2547 (Eliminate the exception for certain States to cover children under SCHIP whose income exceeds 300 percent of the federal poverty level). Baucus motion to table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **53-43**.

Lott amend #2593 (Perfecting amendment), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **35-61**.

Kerry amend #2602 (To provide sufficient funding and incentives to increase the enrollment of uninsured children), as modified. Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **36-60**.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Graham amend #2558 (To sunset the increase in the tax on tobacco products on September 30, 2012). Laid aside.
Kyl amend #2537 (To minimize the erosion of private health coverage). Laid aside.
Kyl amend #2530 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend and modify the 15-year straight-line cost recovery for qualified leasehold improvements and qualified restaurant improvements and to provide a 15-year straight-line cost recovery for certain improvements to retail space). Laid aside.

S. 1927 (Foreign Assistance Surveillance Act of 1978). First reading. Second reading objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

H. R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

Baucus amend #2530 (Substitute amendment with the text of S. 1893 - SCHIP). This amendment is considered original text of the bill for the purposes of amendment.

Specter amend #2557 (To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reset the rate of tax under the alternative minimum tax at 24 percent). Laid aside.

Webb amend #2618 (To eliminate the deferral of taxation on certain income of United States shareholders attributable to controlled foreign corporations). Laid aside.

Reid motion to invoke cloture on Baucus amend #2530 (Substitute amendment with the text of S. 1893 - SCHIP) to H.R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

Reid motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

The Senate proceeded to a period of morning business.

S. 845 (Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls). Committee-reported substitute, as amended, agreed to by voice vote. The bill read three times and agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 221 (National Peripheral Arterial Disease Month). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 290 (Honoring late San Francisco 49ers Coach Bill Walsh). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 291 (National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

H.R. 2831 (Amends Title 7 of the Civil Rights Act of 1967). 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 agreed to en bloc:
Cal. #162 (Thomas D'Agostino to be Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, Department of Energy).
Cal. #230 (Bijan Rafiekian to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States).
Cal. #231 (Diane Farrell to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States).
Cal. #243 (Joe Stecher to be United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska).
Cal. #244 (Charles Hopkins to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs).
Cal. #250 (David Geary to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences).
Cal. #251 (Miguel Campaneria to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts).
Cal. #252 (Diane Auer Jones to be Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education).
Cal. #253 (Peter McCarthy to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury).
Cal. #254 (David McCormick to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury).
Cal. #257 (Maj. Gen. Daniel Darnell to be Lieutenant General in the U.S. Air Force).
Cal. #258 (Col. Lyn Sherlock to be Brigadier General of the U.S. Air Force).
Cal. #259 (Maj. Gen. Donald Wurster to be Lieutenant General of the U.S. Air Force).
Cal. #260 (Gen. Duncan McNabb to be General of the U.S. Air Force).
Cal. #261 (Lt. Gen. Arthur Lichte to be General of the U.S. Air Force).
Cal. #262 (Gen. John Corley to be General of the U.S. Air Force).
Cal. #263 (Lt. Gen. Frank Klotz to be Lt. General of the U.S. Air Force).

Cal. #264 (Various Brigadier Generals to be Major Generals of the U.S. Air Force).
Cal. #265 (Col. Bradly MacNealy to be Brigadier General of the U.S. Army).
Cal. #266 (Col. Michael Trombetta to be Brigadier General of the U.S. Army).
Cal. #267 (Various Brigadier Generals to be Major Generals of the U.S. Army).
Cal. #268 (Rear Adm. Victor Guillory to be Rear Admiral of the U.S. Navy).
Cal. #269 (Capt. David Mercer to be Rear Admiral of the U.S. Navy).
Cal. #270 (Rear Adm. David Architzel to be Vice Admiral of the U.S. Navy).
Cal. #271 (Vice Admiral John Stufflebeem to be Vice Admiral of the U.S. Navy).
Cal. # 272 (Rear Admiral Adam Robinson to be Vice Admiral of the U.S. Navy).

The following nominations were agreed to en bloc:
PN 579 (Eric John to be Ambassador to Thailand).
PN 604 (Michael MacCallick to be Ambassador to Vietnam).
PN 479 (Jill Summers to be Commissioner of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission).
PN 480 (Bartholomew Chilton to be Commissioner of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission).

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, August 2, 2007 and will resume consideration of House Message on S. 1 (Ethics Reform Bill). There will be two hours of debate prior to a cloture vote on the motion to concur with the House Message. Following the vote, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 976 (Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2007).

The Senate adjourned at 8:40 PM.