SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2918 (Legislative Branch Appropriations). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. There will approximately three votes around 4:30 PM.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2918 (Legislative Branch Appropriations).

The Senate recessed from 12:38-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2918 (Legislative Branch Appropriations).

McCain point of order that the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2918 (Legislative Branch Appropriations) violates Senate Rule 28. Nelson Motion to Waive all applicable points of order under Senate Rule 28. Yeas and nays ordered. The Motion to Waive all applicable points of order under Senate Rule 28 was agreed to by a vote of **61-39.**

Gregg point of order that the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2918 (Legislative Branch Appropriations) violates the Congressional Budget Act. Nelson Motion to Waive the Point of Order. The Motion to Waive the Point of Order was agreed to by a vote of **61-39.**

Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2918 (Legislative Branch Appropriations). The Conference Report was adopted by a vote of **62-38.**

H. Con. Res. 191 (Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make technical corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 2918). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 5:40 PM until 6:30 PM.

H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations).

McCain amend #2558 (Strike the amounts available for procurement of C-17 aircraft). Inouye point of order the amendment violates the Congressional Budget Act. McCain Motion to Waive the Budget Act. The Motion to Waive the Budget Act was not agreed to by a vote of **34-64** . The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

McCain amend #2575 (Provide testimony before Congress on the additional forces required in the War in Afghanistan). Laid aside.

Johanns amend #2555 (National Guard Counter Drug Efforts) as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

Reid filed Cloture on the Substitute Amendment to **H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations).**

Reid filed Cloture on **H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations).**

The Senate will convene at 9:30AM on Thursday, October 1 and will be in a period of Morning Business for 90 minutes. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume the consideration of H.R. 3326 (Department of Defense Appropriations).

The Senate adjourned at 8:02 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

The Senate will convene at 11:30 AM and will be in morning business for two hours. At 1:30 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3326 (Defense Appropriations). The Senate will proceed to an Executive Session at 4:30 PM to consider the nomination of Jeffrey Viken to be U. S. District Judge. The Senate will debate the nomination for 60 minutes and vote on the confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 PM.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3326 (Defense Appropriations).

McCain amend #2558 (To strike amounts available for procurement of C-17 aircraft in excess of the amount requested by the President in the budget for fiscal year 2010 and to make such amounts available instead for operation and maintenance in accordance with amounts requested by the President in that budget and for Operation and Maintenance, Army, for overseas contingency operations). Laid aside.

S. Res. 290 (Democratic Committee Assignments). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H.R. 3326 (Defense Appropriations).

Johanns amend #2484 (Prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN)). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Jeffrey Viken to be U.S. District Judge from South Dakota. Yeas and nays ordered. The nomination is confirmed by a vote of **99-0**.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:
Cal # 459 (Jenny Durkan to be U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey).
Cal #460 (Florence Nakakuni to be U.S. Attorney for the Distrcit of Hawaii).
Cal #461 (Deborah Gilg to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Nebraska).
Confirmed, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

The following bills were considered en bloc:
H.R. 3593 (Extends by one year the operation of Radio-Free Asia).
H.R. 2131 (Amends the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructure Act of 1998).
Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 285 (National Cyber Security Awareness Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 293 (Relative to the death of Henry Lewis Belman, former U.S. Senator from Oklahoma). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2918 (Legislative Branch Appropriations). The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. There will approximately three votes around 4:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 6:50 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will resume consideration of H.R. 3326 (Defense Appropriations). There will be no votes during Friday's session. The Senate will not be in session on Monday, September 28, 2009 due to the observance of Yom Kippur.

The Senate convened and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3326 (Defense Appropriations).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 288 (National Mesotheloma Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will stand in recess from 12:10 PM until 3:15 PM.

The Senate reconvened at 3:15 PM.

The Senate proceeded with Morning Business.

S. 1717 (Authorizing major medical facility leases). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 3614 (Additional extensions of programs under the Small Business Act of 1958).
Landrieu amendment was agreed to.
The Bill was agreed to by a voice vote, as amended.

The Senate will proceed to an Executive Session on Tuesday, September 29, 2009 at 4:30 PM to consider the nomination of Jeffrey Viken to be U. S. District Judge. The Senate will debate the nomination for 60 minutes and vote on the confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc:
Cal. #435 (Major Gen. Ralph J. Jodice, II, to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force).
Cal. #436 (Maj. Gen. William J. Rew to be Lieutenant General in the Air Force).
Cal. #437 (Maj. Gen. Christopher D. Miller to be Lieutenant General).
Cal. #438 (Brig. Gen. Joseph B. DiBartolomeo to be Major General in the Army).
Cal. #439 (Lt. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley to be Lieutenant General in the Army).
Cal. #440 (Lt. Gen. John D. Gardner to be Lt. General in the Army).
Cal. #441 (Lt. Gen. Frank G. Helmick to be Lt. General in the Army).
Cal. #442 (Maj. Gen. Mark P. Hertling to be Lt. General in the Army).
Cal. #443 (The following to be Brigadier General in the Army:
Colonel Robin B. Akin
Colonel Robert P. Ashley, Jr.
Colonel Jeffrey L. Bannister
Colonel Joseph L. Bass

Colonel Lewis M. Boone
Colonel Clarence K. K. Chinn
Colonel Kenneth R. Dahl
Colonel Gordon B. Davis, Jr.
Colonel Scott F. Donahue
Colonel Edward F. Dorman, III
Colonel Randal A. Dragon
Colonel Billy D. Farris, II
Colonel Terry R. Ferrell
Colonel Paul E. Funk, II
Colonel Ricky D. Gibbs
Colonel Harold J. Greene
Colonel Christopher K. Haas
Colonel William C. Hix
Colonel Stephen B. Leisenring
Colonel Stephen R. Lyons
Colonel Jonathan A. Maddux
Colonel Mark A. McAlister
Colonel John J. McGuiness
Colonel Michael K. Nagata
Colonel Bryan R. Owens
Colonel James F. Pasquarette
Colonel Victor Petrenko
Colonel Aundre F. Piggee
Colonel John S. Regan
Colonel Bryan T. Roberts
Colonel John G. Rossi
Colonel William J. Scott
Colonel Thomas C. Seamands
Colonel Charles L. Taylor
Colonel Stephen M. Twitty
Colonel Jeffery L. Underhill
Colonel Darrell K. Williams
Colonel Peter B. Zwack
Cal. #444 (Col. David J. Conboy to be Brigadier General in the Army).
Cal. #445 (Col. James V. Young, Jr. to be Brigadier General in the Army
Cal. #446 (Col. Ivan N. Black to be Brigadier General in the Army).
Cal. #447 (Rear Adm. Michael H. Mittelman *and* Rear Adm. Matthew L. Nathan to be Rear Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #448 (Adm. Michael G. Mullen to be Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #449 (Capt. Charles A. Rainey to be Rear Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #450 (Capt. Jonathan W. White to be Rear Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #451 (Rear Adm. David W. Titley to be Rear Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #452 (Gregory Smith to be Rear Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #453 (Vice Adm. Bruce W. Clingan to be Vice Admiral in the Navy).
Cal. #454 (James N. Mattis to be General in the Marine Corps).

Cal. #455 (Maj. Gen. Frank A. Panter, Jr. to be Lt. General in the Marine Corps).
Cal. #456 (Maj. Gen. Thomas D. Waldhauser to be Lt. General in the Marine Corps).
Cal. #457 (Maj. Gen. John F. Kelly to be Lt. General in the Marine Corps).
All the nominations on the Secretary's desk. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

At 3:30 PM, Senate-designate Paul Kirk was sworn in as a Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Senate will convene at11:30 AM on Tuesday, September 29 and will be in morning business for two hours. At 1:30 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3326 (Defense Appropriations). The Senate will proceed to an Executive Session at 4:30 PM to consider the nomination of Jeffrey Viken to be U. S. District Judge. The Senate will debate the nomination for 60 minutes and vote on the confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 PM.

The Senate adjourned at 4:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. There will be a period of Moring Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill). If the vote on the Cloture Motion on the bill is necessary, the Senate will proceed to that vote at 10:30 AM.

The Senate proceeded with a period of morning business.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill).

The motion to invoke cloture on the committee substitute amendment to H.R. 2996 was withdrawn.

The motion to invoke cloture on H.R. 2996 was withdrawn.

The following will be the only pending amendments:
Collins amend #2498 (to provide that no funds may be used for the administrative expenses of any official identified by the President to serve in a position without express statutory authorization and which is responsible for the interagency development or coordination of any rule, regulation, or policy unless the President certifies to Congress that such official will respond to all reasonable requests to testify before, or provide information to, any congressional committee with jurisdiction over such matters, and such official submits certain reports biannually to Congress).
Isakson amend #2504 (to encourage the participation of the Smithsonian Institution in the activities preserving the papers and teachings for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., under the Civil Rights History Act of 2009) as modified.
Vitter amend #2549 (to ensure that the Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change (commonly known as "White House Climate Change Czar" is not directing actions of the departments and agencies funded by this Act).
Ensign motion to recommit to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions
Coburn amend #2482 (to protect property owners from being included without their knowledge or consent in the Federal preservation and promotion activities of any National Heritage Area).
Coburn amend #2463 (to require public disclosure of certain reports).
Coburn amend #2480 (to transfer the $1,000,000 earmarked for a Capitol Hill mansion to the National Park Service to ensure better care and protection of our Nation's crumbling national treasures, including the National Mall, the Grand Canyon, the Statue of Liberty, and other dilapidated parks in disrepair in nearly every State).
Coburn amend #2523 (to secure our borders and protect our environment).
Coburn amend #2466 (to prohibit the use of funds to promulgate or implement any new regulation to delay, restrict, or halt the development of renewable energy on public land).
Coburn amend #2483 (to help preserve America's national parks and other public treasures by reducing maintenance backlogs that threaten the health and safety of visitors).
Coburn amend #2468 (to provide for a report on the maintenance of Federal land holdings).

Coburn amend #2511 (to prohibit no-bid contracts and grants).
Feinstein 2nd degree amendment to Coburn amendment #2511.
Reid amend #2531(to make funds available for preliminary planning and design of high-performance green building to consolidate the multiple offices and research facilities of the Environmental Protection Agency in Las Vegas, Nevada).

Following the disposition of all amendments and motions to recommit, the Substitute Amendment will be agreed to, and the Senate will proceed to vote on final passage of the bill as amended.

The following amendments, as part of the Manager's Amendment, were agreed to by voice vote:
Bingaman amend #2492 (Provide funds for the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Fund).
Risch amend #2501(Provide for the use of certain funds for the Upper Snake/South Fork River Area of Critical Concern).
Carper amend #2505 (Require EPA to conduct a study on black carbon emissions).
Roberts amend #2509 (Encourage the EPA Administrator to reassess the cost-effectiveness of the buyout and relocation of residents of certain properties in Treece, KS).
Feinstein amend #2518 (Make technical corrections to certain State and tribal assistance grants).
Feinstein amend #2519 (Extend a special use permit for Drake's Estero at Point Reyes National Seashore).
Feingold amend #2522 (Clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the coordination of biobased product activities).
Whitehouse amend #2534 (Express sense of the Senate that the National Vehicle Mercury Switch Recovery Program is an effective way to address mercury pollution).
Bingaman amend #2491 (to modify the composition of the Board of Directors of the National Forest Foundation).
Schumer amend #2459 (Support the Pest and Disease Revolving Loan Fund).
Tester amend #2507 (Limit the increase in cabin user fees).
Bingaman amend #2493 (Provide funds for the Flame Fund).
Bingaman amend #2491 (Modify the composition of the Board of Directors of the National Forest Foundation).

Feingold amend #2522 (Clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the coordination of biobased product activities). Withdrawn

Carper amend #2456 (To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions). Withdrawn.

S. 1707 (Authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014, to promote and enhance strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people). Agreed to by voice vote.

H. R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill).

Vitter amend #2549 (To ensure that the Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change is not directing actions of the agencies funded by this Act). Laid aside.

Reid amend #2531 (Make funds available for preliminary planning and design of a high-performance green building to consolidate the multiple offices and research facilities of the Environmental Protection Agency in Las Vegas, Nevada.). Laid aside.

Collins amend #2498 (Provide that no funds may be used for the administrative expenses of any official identified by the President to serve in a position without express statutory authorization and which is responsible for the interagency development or coordination of any rule, regulation, or policy unless the President certifies to Congress that such official will respond to all reasonable requests to testify before, or provide information to, any congressional committee with jurisdiction over such matters, and such official submits certain reports biannually to Congress). Laid aside.

Durbin point of order that the Collins amend #2498 (Provide that no funds may be used for the administrative expenses of any official identified by the President to serve in a position without express statutory authorization and which is responsible for the interagency development or coordination of any rule, regulation, or policy unless the President certifies to Congress that such official will respond to all reasonable requests to testify before, or provide information to, any congressional committee with jurisdiction over such matters, and such official submits certain reports biannually to Congress) violates Rule 16, Paragraph 4 of the Congressional Budget Act. The point of order is sustained and the amendment falls.

Coburn amend #2463 (Require public disclosure of certain reports). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2523 (Secure our borders and protect our environment). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2483 (Help preserve America's national parks and other public land treasurers by reducing maintenance backlogs that threaten the health and safety of visitors). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2482 (Protect property owners from being included without their knowledge or consent in the Federal preservation and promotion activities of any national heritage Area). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2511 (Prohibit no-bid contracts and grants), as modified. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2463 (Require public disclosure of certain reports). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2523 (Secure our borders and protect our environment). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2483 (Help preserve America's national parks and other public land treasurers by reducing maintenance backlogs that threaten the health and safety of visitors). Laid aside.

Isakson amend #2504 (To encourage the participation of the Smithsonian Institution in the activities preserving the papers and teachings for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., under the Civil Rights History Act of 2009), as modified. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Barrasso amend #2535 (To provide for the use of certain funds for an Indian estate planning assistance program). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Bennett amend #2527 (Beaver Dam Wash National Conservation Area Map). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

At 5:00 PM, the Senate is scheduled to vote on the following amendments and motions; Vitter amend #2549, Ensign motion to recommit the bill, Coburn amend #2482, Coburn amend #2483 and Reid amend #2531.

Vitter amend #2549 (To ensure that the Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change is not directing actions of the agencies funded by this Act). Motion to table the amendment. The motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **57-41**.

Ensign motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations. Feinstein motion to table the motion to recommit. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **64-34**.

Coburn amend #2482 (Protect property owners from being included without their knowledge or consent in the Federal preservation and promotion activities of any national heritage Area), as modified. Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Dorgan amend #2441 (To provide for the inclusion of property in, or removal of property from, the Northern Plains Heritage Area). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Coburn amend #2483 (Help preserve America's national parks and other public land treasurers by reducing maintenance backlogs that threaten the health and safety of visitors). Feinstein motion to table the amendment. The motion to table is agreed to by a vote of **79-19**.

Reid amend #2531 (To make funds available for preliminary planning and design of a high-performance green building to consolidate the multiple offices and research facilities of the Environmental Protection Agency in Las Vegas, Nevada). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

Inhofe amend #2445 (To provide for the expedited cleanup of the Tar Creek Superfund Site). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

The Substitute amendment, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

H. R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill), as amended. The bill is read for a third time. **Final passage.** The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **77-21**.

The Senate appointed the following Conferees: Sens. Feinstein, Byrd, Leahy, Dorgan, Mikulski, Kohl, Johnson, Reid, Nelson (NE), Tester, Inouye, Alexander, Cochran, Bennett, Gregg, Murkowski and Collins.

H.R. 3326 (Defense Appropriations).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 3607 (Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1599 (Reserve Officers Association Modernization Act of 2009). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 832 (Amends Title 36, U.S. Code). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The following bills are consider en bloc:
H.R. 2913 (To designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the "Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse).
H.R. 1687 (To designate the federally occupied building located at McKinley Avenue and Third Street, SW., Canton, Ohio, as the "Ralph Regula Federal Building and United States Courthouse).
H.R. 2053 (To designate the United States courthouse located at 525 Magoffin Avenue in El Paso, Texas, as the "Albert Armendariz, Sr., United States Courthouse").
H.R. 2498 (To designate the Federal building located at 844 North Rush Street in Chicago, Illinois, as the "William O. Lipinski Federal Building").
H.R. 2121 (To authorize the Administrator of General Services to convey a parcel of real property in Galveston, Texas, to the Galveston Historical Foundation).
Agreed to, en bloc, by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 286 (Condolences to those affected in the Georgia floods). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #406 (Jonathan Jarvis to be Director of the National Park Service). Confirmed by Voice Vote.

PN 704 (Peggy E. Gustafson to be Inspector General, Small Business Administration). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, September 25, 2009 and will resume consideration of H.R. 3326 (Defense Appropriations). There will be no votes during Friday's

session. The Senate will not be in session on Monday, September 28, 2009 due to the observance of Yom Kippur.

The Senate adjourned at 7:12 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

The Senate will convene on Wednesday, September 23 at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for 90 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill). Roll Call Votes are expected throughout the day.

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

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill).

Vitter motion to recommit H.R. 2996 to the Committee on Appropriations to prohibit the use of funds to delay the implementation of the Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program. The Motion to table the Motion to Recommit the bill was agreed to by a vote of **56-42**.

McCaskill amend #2514 (Strike's the earmarks for the Save America's Treasures program). Feinstein Motion to Table the amendment. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table the amendment was agreed to by a vote of **72-26**.

H. R. 1035 (Amend the Morris K Udall Scholarship Public Policy Act of 1992).
The Bingaman amendment was agreed to by voice vote.
The bill was agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

H. Con. Res. 59 (Supporting the goals and ideals of "Senior Care-giving and Affordability"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Con. Res. 41 (Providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller presented by the people of Alabama). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 282 (Remembering the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Hugo). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 283 (Support and ideals for the first annual "National Wild Forest and Burrow Adoption Day" taking place on September 26, 2009). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 284 (Support for the designation and goals of "National Health Information Technology Week). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 24, 2009. There will be a period of Moring Business for 1 hour. The Senate will then resume consideration of H. R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill). If the vote on the Cloture Motion on the bill is necessary, the Senate will proceed to that vote at 10:30 AM.

The Senate adjourned at 5:40 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill). At 12:00 PM, the Senate will vote on Feinstein amend #2460 (Civil Rights History Project), as modified. The Senate will recess from 12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At approximately 2:15 PM, the Official Photograph of the 111th Congress will be taken in the Senate Chamber.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill).

Feinstein amend #2460 (Civil Rights History Project). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **95-0**.

The Senate recessed from 12:33-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons.

The Senate convened at 2:15 PM.

The Senate stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate reconvened at 2:35 PM.

H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill).

Reid amend #2494 (To provide for an evaluation of the aquifers in the area of the Jungo Disposal Site in Humboldt County, Nevada). Laid aside.

McCain amend #2461 (To prohibit the use of appropriated funds for the Des Moines Art Center in the State of Iowa). Laid aside.

Barrasso amend #2471 (To prohibit the use of wildland fire management stimulus funds in the District of Columbia). Agreed to by voice vote.

DeMint motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith the following amendment: DeMint amend #2500 (None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to restrict, reduce or reallocate any water). Laid aside.

Collins amend #2498 (Provide that no funds may be used for the administrative expenses of any official identified by the President to serve in a position without express statutory authorization). Laid aside.

Isakson amend #2504 (To encourage the participation of the Smithsonian Institution in activites preserving the papers and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King) as modified. Laid aside.

Reid amend #2494 (To provide for an evaluation of the aquifers in the area of the Jungo Disposal Site in Humboldt County, Nevada) as modified. Agreed to by voice vote.

McCain amend #2461 (To prohibit the use of appropriated funds for the Des Moines Art Center in the State of Iowa). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **27-70.**

Motion to Table the DeMint motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith the following amendment: DeMint amend #2500 (None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to restrict, reduce or reallocate any water). The Motion to Table the Motion to Recommit was agreed to by a vote of **61-36.**

Vitter motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the Senate forthwith the following amendment: Vitter amend #2454 (To prohibit the use of funds to delay the implementation of the Draft Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2010-2015). Laid aside.

S. Res. 279 (Minority Appointments for the 111th Congress). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to Executive Session and confirmed the following nominations en bloc by voice vote:
 # 304 (Carmen R. Nazario, of Puerto Rico, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services,vice Wade F. Horn.)
#428 David C. Jacobson, of Illinois, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Canada.
 # 430 Lee Andrew Feinstein, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Poland.
 # 431 Barry B. White, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Norway.
#432 7Michael H. Posner, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy,Human Rights, and Labor.
 # 433 Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be anUnder Secretary of State (Economic, Energy,and Agricultural Affairs).
 # 434 Robert D. Hormats, of New York, to be United States Alternate Governor of theInternational Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

Reid filed cloture on the Substitute Amendment to **H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill).**

Reid filed cloture on **H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill).**

The Senate will convene on Wednesday, September 23 at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of morning business for 90 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill). Roll Call Votes are expected throughout the day.

The Senate adjourned at 7:43 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill). There will be no Roll Call Votes on Monday. The next votes will occur before the weekly caucus meetings on Tuesday, September 22.

The Senate convened and proceeded with morning business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill).

Feinstein amend #2460 (Civil Rights History Project). Laid aside.

Carper amend #2456 (Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study on black carbon emissions). Laid aside.

Feinstein amend #2460 (Civil Rights History Project), as modified. The Senate will proceed to vote on this amendment at 12:00 PM on Tuesday, September 22.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 276 (National Falls Prevention Awareness Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 277 (National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #374 (J. Michael Gilmore to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation for the Department of Defense). Confirmed by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1687 (Prohibits the Federal Government from awarding contracts, grants, or other agreements to, providing any other Federal funds to, or engaging in activities that promote the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now). Second reading. Further reading objected to and the bill is placed on the calendar.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. Following Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill). At 12:00 PM, the Senate will vote on Feinstein amend #2460 (Civil Rights History Project), as modified. The Senate will recess from

12:30-2:15 PM for weekly party caucus luncheons. At approximately 2:15 PM, the Official Photograph of the 111th Congress will be taken in the Senate Chamber.

The Senate adjourned at 6:00 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill). At 2:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3288 (Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill) and proceed to a series of roll call votes, including the following, the substitute amendment and final passage of the bill:
Landrieu amend #2365 (To amend the Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008).
Vitter amend #2359 (To prohibit the use of funds for households that include convicted drug dealing or domestic violence offenders or members of violent gangs that occupy rebuilt public housing in New Orleans).
DeMint amend #2410 (To limit the use of funds for the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport).
McCain amend #2403 (To prohibit the use of funds to carry out the Brownsfields Economic Development Initiative program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development), as modified.
Kyl Motion to Recommit with Instructions.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill).

Johanns amend #2394 (Prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now - ACORN). Laid aside.

At 12:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to an Executive Session to consider the nomination of Gerald Lynch to be a United States Circuit Judge for two hours of debate. At 2:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3288 (Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill) under the previous unanimous consent agreement. Following final passage of H.R. 3288, the Senate will resume Executive Session and vote on the confirmation of Gerald Lynch. Upon disposition of the Lynch nomination, the Senate will return to Legislative Session and resume consideration of H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill). The Senate will vote on the Johanns amend #2394 (Prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now - ACORN).

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #204 (Gerard Lynch to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3288 (Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill).

Landrieu amend #2365 (To amend the Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008). Agreed to by voice vote.

Vitter amend #2359 (To prohibit the use of funds for households that include convicted drug dealing or domestic violence offenders or members of violent gangs that occupy rebuilt public housing in New Orleans). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **34-62**.

DeMint amend #2410 (To limit the use of funds for the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport). The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **43-53**.

McCain amend #2403 (To prohibit the use of funds to carry out the Brownsfields Economic Development Initiative program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development), as modified. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **37-60**.

Kyl Motion to Recommit H. R. 3288, with Instructions. The Motion to Recommit was not agreed to by a vote of **34-64.**

H.R. 3288 (Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill). The bill was read for a third time. The yeas and nays on final passage were ordered. The bill was agreed to by a vote of **73-25.** The following conferees were appointed: Murray, Byrd, Mikulski, Feinstein, Johnson, Lautenberg, Specter, Inouye, Bond, Shelby, Bennett of Utah, Hutchison, Brownback, Alexander, Voinovich and Cochran.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #204 (Gerard Lynch to be a U.S. Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **94-3.**

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill).

Johanns amend #2394 (Prohibiting use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now - ACORN). The vote was agreed to by a vote of **85-11.**

S. Res. 273 (Honoring the Founder of the World Food Prize). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 274 (Supporting the goals of Peace Day). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. 1687 (Prohibit the Federal Government from involvement with ACORN). The bill was read for the first time. Further proceedings on the bill were objected to.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 21 and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 3:00 PM the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill). There will be no Roll Call Votes on Monday. The next votes will occur before the weekly caucus meetings on Tuesday, September 22.

The Senate adjourned at 7:15 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business for 90 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3288 (Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill). The Senate will proceed to votes on the following amendments: Coburn amend #2377, Coburn amend #2370, Coburn amend #2372, Wicker amend #2366 and Vitter amend #2376.

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

H. R. 3288 (Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill).

Coburn amend #2370 (Prohibiting funds from being used on roadkill reduction programs, transportation museums, scenic beautification projects or bicycle paths if the Highway Trust Fund does not contain amounts sufficient to cover unfunded highway authorizations). Withdrawn.

Coburn amend #2374 (To determine the total cost to taxpayers of Government ownership of residential homes). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2377 (Require disclosure of certain reports). Agreed to by voice vote.

Coburn amend #2371 (Allowing States to spend 10 percent of their surface transportation funds on enhancement projects such as roadkill reduction and highway beautification). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **39-59**.

Coburn amend #2372 (Prohibiting funds from being used on lower-priority projects such as transportation museums). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **41-57**.

Wicker amend #2366 (To permit Amtrak passengers to safely transport firearms and ammunition in their checked baggage). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **68-30**.

Vitter amend #2376 (To affirm the continuing existence of the community service requirements under section 12(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment is agreed to by a vote of **73-25**.

Landrieu amend #2365 (To amend the Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #2361 (To prohibit the use of stimulus funds for self-congratulatory signage that allows lawmakers to promote their spending of taxpayer dollars on stimulus projects). Laid aside.

Ensign motion to recommit H. R. 3288 (Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill) back to the Appropriations Committee with instructions to report the same back to the Senate with changes that reduce the aggregate level of appropriations in the Act for fiscal year 2010). Laid aside.

McCain amend #2403 (To prohibit the use of funds to carry out the Brownfields Development Initiative program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development). Laid aside.

DeMint amend #2410 (To limit the use of funds for the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport). Laid aside.

Gregg amend #2361 (To prohibit the use of stimulus funds for self-congratulatory signage that allows lawmakers to promote their spending of taxpayer dollars on stimulus projects). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was not agreed to by a vote of **45-52.**

Ensign motion to recommit H. R. 3288 (Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill) back to the Appropriations Committee with instructions to report the same back to the Senate with changes that reduce the aggregate level of appropriations in the Act for fiscal year 2010). The Motion was not agreed to by a vote of **33-64.**

Vitter amend #2359 (To prohibit the use of funds for households that include convicted drug dealers or domestic violence offenders or members of violent gangs that occupy rebuilt public housing in New Orleans), as modified. Laid aside.

The following amendments were considered en bloc:
Warner amend #2402 (For development, coordination and analysis of data collection procedures and national performance measures), as modified.
Murray amend #2405 (To provide the Secretary of HUD the authority to use previously appropriated funds to prevent the termination of housing assistance to eligible families), as modified.
Durbin amend #2415 (To provide technical and financial assistance to Illinois transportation officials to conduct a feasibility study for consolidated freight and passenger rail through Springfield, Illinois), as modified.
Agreed to en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

Kyl Motion to Recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

The following nominations were considered en bloc:
Cal. #371 (John McHugh to be Secretary of the Army).
Cal. #372 (Joseph Westphal to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy).
Cal. #373 (Juan Garcia III to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy).

Confirmed en bloc by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate resumed a Legislative Session.

S. 1494 (Intelligence Appropriations Bill). Feinstein amend agreed to by Unanimous Consent. The bill, as amended, is agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. 1677 (Reauthorizes the Defense Production Act). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 242 (National Aerospace Day). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 269 (National Hispanic Serving Institutions Week). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 270 (100th Anniversary of the High Point Furniture Market). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent).

S. Res. 271 (Support for Citizenship Day 2009). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 17, 2009 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 10:30 AM, the Senate will proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 2996 (Interior Appropriations Bill). At 2:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3288 (Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill) and proceed to a series of roll call votes, including the following, the substitute amendment and final passage of the bill:
Landrieu amend #2365 (To amend the Disaster Relief and Recovery Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008).
Vitter amend #2359 (To prohibit the use of funds for households that include convicted drug dealing or domestic violence offenders or members of violent gangs that occupy rebuilt public housing in New Orleans).
DeMint amend #2410 (To limit the use of funds for the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport).
McCain amend #2403 (To prohibit the use of funds to carry out the Brownsfields Economic Development Initiative program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development), as modified.
Kyl Motion to Recommit with Instructions.

The Senate adjourned at 8:05 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill).

McCain amend #2375 (To provide that all amounts in the bill provided for congressional earmarks shall be made available for NextGen and NextGen programs). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2370 (Prohibiting funds from being used on roadkill reduction programs, transportation museums, scenic beautification projects or bicycle paths if the Highway Trust Fund does not contain amounts sufficient to cover unfunded highway authorizations). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2372 (Prohibiting funds from being used on lower-priority projects such as transportation museums). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2374 (To determine the total cost to taxpayers of Government ownership of residential homes). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2377 (Require disclosure of certain reports). Laid aside.

Coburn amend #2371 (Allowing States to spend 10 percent of their surface transportation funds on enhancement projects such as roadkill reduction and highway beautification). Laid aside.

McCain amend #2375 (To provide that all amounts in the bill provided for congressional earmarks shall be made available for NextGen and NextGen programs). Murray motion to table. Yeas and nays ordered. The motion to table was agreed to by a vote of **68-26**.

The Senate recessed from 12:50-2:15 PM for weekly caucus luncheons.

The Senate reconvened at 2:15 PM.

H. R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill).

Wicker amend #2366 (to permit Amtrak passengers to safely transport firearms and ammunition in their checked baggage) as modified. Laid side.

Vitter amend #2376 (to affirm the continuing existence of the community service requirements under section 12 (c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937). Laid aside.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations:
Cal. #416, Steven Dettelbach to be U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. Confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #417, Carter Stewart to be U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio. Confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #423, Peter Neronha to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Rhode Island. Confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #424, Daniel Bogden to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Nevada. Confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #425, Dennis Burke to be u.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona. Confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #426, Neil MacBride to be U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill).

Wicker amend #2366 (to permit Amtrak passengers to safely transport firearms and ammunition in their checked baggage) as modified. Laid aside.

Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on Committee Reported Substitute Amendment to H. R. 3288 (Transportation and housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill).

Sen. Reid filed a cloture motion on the H. R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill).

S. R. 267 (Supporting the goals of "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 268 (Recognizing "Hispanic Heritage Month"). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. The Senate will proceed with a period of Morning Business for 90 minutes. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3288 (Transportation/HUD Appropriations Bill). The Senate will proceed to votes on the following amendments: Coburn amend #2377, Coburn amend #2370, Coburn amend #2372, Wicker amend #2366 and Vitter amend #2376.

The Senate adjourned at 7:16 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill). There will be a vote at 5:30 PM.

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

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

H. R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill).

Johanns amend #2355 (Prohibiting direct or indirect use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform or ACORN). Yeas and nays ordered. The amendment was agreed to by a vote of **83-7.**

S. Res. 264 (Designating the Caucus Room in the Russell Building as the Kennedy Caucus Room). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 258 (Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 265 (Honoring the Firefighters while battling the California wildfires). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene on Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill). The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 PM for the party lunches.

The Senate adjourned at 6:30 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM. There will be a moment of silence in commemoration of the eighth anniversary of the September 11th attacks. The Senate will then proceed with a period of Morning Business until 10:30 AM. Upon conclusion of Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill). There will be no roll call votes during today's session.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H.R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill).

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

S. Res. 262 (National Awareness Month). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM on Monday, Septmember 14, 2009 and will be in a period of Morning Business for one hour. At 3:00 PM, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill). Votes are possible after 5:30 PM on Monday.

The Senate adjourned at 12:42 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM and will proceed with a period of Morning Business until 12:30 PM, where Senators will be giving tributes to the late Senator Ted Kennedy. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Cass R. Sunstein to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of management and Budget. Under a Unanimous Consent agreement, all time during recess, adjournment or period of Morning Business will count toward post-cloture time. At 2:45 PM, George LeMieux will be sworn in as the Senator from Florida.

The Senate convened and proceeded with Morning Business.

At 2:50 PM, George LeMieux was sworn in as the Senator from Florida.

The Senate proceeded with an Executive Session.

Cal. #167, Cass R. Sunstein to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of management and Budget. The nomination was confirmed by a vote of **57-40**.

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

H. R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill).

S. Res. 245 (Recognizing September 11th as National Day of Service and Remembrance). The resolution was agreed to by voice vote, as amended.

S. Res. 247 (Designating Sept 26th as "National Estuaries Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 259 (Designating Sept 13th as "National Celiac Disease Awareness Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 260 (Designating September 16th as the "American Legion Day"). Agreed to by voice vote.

S. Res. 261 (Designating September12th as "National Day of Encouragement"). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session to consider the following nominations en bloc:
Cal. #405, Anthony Marion Babauta to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Confirmed by voice vote.
Cal. #419, Gary S. Guzy to be Deputy Director of the Office of Environmental Quality. Confirmed by voice vote.

Cal. #420, John R. Fernandez, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. Confirmed by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 9:30 AM on Friday, September 11, 2009. There will be a moment of silence in commemoration of the eighth anniversary of the September 11th attacks. The Senate will then proceed with a period of Morning Business until 10:30 AM. Upon conclusion of Morning Business, the Senate will resume consideration of H. R. 3288 (Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill). There will be no roll call votes during Friday's session.

The Senate adjourned at 7:21 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act). The post-cloture debate time ends at 4:30 PM, but the Senate hopes to yield back time and vote on final passage of the bill earlier. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. At 8:00 PM, there will be a Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

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

The Senate proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act).

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

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

S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act).

The Senate recessed from 3:00 PM-4:00 PM for Senators to attend the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony.

The Senate reconvened at 4:00 PM and proceeded to a Legislative Session.

S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act). Under a previous Unanimous Consent agreement, all amendments but Dorgan amend #1347 (Of a perfecting nature) is withdrawn.

Dorgan amend #1347 (Of a perfecting nature). Agreed to by Voice Vote.

S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act), as amended. The bill was read for a third time. **Final passage.** The bill, as amended, passed by a vote of **79-19**.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session.

Cal. #167 (Cass Sunstein to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget). Motion to Invoke Cloture. The cloture motion is agreed to by a vote of **63-35**.

The Chair laid before the Senate the letter of resignation of Senator Mel Martinez of Florida.

The Senate proceeded to a period of Morning Business.

H.R. 1243 (Congressional Gold Medal to Arnold Palmer). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

S. Res. 257 (Democratic Committee Membership). Agreed to by Unanimous Consent.

The Senate will stand in Recess until 7:30 PM. At 7:40 PM, Senators will walk as a body to the House of Representatives for President Obama's address to a Joint Session of Congress.

The Senate will adjourn following the President's speech and will convene at 9:30 AM on Thursday, September 10, 2009. There will be a period of Morning Business until 12:30 PM, where Senators will be giving tributes to the late Senator Ted Kennedy. Following Morning Business, the Senate will proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination of Cass Sunstein. Under a Unanimous Consent agreement, all time during recess, adjournment or period of Morning Business will count toward post-cloture time. At 2:45 PM, George LeMieux will be sworn in as the Senator from Florida.

The Senate adjourned at 9:07 PM.

SENATE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

The Senate will convene at 2:00 PM and will proceed with Morning Business until 4:30 PM. The Senate will then resume consideration of S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act). At 5:30 PM, the Senate will proceed to the motion to reconsider the Dorgan amendment #1347 (Perfecting amendment), the motion to reconsider will be agreed to, and the Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the amendment.

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

S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act).

Under a previous order, the motion to reconsider the Dorgan amendment #1347 (Perfecting amendment) was be agreed to.

Motion to Invoke Cloture on Dorgan amendment #1347 (Perfecting amendment). The Motion to Invoke Cloture was agreed to by a vote **80-19.**

H. Con. Res. 179 (Providing for a Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded to an Executive Session and confirmed the following nomination by voice vote:

Cal. #302 George Madison to be General Counsel for the Department of Treasury). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate proceeded with a Legislative Session.

S. Res. 255 (Honoring Sen. Edward Kennedy). Agreed to by voice vote.

The Senate will convene at 10:00 AM and will be in a period of morning business for one hour. At 11:00 AM, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1023 (Travel Promotion Act). The post-cloture debate time ends at 4:30 PM, but the Senate hopes to yield back time and vote on final passage of the bill earlier. The Senate will recess from 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM for the party lunches. At 8:00 PM, there will be a Joint Session of Congress to receive a message from the President.

The Senate adjourned at 7:07 PM.