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Big change of plans in the Senate. Senator Reid just announced that he was no longer going to move forward with the omnibus appropriations bill. Instead, he filed cloture motions on the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell and the DREAM Act.

Those petitions will ripen on Saturday. So it looks like the Senate will be again considering the new START Treaty tomorrow. We should know the starting time shortly.