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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—276)	Pages S7230, S7231

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7267.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PREVENT AND COMBAT OPIOID OVER MEDICATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs efforts to prevent and combat opioid over medication, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Missal, Inspector General, Laurence Meyer, Chief Officer for Specialty Care, Veterans Health Administration, and Friedhelm Sandbrink, Acting National Program Director for Pain Management, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Marvin Simcakoski, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee completed its review of reconciliation legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish and administer a competitive oil and gas program in the non-wilderness portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, known as the "1002 Area" or Coastal Plain, pursuant to H. Con. Res. 71, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2018 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2019 through 2027, and agreed on recommendations which it will make to the Committee on the Budget thereon.

REDUCING AIR EMISSIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting American leadership in reducing air emissions through innovation, after receiving testimony from

Kipp Coddington, University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources, Laramie; and Ross Eisenberg, National Association of Manufacturers, and Zoe Lipman, BlueGreen Alliance, both of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee continued consideration of an original bill entitled, "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act", but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, November 16, 2017.

ENCOURAGING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine encouraging healthy communities, focusing on perspective from the Surgeon General, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Jerome M. Adams, Surgeon General of the Public Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mitchell Zais, of South Carolina, to be Deputy Secretary, and James Blew, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, both of the Department of Education, and Kate S. O'Scannlain, of Maryland, to be Solicitor, and Preston Rutledge, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Labor, after the nominees, who were introduced by Senator Alexander, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Robert Earl Wier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, who were all introduced by Senator McConnell, John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, who was introduced by Senator Roberts and Moran, James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, and Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf, and after receiving testimony from Pamela A. Bresnahan, American Bar Association, Washington, D.C.