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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—267)	Pages S7097, S7098

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 9, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7121.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1693, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to clarify that section 230 of that Act does not prohibit the enforcement against providers and users of interactive computer services of Federal and State criminal and civil law relating to sex trafficking, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1668, to rename a waterway in the State of New York as the "Joseph Sanford Jr. Channel"; and

The nominations of Dana Baiocco, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, James Bridenstine, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Neil Jacobs, of North Carolina, and Nazakhtar Nikakhtar, of Maryland, both to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Bruce Landsberg, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Raymond Martinez, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Transportation, and Leon A. Westmoreland, of Georgia, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

DATA BREACHES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting consumers in the era of major data breaches, after receiving testimony from Paulino do Rego Barros, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia, and Richard F. Smith, Los Angeles, California, both of Equifax; Marissa

Mayer, Yahoo, San Francisco, California; Karen Zacharia, Verizon, New York, New York; and Todd Wilkinson, Entrust Datacard, Shakopee, Minnesota.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kathleen Hartnett White, of Texas, to be a Member of the Council on Environmental Quality, and Andrew Wheeler, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, who was introduced by Representative Stivers, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy received a closed briefing on a readout of Ambassador Haley's recent trip to Africa from Nikki R. Haley, Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Department of State.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kirstjen Nielsen, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Homeland Security, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Portman and Rubio, testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1400, to amend title 18, United States Code, to enhance protections of Native American tangible cultural heritage, and S. 465, to provide for an independent outside audit of the Indian Health Service, after receiving testimony from John Tahsuda III, Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Elizabeth A. Fowler, Deputy Director for Management Operations, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; David Flute, Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, Agency Village, South Dakota; and Kurt Riley, Pueblo of Acoma, Acoma, New Mexico.

LAWSUIT ABUSE ON AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESSES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of lawsuit abuse on American small businesses and job creators, including S. 237, to amend Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to improve attorney accountability, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth Milito, National Federation of Independent Business Small Business Legal Center, and John H. Beisner,

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, both of Washington, D.C.; and Myriam Gilles, Ye-

shiva University Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 4294–4317; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 91, were introduced. **Pages H8660–61**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8662–63**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3071, to require executive agencies to consider equipment rental in any cost-effectiveness analysis for equipment acquisition, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–402); and

H.R. 3244, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for annual surveys of Federal employees, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–403). **Page H8660**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bacon to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8599**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:57 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H8605**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Jeff Williams, Faith Community Church, Janesville, WI. **Page H8605**

Micro Offering Safe Harbor Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 609, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2201) to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to exempt certain micro-offerings from the registration requirements of such Act, by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 617, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 224 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 616. **Pages H8609–14**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H8641**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, November 9. **Page H8641**

Hydropower Policy Modernization Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 3043, to modernize hydropower policy, by a recorded vote of 257 yeas to 166 noes, Roll No. 620. **Pages H8614–42**

Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amend-

ment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill. **Page H8630**

Agreed to:

Grothman amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 115–391) that requires the U.S. Department of Interior consider the threat of invasive species when it makes decisions on hydropower licensing; **Pages H8633–34**

Babin amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 115–391) that allows FERC to examine the licenses of any project located in an area that was declared by the President to be a disaster area in 2017; and **Page H8634**

Jenkins (WV) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 115–391) that ensures that when hydro projects have an existing Memorandum of Understanding for non-federal hydropower with FERC that all relevant federal agencies are authorized to fully study and review the potential expansion of non-federal hydropower, including a review of seasonal pool levels and slowing flood releases. **Pages H8634–35**

Rejected:

Rush amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 115–391) that sought to add a new section to the Federal Power Act (FPA) to improve the hydropower licensing process; direct the Commission and the Federal resource agencies to convene a negotiated rulemaking within 90 days of enactment with state and local government representatives, Indian tribes, and stakeholders to develop a process that will coordinate all necessary Federal authorizations and enable the Commission to make a final decision on a license not later than 3 years of receiving a completed license application (by a recorded vote of 185 yeas to 234 noes, Roll No. 619). **Pages H8635–41, H8641–42**

H. Res. 607, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3043) and (H.R. 3441) was agreed to yesterday, November 7th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, November 7th.