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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—323) Pages S8083, S8088, S8141, S8141–42

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 and adjourned at 12:53 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, until 11 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S8151.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kimberly A. Reed, of West Virginia, to be

First Vice President, Mark L. Greenblatt, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, and Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, Judith Delzoppo Pryor, of Ohio, and Claudia Slacik, of New York, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors, all of the Export-Import Bank.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, and Joel Danies, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATIONS IN THE SENATE

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. Res. 355, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate, after receiving testimony from Senator Lankford.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 4680–4689, were introduced.

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4478, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to improve foreign intelligence collection and the safeguards, accountability, and oversight of acquisitions of foreign intelligence, to extend title VII of such Act, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–475, Part 1). Page H10245

Recess: The House recessed at 9:31 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. Page H10186

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 180 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 696. Pages H10186–87, H10230–31

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, December 18th.

Women in Aerospace Education Act: H.R. 4254, amended, to amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and National Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 690; and

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Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act: H.R. 4323, amended, to promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with one voting “nay”, Roll No. 693. Page H10215

Clerk to Correct Engrossment: Agreed by unanimous consent that, in the engrossment of H.R. 4375, the Clerk be directed to make the change placed at the desk. Page H10201