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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—269) **Pages S6864, S6867–68**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:29 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6907.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States Middle East policy, after receiving testimony from General David H. Petraeus, USA (Ret.), former Director, Central Intelligence Agency, Commander, International Security Assistance Force/Commander, United States Forces Afghanistan, Commander, United States Central Command, Commander, Multi-National Forces-Iraq.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Susan Coppedge Amato, of Georgia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Isakson, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

IMPROVING VA ACCOUNTABILITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving VA accountability, focusing on examining first-hand accounts of Department of Veterans Affairs whistleblowers, after receiving testimony from Carolyn Lerner, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; Linda A. Halliday, Deputy Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Carolyn Clancy, Chief Medical Officer, Veterans Health Administration, and Michael Culpepper, Acting Director, Office of Accountability Review, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Brandon W. Coleman Sr., Phoenix Veterans Affairs Health Care System, Phoenix, Arizona; Joseph Colon, VA Caribbean Healthcare System, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Christopher Shea Wilkes, VA Truth Tellers, Shreveport, Louisiana; and Sean Kirkpatrick, Chicago, Illinois.

HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY CONSOLIDATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine consolidation in the health insurance industry and its impact on consumers, including S. 2019, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, after receiving testimony from Mark T. Bertolini, Aetna, Inc., Hartford, Connecticut; Joseph Swedish, Anthem, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana; Paul B. Ginsburg, University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy Schaeffer Center for Health and Policy Economics, Rick Pollack, American Hospital Association, and George Slover, Consumers Union, all of Washington, D.C.; and Leemore S. Dafny, Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management, Evanston, Illinois.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.