

1 BUSINESS MEETING ON PENDING NOMINATIONS

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3 TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2018

4 United States Senate,
5 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,
6 Washington, D.C.

7 The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:21 p.m., in
8 Room S-216, The Capitol, Hon. Pat Roberts, Chairman of the
9 Committee, presiding.

10 Present or submitting a statement: Senators Roberts,
11 Boozman, Hoeven, Ernst, Grassley, Thune, Daines, Stabenow,
12 Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet, Gillibrand, Heitkamp, Casey, and
13 Smith.

14 OPENING STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN ROBERTS

15 Chairman Roberts. I now call to order a business
16 meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
17 and Forestry.

18 The purpose of this meeting is to consider two
19 nominations: Dan Berkovitz, to serve as a Commissioner of
20 the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and James Hubbard
21 to serve as the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and
22 Environment for the Department of Agriculture.

23 Mr. Berkovitz has shown his significant experience as a
24 partner at the law firm Wilmer Hale, co-chairing the firm's
25 futures and derivatives practices, and tenure as CFTC's

1 general counsel for the CFTC, writing rules and regulations
2 to implement Dodd Frank. Despite that, he will be a major
3 asset to the CFTC and our end-users.

4 Mr. Hubbard's dedication to public service, including
5 35 years in the Colorado Forest Service, and serving in
6 management positions at both the Department of Interior and
7 then the U.S. Forest Service, will serve him well to lead
8 the NRE mission area.

9 I fully support these nominations.

10 I now recognize the Ranking Member for any comments she
11 may have.

12 OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR STABENOW

13 Senator Stabenow. I simply move that we proceed with
14 confirming both these nominees.

15 Chairman Roberts. A motion would now be in order to
16 approve the nominations of Dan Berkovitz to be a
17 Commissioner of the CFTC, and James Hubbard to serve as the
18 Under Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment at
19 USDA.

20 Upon a proper motion we will proceed with the voice
21 vote for these nominees.

22 Senator Stabenow. So moved.

23 Chairman Roberts. All those in favor say aye.

24 [Chorus of ayes.]

25 Chairman Roberts. All those opposed say nay.

1 [No response.]

2 Chairman Roberts. The ayes have it. The nominations
3 of Mr. Berkovitz and Mr. Hubbard are approved.

4 The business meeting is now adjourned.

5 [Whereupon, at 2:23 p.m., the Committee was adjourned.]

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