

1 BUSINESS MEETING ON THE NOMINATION OF
2 GLEN R. SMITH, OF IOWA,
3 TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION BOARD,
4 FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

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6 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

7 United States Senate,
8 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,
9 Washington, D.C.

10 The Committee met at 12:24 p.m., in Room S-216, The
11 Capitol, Hon. Pat Roberts, Chairman of the Committee,
12 presiding.

13 Present: Senators Roberts, Cochran, Boozman, Hoeven,
14 Ernst, Grassley, Daines, Stabenow, Leahy, Brown, Bennet,
15 Gillibrand, Donnelly, Heitkamp, and Casey.

16 OPENING STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN ROBERTS

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

20 The purpose of this meeting is to consider the
21 nomination of Glen Smith, one of the Smith boys, to be a
22 Board Member of the Farm Credit Administration.

23 First, let me thank Senator Boozman for chairing the
24 Committee hearing last week where the nominee--

25 Unknown speaker. He did an awesome job.

1 [Applause.]

2 [Simultaneous discussion.]

3 Senator Stabenow. He wants to take over. He wants to
4 take over.

5 [Laughter.]

6 Chairman Roberts. As you know, Mr. Smith's experience
7 as a life-long Iowa farmer--

8 Senator Grassley. Yes, he is.

9 [Cheers.]

10 Chairman Roberts. --and land services business owner,
11 combined with his testimony before this Committee and
12 answers to members' questions for the record, demonstrates
13 he is abundantly qualified to take on the role of FCA Board
14 Member. He will be an effective and level-headed advocate
15 for--

16 Senator Brown. You are losing my vote, Mr. Chairman.
17 Come on, come on.

18 [Laughter.]

19 Chairman Roberts. I fully support his nomination.

20 I now recognize the Ranking Member for any comments she
21 may have.

22 Senator Stabenow. Mr. Chairman, I so move the
23 nomination.

24 Senator Grassley. And I second it.

25 Senator Leahy. Mr. Chairman, I have a 45 minute speech

1 about Iowa farmers.

2 Chairman Roberts. Thank you, sir. I appreciate it.

3 All those in favor, say aye.

4 [A chorus of ayes.]

5 Chairman Roberts. All those opposed, say nay.

6 [No response.]

7 Chairman Roberts. The ayes have it. The nomination is
8 approved.

9 The business meeting is now adjourned.

10 [Whereupon, at 12:25 p.m., the Committee was
11 adjourned.]