

## 1 BUSINESS MEETING

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3 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2010

4 United States Senate,

5 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry,

6 Washington, D.C.

7 The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 12:21 p.m.,  
8 in Room S-219, the Capitol, Hon. Blanche Lincoln, Chairman  
9 of the committee, presiding.

10 Present or submitting a statement: Senators Lincoln,  
11 Leahy, Conrad, Baucus, Stabenow, Nelson, Gillibrand,  
12 Chambliss, Roberts, Johanns, and Cornyn.

## 13 OPENING STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN LINCOLN

14 Chairman Lincoln. Seeing a quorum, I call to order a  
15 business meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture,  
16 Nutrition, and Forestry.

17 We are here to the following nominations to the full  
18 Senate for consideration: Ramona Emilia Romero, of  
19 Pennsylvania, to be U.S. Department of Agriculture General  
20 Counsel.

21 All those in favor, say aye.

22 [Chorus of ayes.]

23 Chairman Lincoln. All opposed, no.

24 [No response.]

25 Chairman Lincoln. The ayes have it. The nomination is

1 approved.

2 Thank you all so much for allowing me to be your  
3 chairman.

4 [Applause.]

5 Chairman Lincoln. The business meeting is adjourned.

6 [Whereupon, at 12:22 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.]