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1 BUSINESS MEETING

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3 Wednesday, May 17, 20234
5 U.S. Senate
6 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry
7 Washington, D.C.
89 The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 11:44 a.m.,
10 in Room S-216, President's Room, U.S. Capitol, Hon. Debbie
11 Stabenow, Chairwoman of the Committee, presiding.12 Present: Senators Stabenow [presiding], Brown,
13 Klobuchar, Gillibrand, Smith, Durbin, Luján, Warnock, Welch,
14 Fetterman, Boozman, Ernst, Hyde-Smith, Marshall, Grassley,
15 and Fischer.
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1 Chairwoman Stabenow. And I call to order the business
2 meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
3 and Forestry. Today we consider the nomination of Xochitl
4 Torres Small to be Deputy Secretary of the Department of
5 Agriculture.

6 She is very well qualified and supported by a wide
7 range of stakeholders. I strongly support her nomination.

8 Senator Boozman, do you want to make any comments?

9 Senator Boozman. I very much support the nomination
10 also and look forward to getting her confirmed.

11 Chairwoman Stabenow. Excellent. Thank you so much for
12 your partnership.

13 Any further debate? If not, we can move to the votes.
14 We will take a roll call vote to report the nomination of
15 Ms. Torres Small. The Clerk will call the roll.

16 The Clerk. Senator Brown?

17 Senator Brown. Aye.

18 The Clerk. Senator Klobuchar?

19 Senator Klobuchar. Aye.

20 The Clerk. Senator Bennet?

21 Chairwoman Stabenow. Aye by proxy.

22 The Clerk. Senator Gillibrand?

23 Senator Gillibrand. Aye.

24 The Clerk. Senator Smith?

25 Senator Smith. Aye.

1 The Clerk. Senator Durbin?
2 Senator Durbin. Aye.
3 The Clerk. Senator Booker?
4 Chairwoman Stabenow. Aye by proxy.
5 The Clerk. Senator Luján?
6 Senator Luján. Aye.
7 The Clerk. Senator Warnock?
8 Senator Warnock. Aye.
9 The Clerk. Senator Welch?
10 Senator Welch. Aye.
11 The Clerk. Senator Fetterman?
12 Senator Fetterman. Aye.
13 The Clerk. Senator Boozman?
14 Senator Boozman. Aye.
15 The Clerk. Senator McConnell?
16 Senator Boozman. Aye by proxy.
17 The Clerk. Senator Hoeven?
18 Senator Boozman. Aye by proxy.
19 The Clerk. Senator Ernst?
20 Senator Ernst. Aye.
21 The Clerk. Senator Hyde-Smith?
22 Senator Hyde-Smith. Aye.
23 The Clerk. Senator Marshall?
24 Senator Marshall. Aye.
25 The Clerk. Senator Tuberville?

1 Senator Boozman. Aye by proxy.

2 The Clerk. Senator Braun?

3 Senator Boozman. Aye by proxy.

4 The Clerk. Senator Grassley?

5 Senator Grassley. Aye.

6 The Clerk. Senator Thune?

7 Senator Boozman. Aye by proxy.

8 The Clerk. Senator Fischer?

9 Senator Fischer. Aye.

10 The Clerk. Senator Stabenow?

11 Chairwoman Stabenow. Aye.

12 The Clerk. Madam Chairwoman, the vote is 23 to 0.

13 Chairwoman Stabenow. The ayes have it. The nomination

14 of Ms. Torres Small to be Deputy Secretary for the U.S.

15 Department of Agriculture is ordered reported favorably.

16 The business meeting is now adjourned.

17 [Whereupon, at 11:56 a.m., the hearing was adjourned.]

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