

1 BUSINESS MEETING TO VOTE ON PENDING NOMINATIONS

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3 TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021

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

7 The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 11:38 a.m.,  
8 in Room S-216, The Capitol, Hon. Debbie Stabenow, Chairwoman  
9 of the Committee, presiding.

10 Present: Senators Stabenow, Leahy, Klobuchar, Bennet,  
11 Gillibrand, Smith, Booker, Luján, Warnock, Boozman, Hoeven,  
12 Ernst, Hyde-Smith, Tuberville, Grassley, Fischer, and Braun.

13 Chairwoman Stabenow. I now call to order this meeting  
14 on the Senate Committee of Agriculture, Nutrition, and  
15 Forestry.

16 Today we consider the nominations of Xochitl Torres  
17 Small to be Under Secretary for Rural Development and Robert  
18 Bonnie to be Under Secretary for Farm Production and  
19 Conservation at the Department of Agriculture.

20 Both nominees are very qualified and supported by a  
21 wide range of stakeholders. I strongly support these  
22 nominations.

23 Senator Boozman, I will turn it to you.

24 Senator Boozman. Thank you and I am glad that we were  
25 able to move forward in an expeditious way. I apologize for

1 being late.

2 Chairwoman Stabenow. That is all right. I appreciate  
3 your partnership.

4 I move to approve the nomination of Ms. Torres Small  
5 for Under Secretary for Rural Development and Mr. Bonnie for  
6 Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation.

7 Is there a second?

8 Senator Boozman. Second.

9 Chairwoman Stabenow. All those in favor, say aye.

10 [Chorus of ayes.]

11 Chairwoman Stabenow. All those opposed, say no.

12 [No response.]

13 Chairwoman Stabenow. The ayes have it and the  
14 nominations of Xochitl Torres Small to be Under Secretary of  
15 Rural Development and Robert Bonnie to be Under Secretary  
16 for Farm Production and Conservation at the Department of  
17 Agriculture are approved.

18 The nominations are ordered to be reported favorably to  
19 the Senate.

20 Without objection, so ordered.

21 The business meeting is now adjourned.

22 [Whereupon, at 11:40 a.m., the Committee was  
23 adjourned.]

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