

BUSINESS MEETING TO CONSIDER

THE PENDING NOMINATIONS OF THOMAS BOWMAN TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, BROOKS TUCKER TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, JAMES BYRNE TO BE GENERAL COUNSEL AND MICHAL ALLEN, AMANDA MEREDITH AND JOSEPH TOTH TO BE JUDGES ON THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS.

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THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

United States Senate,
Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Washington, D.C.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 12:23 p.m., in Room S-219, The Capitol, Hon. Johnny Isakson, (Chairman of the Committee) presiding.

Present: Senators Isakson, Moran, Boozman, Heller, Cassidy, Rounds, Tillis, Sullivan, Tester, Murray, Sanders, Brown, Hirono, and Manchin.

Chairman Isakson. I call this meeting of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee to order.

Seeing we now have a quorum, I invite a motion for the pending business of the nomination of Thomas Bowman to be deputy secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs, Brooks Tucker to be assistant secretary of congressional and legislative affairs, James Byrne to be general counsel, and Michael Allen, Amanda Meredith and Joseph Toth to be judges on the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. I recognize the Ranking Member.

Senator Tester. Mr. Chairman, in accordance with the Committee's practice to vote on agenda items as soon as a reporting quorum of eight is present, I make the following motion: I move that the Committee favorably report the pending nominations en bloc.

Chairman Isakson. Is there a second?

Senators Manchin and Rounds. Second.

Chairman Isakson. If there's no debate, the vote is on the motion that the Committee favorably report, en bloc, the six pending nominations. All those in favor say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Chairman Isakson. All those opposed say no.

[No response.]

Chairman Isakson. The ayes appear to have it, the ayes do have it and the motion will be favorably reported. I really

appreciate everybody being here. As there is no other business to be conducted, this meeting is adjourned

[Whereupon, at 12:24 p.m., the Committee was adjourned.]