

BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 12:14 p.m., in The President's Room, S-216, U.S. Capitol, Hon. Jerry Moran, Chairman of the Committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Moran, Boozman, Cassidy, Tillis, Sullivan, Blackburn, Cramer, Tuberville, Sheehy, Blumenthal, Hirono, Hassan, and Slotkin.

OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. JERRY MORAN, CHAIRMAN, U.S. SENATOR FROM KANSAS

Chairman MORAN. I am told that we have a quorum and this business meeting will now come to order. As specified in the notice provided to Committee members, we are here to consider the nomination of Jeremiah Workman to be the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training at the Department of Labor.

I will be voting in support of this nomination, and I yield to the Ranking Member, Senator Blumenthal.

OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, RANKING MEMBER, U.S. SENATOR FROM CONNECTICUT

Senator BLUMENTHAL. I will be opposing this nomination, and I will put my statement in the record.

[The prepared statement of Senator Blumenthal appears at the end of this transcript.]

Chairman MORAN. Well, that is not surprising, and the second part is pleasing.

[Laughter.]

Chairman MORAN. Do any other Committee members seek recognition?

We will have a roll call vote. The clerk will call the roll.

The CLERK. Mr. Boozman?

Senator BOOZMAN. Yes.

The CLERK. Mr. Cassidy?

Senator CASSIDY. Aye.

The CLERK. Mr. Tillis?

Senator TILLIS. Aye.

The CLERK. Mr. Sullivan?

Senator SULLIVAN. Aye.

The CLERK. Mrs. Blackburn?
 Senator BLACKBURN. Aye.
 The CLERK. Mr. Cramer?
 Senator CRAMER. Aye.
 The CLERK. Mr. Tuberville?
 Senator TUBERVILLE. Aye.
 The CLERK. Mr. Banks?
 Senator BANKS [No response.]
 Senator SHEEHY. Aye.
 The CLERK. Mr. Blumenthal?
 Senator BLUMENTHAL. No.
 The CLERK. Mrs. Murray?
 Senator BLUMENTHAL. No, by proxy.
 The CLERK. Mr. Sanders?
 Senator BLUMENTHAL. No, by proxy.
 The CLERK. Ms. Hirono?
 Senator HIRONO. No.
 The CLERK. Ms. Hassan?
 Senator HASSAN. Aye.
 The CLERK. Mr. King?
 Senator BLUMENTHAL. No, by proxy.
 The CLERK. Ms. Duckworth?
 Senator BLUMENTHAL. No, by proxy.
 The CLERK. Mr. Gallego?
 Senator BLUMENTHAL. No, by proxy.
 The CLERK. Ms. Slotkin?
 Senator SLOTKIN. No.
 The CLERK. Mr. Chairman?
 Chairman MORAN. Aye.
 The CLERK. On this vote, the yeas are 10 and the nays are 8.
 Chairman MORAN. The motion is favorably reported and agreed
 to. Does any Committee member wish to be heard?
 The Committee is now adjourned. Thank you.
 [Whereupon, at 12:16 p.m., the Committee was adjourned.]

Business Meeting
US Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs
Nomination of Jeremiah Workman to be Assistant Secretary
for the Veterans' Employment and Training Division at the Department of Labor.
Ranking Member Blumenthal Statement for the Record

I am voting no on this nomination. The Trump Administration continues to destroy accountability and oversight of its agencies, including the Department of Labor. OMB last week defunded the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, an action which Members on both sides of the aisle oppose. I cannot support the Trump Administration's nominees unless they are willing and able to push back against these types of illegal and authoritarian actions. I did not hear anything to persuade me that Mr. Workman would do so if confirmed. Therefore, I am voting no.

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