

## **Crapo Statement at Executive Session to Consider SSA, USTR, HHS Nominations**

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**Washington, D.C.**—U.S. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) delivered the following remarks at an executive session to consider the nominations of Arjun Mody to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, Jeffrey Goettman to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (USTR), Julie Callahan to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator at the Office of the USTR, and Thomas (March) Bell to be Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

*As prepared for delivery:*

“We meet today to consider favorably reporting the nominations of Arjun Mody, who is nominated to serve as the Deputy Commissioner for the Social Security Administration (SSA), Jeffrey Goettman, who is nominated to serve as the Deputy United States Trade Representative (USTR), Julie Callahan, who is nominated to serve as Chief Agricultural Negotiator at USTR and March Bell, who is nominated to serve as the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

“This morning’s meeting will provide members with the opportunity to offer remarks on the nominees. We will notify members of a time and location later today to conduct the vote off the Senate floor.

“Each of the nominees proved themselves to be well qualified at their hearing.

“Mr. Mody highlighted his extensive experience working with congressional leaders to build consensus and find solutions to challenging policy issues. He will bring the same work ethic and collaborative approach to the Social Security Administration.

“Mr. Goettman demonstrated his commitment to ensuring the resiliency of U.S. manufacturing supply chains, particularly for small businesses. I look forward to working with him, if confirmed, to ensure the formulation of trade policy that is both fair and economically sound.

“Dr. Callahan brings decades of expertise to USTR, as reflected by the over 80 trade associations supporting her nomination. If confirmed as Chief Agriculture Negotiator, she will ensure the important interests of American agriculture are championed on the world stage.

“Lastly, Mr. Bell will utilize his extensive oversight experience if he is confirmed as Inspector General to fight waste, fraud and abuse, and to keep Congress abreast of the HHS’s steps to save taxpayer dollars.

“I will be voting in favor of each nominee and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

“I now recognize Ranking Member Wyden for his remarks.”