

1 OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FAVORABLY REPORT THE
2 NOMINATIONS OF THE HONORABLE MICHAEL B. THORNTON, OF
3 VIRGINIA, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX COURT
4 FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS (REAPPOINTMENT); JOSEPH W.
5 NEGA, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES TAX
6 COURT FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS, VICE THOMAS B. WELLS,
7 RETIRED; AND F. SCOTT KIEFF, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER
8 OF THE UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION FOR
9 THE TERM EXPIRING JUNE 16, 2020, VICE DANIEL PEARSON,
10 TERM EXPIRED
11 THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2013
12 U.S. Senate,
13 Committee on Finance,
14 Washington, DC.

15 The meeting was convened, pursuant to notice, at
16 12:30 p.m., in S-219, the Committee on Rules and
17 Administration room of the Capitol, Hon. Max Baucus
18 (chairman of the committee) presiding.

19 Present: Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Wyden,
20 Schumer, Stabenow, Cantwell, Nelson, Menendez, Carper,
21 Cardin, Brown, Bennet, Casey, Hatch, Grassley, Crapo,
22 Enzi, Cornyn, Thune, Burr, Isakson, Portman, Toomey.

23 Also present: Rory Murphy, Nominations and
24 International Trade Advisor; Nick Wyatt, Tax and
25 Nomination Professional Staff Member; Carla Martin, Chief
26 Clerk; Joshua LeVasseur, Deputy Chief Clerk; Lynn Becker,

1 Clerk; Jewel Harper, Hearing Clerk; and Logan Smith,
2 Staff Assistant.

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1 The Chairman. The committee will come to order.

2 The committee meets today to consider three nominations.

3 I now entertain a motion that the committee favorably
4 report the nominations.

5 Senator Hatch. So moved.

6 The Chairman. The committee will consider the
7 nomination of the Honorable Michael B. Thornton, of
8 Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

9 A recorded vote has been requested. The clerk will
10 call the roll.

11 The Clerk. Senator Rockefeller.

12 Senator Rockefeller. Aye.

13 The Clerk. Senator Wyden.

14 Senator Wyden. Aye.

15 The Clerk. Senator Schumer.

16 Senator Schumer. Aye.

17 The Clerk. Senator Stabenow.

18 Senator Stabenow. Aye.

19 The Clerk. Senator Cantwell.

20 Senator Cantwell. Aye.

21 The Clerk. Senator Nelson.

22 Senator Nelson. Aye.

23 The Clerk. Senator Menendez.

24 Senator Menendez. Aye.

25 The Clerk. Senator Carper.

1 Senator Carper. Aye.
2 The Clerk. Senator Cardin.
3 Senator Cardin. Aye.
4 The Clerk. Senator Brown.
5 Senator Brown. Aye.
6 The Clerk. Senator Bennet.
7 Senator Bennet. Aye.
8 The Clerk. Senator Casey.
9 Senator Casey. Aye.
10 The Clerk. Senator Hatch.
11 Senator Hatch. Aye.
12 The Clerk. Senator Grassley.
13 Senator Grassley. Aye.
14 The Clerk. Senator Crapo.
15 Senator Crapo. Aye.
16 The Clerk. Senator Roberts.
17 Senator Hatch. Aye by Proxy.
18 The Clerk. Senator Enzi.
19 Senator Enzi. Aye.
20 The Clerk. Senator Cornyn.
21 Senator Cornyn. Aye.
22 The Clerk. Senator Thune.
23 Senator Thune. Aye.
24 The Clerk. Senator Burr.
25 Senator Burr. Aye.

1 The Clerk. Senator Isakson.
2 Senator Isakson. Aye.
3 The Clerk. Senator Portman.
4 Senator Portman. Aye.
5 The Clerk. Senator Toomey.
6 Senator Toomey. Aye.
7 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman.
8 The Chairman. Aye.
9 The Clerk. The tally is 24 ayes, 0 nays.
10 The Chairman. The ayes have it. The nomination of
11 Mr. Thornton is ordered favorably reported.
12 The committee will now consider the nomination of
13 Joseph W. Nega, to be a Judge of the United States Tax
14 Court.
15 A recorded vote has been requested. The clerk will
16 call the roll.
17 The Clerk. Senator Rockefeller.
18 Senator Rockefeller. Aye.
19 The Clerk. Senator Wyden.
20 Senator Wyden. Aye.
21 The Clerk. Senator Schumer.
22 Senator Schumer. Aye.
23 The Clerk. Senator Stabenow.
24 Senator Stabenow. Aye.
25 The Clerk. Senator Cantwell.

1 Senator Cantwell. Aye.
2 The Clerk. Senator Nelson.
3 Senator Nelson. Aye.
4 The Clerk. Senator Menendez.
5 Senator Menendez. Aye.
6 The Clerk. Senator Carper.
7 Senator Carper. Aye.
8 The Clerk. Senator Cardin.
9 Senator Cardin. Aye.
10 The Clerk. Senator Brown.
11 Senator Brown. Aye.
12 The Clerk. Senator Bennet.
13 Senator Bennet. Aye.
14 The Clerk. Senator Casey.
15 Senator Casey. Aye.
16 The Clerk. Senator Hatch.
17 Senator Hatch. Aye.
18 The Clerk. Senator Grassley.
19 Senator Grassley. Aye.
20 The Clerk. Senator Crapo.
21 Senator Crapo. Aye.
22 The Clerk. Senator Roberts.
23 Senator Hatch. Aye by Proxy.
24 The Clerk. Senator Enzi.
25 Senator Enzi. Aye.

1 The Clerk. Senator Cornyn.
2 Senator Cornyn. Aye.
3 The Clerk. Senator Thune.
4 Senator Thune. Aye.
5 The Clerk. Senator Burr.
6 Senator Burr. Aye.
7 The Clerk. Senator Isakson.
8 Senator Isakson. Aye.
9 The Clerk. Senator Portman.
10 Senator Portman. Aye.
11 The Clerk. Senator Toomey.
12 Senator Toomey. Aye.
13 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman.
14 The Chairman. Aye.
15 The Clerk. The tally is 24 ayes, 0 nays.
16 The Chairman. The ayes have it. The nomination of
17 Mr. Nega is ordered favorably reported.
18 The committee will now consider the nomination of F.
19 Scott Kieff, to be a member of the United States
20 International Trade Commission.
21 A recorded vote has been requested. The clerk will
22 call the roll:
23 The Clerk. Senator Rockefeller.
24 Senator Rockefeller. Aye.
25 The Clerk. Senator Wyden.

1 Senator Wyden. Aye.
2 The Clerk. Senator Schumer.
3 Senator Schumer. Aye.
4 The Clerk. Senator Stabenow.
5 Senator Stabenow. Aye.
6 The Clerk. Senator Cantwell.
7 Senator Cantwell. Aye.
8 The Clerk. Senator Nelson.
9 Senator Nelson. Aye.
10 The Clerk. Senator Menendez.
11 Senator Menendez. Aye.
12 The Clerk. Senator Carper.
13 Senator Carper. Aye.
14 The Clerk. Senator Cardin.
15 Senator Cardin. Aye.
16 The Clerk. Senator Brown.
17 Senator Brown. Aye.
18 The Clerk. Senator Bennet.
19 Senator Bennet. Aye.
20 The Clerk. Senator Casey.
21 Senator Casey. Aye.
22 The Clerk. Senator Hatch.
23 Senator Hatch. Aye.
24 The Clerk. Senator Grassley.
25 Senator Grassley. Aye.

1 The Clerk. Senator Crapo.
2 Senator Crapo. Aye.
3 The Clerk. Senator Roberts.
4 Senator Hatch. Aye by Proxy.
5 The Clerk. Senator Enzi.
6 Senator Enzi. Aye.
7 The Clerk. Senator Cornyn.
8 Senator Cornyn. Aye.
9 The Clerk. Senator Thune.
10 Senator Thune. Aye.
11 The Clerk. Senator Burr.
12 Senator Burr. Aye.
13 The Clerk. Senator Isakson.
14 Senator Isakson. Aye.
15 The Clerk. Senator Portman.
16 Senator Portman. Aye.
17 The Clerk. Senator Toomey.
18 Senator Toomey. Aye.
19 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman.
20 The Chairman. Aye.
21 The Clerk. The tally is 24 ayes, 0 nays.
22 The Chairman. The ayes have it. The nomination of
23 Mr. Kieff is ordered favorably reported.
24 The meeting is adjourned.

1 [Whereupon, at 12:55 p.m., the meeting was
2 concluded.]
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