

**EXECUTIVE BUSINESS MEETING
TO CONSIDER PENDING NOMINATIONS
DECEMBER 23, 2009**

U.S. Senate,
Committee on Finance,
Washington, D.C.

The meeting was convened, pursuant to notice, at 2:05 p.m., in S-216 of the Capitol, Hon. Max Baucus (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Senators Rockefeller, Conrad, Bingaman, Kerry, Lincoln, Wyden, Schumer, Stabenow, Cantwell, Nelson, Menendez, Carper, Grassley, Hatch, Snowe, Kyl, Crapo, Roberts, Ensign, Enzi, and Cornyn.

Also present: Russ Sullivan, Staff Director; Amber Cottle, Chief Trade Counsel; Ayesha Khanna, Trade Counsel; Chelsea Thomas, Trade Advisor; Nick Wyatt, Professional Staff Member; Carla Martin, Chief Clerk; Danielle Edwards, Deputy Clerk; and Athena Schritz, Archivist.

The Chairman. The Committee will come to order.

The committee meets today to consider several pending nominations. I now entertain a motion that the committee favorably report those nominations.

The Committee will consider the nomination of Dr. Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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

Senator Rockefeller. Aye.
Senator Conrad. Aye.
Senator Bingaman. Aye.
Senator Kerry. Aye.
Senator Lincoln. Aye.
Senator Wyden. Aye.
Senator Schumer. Aye.
Senator Stabenow. Aye.
Senator Cantwell. Aye.
Senator Nelson. Aye.
Senator Menendez. Aye.
Senator Carper. Aye.
Senator Grassley. No.
Senator Hatch. Aye.
Senator Snowe. No.

Senator Kyl. No.
Senator Bunning. No (by proxy).
Senator Crapo. Aye.
Senator Roberts. No.
Senator Ensign. No.
Senator Enzi. No.
Senator Cornyn. No.
The Chairman. Aye.

The Clerk. The tally is 15 ayes, 8 nays.

The Chairman. The ayes have it. The nomination is ordered reported.

The Committee will consider the nomination of Mr. Michael Punke, of Montana, to be Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President.

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

Senator Rockefeller. Aye.
Senator Conrad. Aye.
Senator Bingaman. Aye.
Senator Kerry. Aye.
Senator Lincoln. Aye.
Senator Wyden. Aye.
Senator Schumer. Aye.
Senator Stabenow. Aye.
Senator Cantwell. Aye.
Senator Nelson. Aye.
Senator Menendez. Aye.
Senator Carper. Aye.
Senator Grassley. Aye.
Senator Hatch. Aye.
Senator Snowe. Aye.
Senator Kyl. Aye.
Senator Bunning. Aye (by proxy).
Senator Crapo. Aye.
Senator Roberts. Aye.
Senator Ensign. Aye.
Senator Enzi. Aye.
Senator Cornyn. Aye.
The Chairman. Aye.

The Clerk. The tally is 23 ayes, 0 nays.

The Chairman. The ayes have it. The nomination is ordered reported.

The Committee will consider the nomination of Dr. Islam Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, Executive Office of the President.

The clerk will call the roll.

Senator Rockefeller. Aye.
Senator Conrad. Aye.
Senator Bingaman. Aye.
Senator Kerry. Aye.
Senator Lincoln. Aye.
Senator Wyden. Aye.
Senator Schumer. Aye.
Senator Stabenow. Aye.
Senator Cantwell. Aye.
Senator Nelson. Aye.
Senator Menendez. Aye.
Senator Carper. Aye.
Senator Grassley. Aye.
Senator Hatch. Aye.
Senator Snowe. Aye.
Senator Kyl. Aye.
Senator Bunning. Aye (by proxy).
Senator Crapo. Aye.
Senator Roberts. Aye.
Senator Ensign. Aye.
Senator Enzi. Aye.
Senator Cornyn. Aye.
The Chairman. Aye.

The Clerk. The tally is 23 ayes, 0 nays.

The Chairman. The nomination of Mr. Siddiqui is favorably ordered reported.

The Committee will consider the nomination of Mr. Michael F. Mundaca, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The clerk will call the roll.

Senator Rockefeller. Aye.
Senator Conrad. Aye.
Senator Bingaman. Aye.
Senator Kerry. Aye.
Senator Lincoln. Aye.

Senator Wyden. Aye.
Senator Schumer. Aye.
Senator Stabenow. Aye.
Senator Cantwell. Aye.
Senator Nelson. Aye.
Senator Menendez. Aye.
Senator Carper. Aye.
Senator Grassley. Aye.
Senator Hatch. Aye.
Senator Snowe. No.
Senator Kyl. No.
Senator Bunning. No (by proxy).
Senator Crapo. Aye.
Senator Roberts. Aye.
Senator Ensign. Aye.
Senator Enzi. No.
Senator Cornyn. Aye.
Senator Baucus. Aye.

The Clerk. The tally is 19 ayes, 4 nays.

The Chairman. The nomination is ordered favorably reported.

The Committee will consider the nomination of Ms. Mary John Miller, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Senator Rockefeller. Aye.
Senator Conrad. Aye.
Senator Bingaman. Aye.
Senator Kerry. Aye.
Senator Lincoln. Aye.
Senator Wyden. Aye.
Senator Schumer. Aye.
Senator Stabenow. Aye.
Senator Cantwell. Aye.
Senator Nelson. Aye.
Senator Menendez. Aye.
Senator Carper. Aye.
Senator Grassley. Aye.
Senator Hatch. Aye.
Senator Snowe. Aye.
Senator Kyl. No.
Senator Bunning. Aye (by proxy).
Senator Crapo. Aye.
Senator Roberts. Aye.
Senator Ensign. Aye.

Senator Enzi. Aye.
Senator Cornyn. Aye.
Senator Baucus. Aye.

The Clerk. The tally is 22 ayes, 1 nay.

The Chairman. The nomination is ordered favorably reported.

The Committee will consider the nomination of Jim R. Esquea, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The clerk will call the roll.

Senator Rockefeller. Aye.
Senator Conrad. Aye.
Senator Bingaman. Aye.
Senator Kerry. Aye.
Senator Lincoln. Aye.
Senator Wyden. Aye.
Senator Schumer. Aye.
Senator Stabenow. Aye.
Senator Cantwell. Aye.
Senator Nelson. Aye.
Senator Menendez. Aye.
Senator Carper. Aye.
Senator Grassley. Aye.
Senator Hatch. Aye.
Senator Snowe. Aye.
Senator Kyl. Aye.
Senator Bunning. Aye (by proxy).
Senator Crapo. Aye.
Senator Roberts. Aye.
Senator Ensign. Aye.
Senator Enzi. Aye.
Senator Cornyn. Aye.
Senator Baucus. Aye.

The Clerk. The tally is 23 ayes, 0 nays.

The Chairman. The nomination is ordered favorably reported.

The Committee will consider the nomination of Ms. Ellen Gloninger Murray, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Senator Rockefeller. Aye.
Senator Conrad. Aye.
Senator Bingaman. Aye.
Senator Kerry. Aye.
Senator Lincoln. Aye.
Senator Wyden. Aye.
Senator Schumer. Aye.
Senator Stabenow. Aye.
Senator Cantwell. Aye.
Senator Nelson. Aye.
Senator Menendez. Aye.
Senator Carper. Aye.
Senator Grassley. Aye.
Senator Hatch. Aye.
Senator Snowe. Aye.
Senator Kyl. Aye.
Senator Bunning. Aye (by proxy).
Senator Crapo. Aye.
Senator Roberts. Aye.
Senator Ensign. Aye.
Senator Enzi. Aye.
Senator Cornyn. Aye.
The Chairman. Aye.

The Clerk. The tally is 23 ayes, 0 nays.

The Chairman. The nomination is ordered favorably reported.

The Committee will consider the nomination of Dr. Charles Collyns, of Maryland, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Treasury, U.S. Department of Treasury.

The clerk will call the roll.

Senator Rockefeller. Aye.
Senator Conrad. Aye.
Senator Bingaman. Aye.
Senator Kerry. Aye.
Senator Lincoln. Aye.
Senator Wyden. Aye.
Senator Schumer. Aye.
Senator Stabenow. Aye.
Senator Cantwell. Aye.
Senator Nelson. Aye.
Senator Menendez. Aye.
Senator Carper. Aye.
Senator Grassley. Aye.

Senator Hatch. Aye.
Senator Snowe. Aye.
Senator Kyl. No.
Senator Bunning. Aye (by proxy).
Senator Crapo. Aye.
Senator Roberts. Aye.
Senator Ensign. Aye.
Senator Enzi. Aye.
Senator Cornyn. Aye.
The Chairman. Aye.

The Clerk. The tally is 22 ayes, 1 nay.

The Chairman. The nomination is ordered favorably reported.

The Committee will consider the nomination of Mr. Bryan Hayes Samuels, of Illinois, to be Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Senator Rockefeller. Aye.
Senator Conrad. Aye.
Senator Bingaman. Aye.
Senator Kerry. Aye.
Senator Lincoln. Aye.
Senator Wyden. Aye.
Senator Schumer. Aye.
Senator Stabenow. Aye.
Senator Cantwell. Aye.
Senator Nelson. Aye.
Senator Menendez. Aye.
Senator Carper. Aye.
Senator Grassley. Aye.
Senator Hatch. Aye.
Senator Snowe. Aye.
Senator Kyl. Aye.
Senator Bunning. Aye (by proxy).
Senator Crapo. Aye.
Senator Roberts. Aye.
Senator Ensign. Aye.
Senator Enzi. Aye.
Senator Cornyn. Aye.
The Chairman. Aye.

The Clerk. The tally is 23 ayes, 0 nays.

The Chairman. The ayes have it. The nomination is ordered reported, and the committee is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 3:40 p.m., the meeting was concluded.]