OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER FAVORABLY REPORTING
THE NOMINATIONS OF MICHAEL NEMELKA, CHRISTIAN WEILER,
AND ALINA MARSHALL
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020
U.S. Senate,
Committee on Finance,
Washington, DC.

The hearing was convened, pursuant to notice, at
5:30 p.m., in Room S-216, The President’s Room, U.S.
Capitol, Hon. Chuck Grassley (chairman of the committee)
presiding.

Present: Senators Crapo, Roberts, Enzi, Cornyn,
Thune, Portman, Scott, Cassidy, Lankford, Daines, Young,
Sasse, Wyden, Stabenow, Cantwell, Carper, Cardin, Brown,
Bennet, Casey, Warner, Whitehouse, Hassan, and Cortez
Masto.

Also present: Republican staff: Nicholas Wyatt,
Tax, Infrastructure, and Nominations Policy Advisor.
Democratic staff: Michael Evans, Deputy Staff Director
and Chief Counsel; Ian Nicholson, Investigator; and
Joshua Sheinkman, Staff Director.
OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. CHUCK GRASSLEY, A U.S. SENATOR
FROM IOWA, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Chairman. Today we are meeting to consider
three nominations that this committee examined in our
hearing on July 21st. The first nominee we will
consider is Michael Nemelka, nominated to be a Deputy
U.S. Trade Representative.

We will also be voting on two nominations to the
U.S. Tax Court. The first nomination pertains to

I would entertain a motion to favorably report the
nomination of Mr. Nemelka.

Senator Crapo. So moved.

The Chairman. The clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk. Mr. Crapo?

Senator Crapo. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Roberts?

Senator Roberts. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Enzi?

Senator Enzi. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Cornyn?

Senator Cornyn. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Thune?

Senator Thune. Aye.
1 The Clerk. Mr. Burr?

2 Senator Grassley. Aye by proxy.

3 The Clerk. Mr. Portman?

4 Senator Portman. Aye.

5 The Clerk. Mr. Toomey?

6 Senator Grassley. No by proxy.

7 The Clerk. Mr. Scott?

8 Senator Scott. Aye.

9 The Clerk. Mr. Cassidy?

10 Senator Cassidy. Aye.

11 The Clerk. Mr. Lankford?

12 Senator Lankford. Aye.

13 The Clerk. Mr. Daines?


15 The Clerk. Mr. Young?

16 Senator Young. Aye.

17 The Clerk. Mr. Sasse?

18 Mr. Sasse. Aye.

19 The Clerk. Mr. Wyden?


21 The Clerk. Ms. Stabenow?

22 Senator Stabenow. Aye.
The Clerk. Ms. Cantwell?

Senator Cantwell. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Menendez?

Senator Wyden. No by proxy.

The Clerk. Mr. Carper?


The Clerk. Mr. Cardin?

Senator Cardin. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Brown?


The Clerk. Mr. Bennet?

Senator Bennet. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Casey?

Senator Wyden. No by proxy.

The Clerk. Mr. Warner?


The Clerk. Mr. Whitehouse?

Senator Whitehouse. No.

The Clerk. Ms. Hassan?

Senator Hassan. Aye.

The Clerk. Ms. Cortez Masto?

Senator Cortez Masto. Aye.
The Clerk. Mr. Chairman?

The Chairman. Aye.

The clerk will announce the vote.

The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, the final tally is 24 ayes, 4 nays.

The Chairman. The “ayes” have it. The nomination is ordered favorably reported.

The next nomination is Christian Weiler to be a judge of the U.S. Tax Court. I would entertain a motion to favorably report the nomination of Mr. Weiler.

Senator Wyden. So moved.

The Chairman. The clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk. Mr. Crapo?

Senator Crapo. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Roberts?

Senator Roberts. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Enzi?

Senator Enzi. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Cornyn?

Senator Cornyn. Aye.

The Clerk. Mr. Thune?

Senator Thune. Aye.
The Clerk.   Mr. Burr?

Senator Grassley.   Aye by proxy.

The Clerk.   Mr. Portman?

Senator Portman.   Aye.

The Clerk.   Mr. Toomey?

Senator Grassley.   Aye by proxy.

The Clerk.   Mr. Scott?

Senator Scott.   Aye.

The Clerk.   Mr. Cassidy?

Senator Cassidy.   Aye.

The Clerk.   Mr. Lankford?

Senator Lankford.   Aye.

The Clerk.   Mr. Daines?


The Clerk.   Mr. Young?

Senator Young.   Aye.

The Clerk.   Mr. Sasse?

Mr. Sasse.   Aye.

The Clerk.   Mr. Wyden?

Senator Wyden.   Aye.

The Clerk.   Ms. Stabenow?

Senator Stabenow.   Aye.
The Clerk. Ms. Cantwell?  
Senator Cantwell. Aye.  
The Clerk. Mr. Menendez?  
Senator Wyden. Aye by proxy.  
The Clerk. Mr. Carper?  
The Clerk. Mr. Cardin?  
Senator Cardin. Aye.  
The Clerk. Mr. Brown?  
The Clerk. Mr. Bennet?  
Senator Bennet. Aye.  
The Clerk. Mr. Casey?  
Senator Casey. Aye.  
The Clerk. Mr. Warner?  
The Clerk. Mr. Whitehouse?  
The Clerk. Ms. Hassan?  
Senator Hassan. Aye.  
The Clerk. Ms. Cortez Masto?  
Senator Cortez Masto. Aye.
The Clerk.  Mr. Chairman?

The Chairman.  Aye.

The clerk will announce the vote.

The Clerk.  Mr. Chairman, the final tally is 28 ayes and 0 nays.

The Chairman.  The “ayes” have it.  The nomination is ordered favorably reported. The final nomination is Alina Marshall to be a judge of the U.S. Tax Court. I would entertain a motion to favorably report the nomination of Ms. Marshall.

Senator Wyden.  So moved.

The Chairman.  The clerk will call the roll.

The Clerk.  Mr. Crapo?

Senator Crapo.  Aye.

The Clerk.  Mr. Roberts?

Senator Roberts.  Aye.

The Clerk.  Mr. Enzi?

Senator Enzi.  Aye.

The Clerk.  Mr. Cornyn?

Senator Cornyn.  Aye.

The Clerk.  Mr. Thune?

Senator Thune.  Aye.
The Clerk. Mr. Burr?
Senator Grassley. Aye by proxy.
The Clerk. Mr. Portman?
Senator Portman. Aye.
The Clerk. Mr. Toomey?
Senator Grassley. Aye by proxy.
The Clerk. Mr. Scott?
Senator Scott. Aye.
The Clerk. Mr. Cassidy?
Senator Cassidy. Aye.
The Clerk. Mr. Lankford?
Senator Lankford. Aye.
The Clerk. Mr. Daines?
The Clerk. Mr. Young?
Senator Young. Aye.
The Clerk. Mr. Sasse?
Mr. Sasse. Aye.
The Clerk. Mr. Wyden?
Senator Wyden. Aye.
The Clerk. Ms. Stabenow?
Senator Stabenow. Aye.
1 The Clerk.  Ms. Cantwell?
2 Senator Cantwell.  Aye.
3 The Clerk.  Mr. Menendez?
4 Senator Wyden.  Aye by proxy.
5 The Clerk.  Mr. Carper?
7 The Clerk.  Mr. Cardin?
8 Senator Cardin.  Aye.
9 The Clerk.  Mr. Brown?
11 The Clerk.  Mr. Bennet?
12 Senator Bennet.  Aye.
13 The Clerk.  Mr. Casey?
14 Senator Casey.  Aye.
15 The Clerk.  Mr. Warner?
17 The Clerk.  Mr. Whitehouse?
19 The Clerk.  Ms. Hassan?
20 Senator Hassan.  Aye.
21 The Clerk.  Ms. Cortez Masto?
22 Senator Cortez Masto.  Aye.
The Clerk. Mr. Chairman?

The Chairman. Aye.

The clerk will announce the vote.

The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, the final tally is 28 ayes and 0 nays.

The Chairman. The “ayes” have it. The nomination is ordered favorably reported. I thank my colleagues for their time. The committee is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 6:05 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.]