

**Crapo Statement at Executive Session to Organize for the 118th Congress**  
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**Washington, D.C.**--U.S. Senator Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, delivered the following remarks at an executive session to organize for the 118th Congress.

*The text of Ranking Member Crapo's remarks, as prepared, is below.*

"The Finance Committee plays a vital role in shaping our nation's economy, covering everything from tax, trade, health care and the national debt.

"Welcome to our new members, Senators Johnson, Tillis and Blackburn. Your combined background and experience will be a net positive contribution to the policy discussions in the Committee's jurisdiction.

"Senator Johnson was actively engaged in the 2017 tax reform efforts, and his input will be welcome as we consider the provisions that are soon expiring. Ron's strong oversight background as the top Republican of the Homeland Security and Government Affairs will be invaluable as this Committee ensures the agencies and departments within its jurisdiction are accountable to American taxpayers.

"Senator Tillis's experience in the public and private sectors have primed him with deep insight into the workings of complex, international organizations, and the types of tax and regulatory policies that foster job growth and a healthy economy. Thom has said he wants to "declare a minor" in the international tax and trade space, and we're happy to let him take up that mantle.

"Senator Blackburn has made affordable, accessible health care a priority, as well as an international trade landscape that creates equal opportunities, especially for Tennessee businesses, to compete against countries like China. I also expect Marsha to exercise strong oversight of the IRS, making sure that the agency works for taxpayers and not the other way around.

"Again, welcome to these new members. We look forward to working with you."