

1 CONTINUATION OF THE OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER
2 FAVORABLY REPORTING THE NOMINATION OF SEEMA VERMA, OF
3 INDIANA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE
4 AND MEDICAID SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
5 SERVICES

6 THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

7 U.S. Senate,

8 Committee on Finance

9 Washington, DC.

10 The meeting was convened, pursuant to notice, at 10
11 a.m., in S-216, The President's Room, United States
12 Capitol, Hon. Orrin G. Hatch (chairman of the committee)
13 presiding.

14 Present: Senators Grassley, Crapo, Roberts, Enzi,
15 Cornyn, Thune, Burr, Portman, Toomey, Heller, Scott,
16 Cassidy, Wyden, Stabenow, Cantwell, Nelson, Menendez,
17 Carper, Cardin, Brown, Bennet, Casey, Warner, and
18 McCaskill.

19 Also present: Republican Staff: Chris Campbell,
20 Staff Director; Mark Prater, Deputy Staff Director and
21 Chief Tax Counsel; and Nicholas Wyatt, Tax and
22 Nominations Professional Staff Member. Democratic Staff:
23 Mike Evans, General Counsel. Non-Designated Staff:
24 Joshua LeVasseur, Chief Clerk and Historian; Jewel
25 Harper, Deputy Clerk; Bryan Palmer, Deputy Clerk; and
26 Athena Schritz, Hearing Clerk.

1 The Chairman. The committee will come to order.
2 The committee meets today to consider the motion to
3 reconsider and consider the nomination of Seema Verma to
4 be Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
5 Services. In the interest of time we will consolidate the
6 two votes, the first on the motion to reconsider the
7 previous vote, and the second on reporting out the
8 nomination favorably. I now entertain a motion that the
9 committee vote en bloc on the motion to reconsider and to
10 favorably report the nomination.

11 Senator Grassley. So moved.

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

14 The Clerk. Senator Grassley?

15 Senator Grassley. Aye.

16 The Clerk. Senator Crapo?

17 Senator Crapo. Aye.

18 The Clerk. Senator Roberts?

19 Senator Roberts. Aye.

20 The Clerk. Senator Enzi?

21 Senator Enzi. Aye.

22 The Clerk. Senator Cornyn?

23 Senator Cornyn. Aye.

24 The Clerk. Senator Thune?

25 Senator Thune. Aye.

1 The Clerk. Senator Burr?
2 Senator Burr. Aye.
3 The Clerk. Senator Isakson?
4 The Chairman. Aye by proxy.
5 The Clerk. Senator Portman?
6 Senator Portman. Aye.
7 The Clerk. Senator Toomey?
8 Senator Toomey. Aye.
9 The Clerk. Senator Heller?
10 Senator Heller. Aye.
11 The Clerk. Senator Scott?
12 Senator Scott. Aye.
13 The Clerk. Senator Cassidy?
14 Senator Cassidy. Aye.
15 The Clerk. Senator Wyden?
16 Senator Wyden. No.
17 The Clerk. Senator Stabenow?
18 Senator Stabenow. No.
19 The Clerk. Senator Cantwell?
20 Senator Cantwell. No.
21 The Clerk. Senator Nelson?
22 Senator Nelson. No.
23 The Clerk. Senator Menendez?
24 Senator Menendez. No.
25 The Clerk. Senator Carper?

1 Senator Carper. No.
2 The Clerk. Senator Cardin?
3 Senator Cardin. No.
4 The Clerk. Senator Brown?
5 Senator Brown. No.
6 The Clerk. Senator Bennet?
7 Senator Bennet. No.
8 The Clerk. Senator Casey?
9 Senator Casey. No.
10 The Clerk. Senator Warner?
11 Senator Warner. No.
12 The Clerk. Senator McCaskill?
13 Senator McCaskill. No.
14 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman?
15 The Chairman. Aye.
16 The Clerk. The final tally including proxies is 14
17 ayes, 12 nays.
18 The Chairman. The ayes have it. The nomination of
19 Seema Verma is favorably reported.
20 The meeting is adjourned.
21 [Whereupon, at 10:46 a.m., the meeting was
22 concluded.]