

1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

2 TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1993

3 U.S. Senate,

4 Committee on Finance,

5 Washington, DC.

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6 The meeting was convened, pursuant to notice, at 12:31
7 p.m. in room SD-608, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Hon.
8 Daniel Patrick Moynihan presiding.

9 Also present: Senators Baucus, Boren, Bradley, Pryor,
10 Riegle, Rockefeller, Daschle, Breaux, Packwood, Dole,
11 Danforth, Chafee, Durenberger, and Grassley.

12 Also present: Senators Conrad, Sasser, Bond, Feinstein,
13 Boxer, and Mathews.

14 Also present: Lawrence O'Donnell, Jr., Staff Director;
15 Edmund Mihalski, Chief of Staff, Minority.

16 (The press release announcing the meeting follows:)

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1 Senator Moynihan. A quorum is present. I
2 will ask for a voice vote.

3 Some members who necessarily cannot be here
4 will not be counted as absent. I would, however,
5 like to note that Senators Bradley, Mitchell, and
6 Breaux have asked that their proxies be voted on
7 behalf of our nominees.

8 I move that the committee recommend that the
9 nomination of Donna Shalala to be Secretary of
10 Health and Human Services be confirmed when
11 received by the Senate. Is there a second?

12 Senator Packwood. I second, Mr. Chairman.

13 Senator Moynihan. There has been a second by
14 the ranking Republican member, Senator Packwood.

15 Those all in favor will say aye.

16 [Chorus of ayes.]

17 Senator Moynihan. Those opposed?

18 [No response.]

19 Senator Moynihan. The recommendation will be
20 made unanimously.

21 Now, I move that the committee recommend that
22 the nomination of Roger Altman to be Deputy
23 Secretary of the Treasury be confirmed when
24 received by the Senate. Is there a second?

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1 Senator Packwood. I second, Mr. Chairman.

2 Senator Moynihan. There is a second from the
3 ranking Republican minority member, the Senator
4 from Oregon.

5 Those in favor say aye.

6 [Chorus of ayes.]

7 Senator Moynihan. Those opposed?

8 [No response.]

9 Senator Moynihan. The nomination will be
10 recommended unanimously.

11 Thank you very much. I know it has not been
12 easy to assemble this quorum. And it is fitting
13 that the quorum was finally made up with the
14 former Governor of Arkansas.

15 [Laughter]

16 Senator Boren. Let me say, Mr. Chairman, and
17 not to try to make the point again because I agree
18 with what Senator Chafee has said in terms of our
19 being thorough and all members having a chance to
20 ask questions, but I understood from his comments
21 a moment ago that once we have completed our
22 deliberations and all have had a chance to ask
23 questions, that he would not object, I believe, to
24 allowing you to consider that the quorum that was
25 constituted earlier would be a quorum and to allow

1 all members of the committee then to have a chance
2 to vote.

3 We do have these problems. We have had the
4 agenda put before us. We have heard it in many
5 different ways. And I think none of us would want
6 this nominee to lose a single day, let alone a
7 week or two in terms of being able to get on top
8 of these issues.

9 So I would simply like to move, Mr. Chairman,
10 that you be authorized to consider that the quorum
11 made earlier be considered a quorum after having
12 completed the questioning and deliberations, that
13 you be allowed to poll all members of the
14 committee for purposes of reporting out this
15 nomination.

16 Senator Moynihan. I thank the distinguished
17 Senator.

18 Is there a second?

19 Senator Baucus. I second, Mr. Chairman.

20 Senator Moynihan. Is there objection?

21 [No response.]

22 Senator Moynihan. Without objection, so
23 ordered.

24 I move that under previous agreement that the
25 committee recommend that the nomination of Michael

1 Kantor to be the United States Trade
2 Representative be confirmed when received by the
3 Senate.

4 Senator Baucus. I second, Mr. Chairman.

5 Senator Moynihan. A second is heard.

6 Those in favor will say aye.

7 [Chorus of ayes.]

8 Senator Moynihan. Those opposed?

9 [No response.]

10 Senator Moynihan. There are none opposed.

11 The chair has written proxies or verbal proxies
12 from all the other members of the committee. And
13 accordingly, the recommendation will be unanimous
14 by the Committee on Finance.

15 [Applause]

16 Senator Moynihan. I would like Ambassador-
17 to-be Kantor to know that two young nieces or
18 nephews did their very best in the front row, but
19 they just fell sound asleep.

20 [Laughter]

21 Senator Moynihan. They are not here for this
22 moment.

23 Mr. Kantor. With my presentation, Mr.
24 Chairman, I do not blame them.

25 [Laughter]

1 Senator Moynihan. That could be a
2 negotiating strategy as we all know.

3 Mr. Kantor. Right.

4 [Laughter]

5 Senator Moynihan. Thank you very much. We
6 thank our guests. We thank the committee and the
7 committee staff.

8 The meeting is now adjourned.

9 [Whereupon, at 12:36 p.m., the meeting was
10 concluded.]

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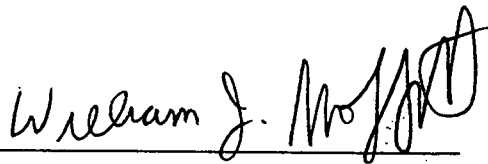
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2 This is to certify that the foregoing
3 proceedings of an Executive Committee Meeting held
4 before the Committee on Finance, in re: To hear
5 and consider the nominations of Donna Shalala to
6 be Secretary of Health and Human Services, Roger
7 C. Altman to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury,
8 and Mickey Kantor to be United States Trade
9 Representative, held on January 19, 1993, were
10 held as herein appears and that this is the
11 original transcript thereof.
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16 WILLIAM J. MOFFITT

17 Official Court Reporter
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20 My Commission expires: April 14, 1994
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