

1 OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER FAVORABLY REPORTING  
2 THE NOMINATIONS OF ALEX AZAR II, OF INDIANA, TO BE  
3 SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; KEVIN K.  
4 McALEENAN, OF HAWAII, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF THE UNITED  
5 STATES CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF  
6 HOMELAND SECURITY; AND REVISE SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  
7 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018  
8 U.S. Senate,  
9 Committee on Finance,  
10 Washington, DC.

11 The meeting was convened, pursuant to notice, at  
12 2:00 p.m., in S-124, United States Capitol, Hon. Orrin G.  
13 Hatch (chairman of the committee) presiding.

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

19 Also present: Republican Staff: Nicholas Wyatt, Tax  
20 and Nominations Professional Staff Member. Democratic  
21 Staff: Mike Evans, General Counsel; and Ian Nicholson,  
22 Investigator. Non-Designated Staff: Joshua LeVasseur,  
23 Chief Clerk; Jewel Harper, Deputy Clerk; Susanna Segal,  
24 Deputy Clerk; and Athena Schritz, Hearing Clerk.

25 The Chairman. The committee will come to order. The  
26 committee meets today to consider two nominations and one  
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1 housekeeping item. I now entertain a motion that the  
2 committee favorably report the nomination of Alex Azar.

3 Senator Grassley. So moved.

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

6 The Clerk. Senator Grassley.

7 Senator Grassley. Aye.

8 The Clerk. Senator Crapo.

9 The Chairman. Aye.

10 The Clerk. Senator Roberts.

11 Senator Roberts. Aye.

12 The Clerk. Senator Enzi.

13 The Chairman. Aye.

14 The Clerk. Senator Cornyn.

15 Senator Cornyn. Aye.

16 The Clerk. Senator Thune.

17 The Chairman. Aye.

18 The Clerk. Senator Burr.

19 The Chairman. Aye.

20 The Clerk. Senator Isakson.

21 The Chairman. Aye.

22 The Clerk. Senator Portman.

23 Senator Portman. Aye.

24 The Clerk. Senator Toomey.

25 The Chairman. Aye.

26 The Clerk. Senator Heller.

1           The Chairman.   Aye.  
2           The Clerk.    Senator Scott.  
3           Senator Scott.   Aye.  
4           The Clerk.    Senator Cassidy.  
5           Senator Cassidy.  Aye.  
6           The Clerk.    Senator Wyden.  
7           Senator Wyden.   No.  
8           The Clerk.    Senator Stabenow.  
9           Senator Stabenow. No.  
10          The Clerk.    Senator Cantwell.  
11          Senator Cantwell. No.  
12          The Clerk.    Senator Nelson.  
13          Senator Nelson.  No.  
14          The Clerk.    Senator Menendez.  
15          Senator Wyden.  No by proxy.  
16          The Clerk.    Senator Carper.  
17          Senator Carper.  Aye.  
18          The Clerk.    Senator Cardin.  
19          Senator Cardin.  No.  
20          The Clerk.    Senator Brown.  
21          Senator Brown.  No.  
22          The Clerk.    Senator Bennet.  
23          Senator Bennet.  No.  
24          The Clerk.    Senator Casey.  
25          Senator Casey.  No.  
26          The Clerk.    Senator Warner.

1 Senator Warner. No.

2 The Clerk. Senator McCaskill.

3 Senator Wyden. No by proxy.

4 The Clerk. Senator Whitehouse.

5 Senator Whitehouse. No.

6 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman.

7 The Chairman. Aye.

8 The Clerk. The final tally including proxies is 15  
9 ayes, 12 nays.

10 The Chairman. The ayes have it. The nomination of  
11 Mr. Azar is ordered favorably reported.

12 The committee will now consider the nomination Mr.  
13 McAleenan, a recorded vote has been requested. The clerk  
14 will call the roll.

15 The Clerk. Senator Grassley.

16 Senator Grassley. Aye.

17 The Clerk. Senator Crapo.

18 The Chairman. Aye.

19 The Clerk. Senator Roberts.

20 Senator Roberts. Aye.

21 The Clerk. Senator Enzi.

22 The Chairman. Aye.

23 The Clerk. Senator Cornyn.

24 Senator Cornyn. Aye.

25 The Clerk. Senator Thune.

26 The Chairman. Aye.

1           The Clerk.   Senator Burr.  
2           The Chairman.   Aye.  
3           The Clerk.   Senator Isakson.  
4           The Chairman.   Aye.  
5           The Clerk.   Senator Portman.  
6           Senator Portman.   Aye.  
7           The Clerk.   Senator Toomey.  
8           The Chairman.   Aye.  
9           The Clerk.   Senator Heller.  
10          The Chairman.   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.   Aye.  
17          The Clerk.   Senator Stabenow.  
18          Senator Stabenow.   Aye.  
19          The Clerk.   Senator Cantwell.  
20          Senator Cantwell.   Aye.  
21          The Clerk.   Senator Nelson.  
22          Senator Nelson.   Aye.  
23          The Clerk.   Senator Menendez.  
24          Senator Wyden.   Aye by proxy.  
25          The Clerk.   Senator Carper.  
26          Senator Carper.   Aye.

1           The Clerk.   Senator Cardin.  
2           Senator Cardin.   Aye.  
3           The Clerk.   Senator Brown.  
4           Senator Brown.   Aye.  
5           The Clerk.   Senator Bennet.  
6           Senator Bennet.   Aye.  
7           The Clerk.   Senator Casey.  
8           Senator Casey.   Aye.  
9           The Clerk.   Senator Warner.  
10          Senator Warner.   Aye.  
11          The Clerk.   Senator McCaskill.  
12          Senator Wyden.   Aye by proxy.  
13          The Clerk.   Senator Whitehouse.  
14          Senator Whitehouse.   Aye.  
15          The Clerk.   Mr. Chairman.  
16          The Chairman.   Aye.  
17          The Clerk.   The final tally including proxies is 27  
18          ayes, 0 nays.  
19          The Chairman. The final item on the agenda is making  
20          changes to subcommittee assignments. The only changes to  
21          the subcommittees is to assign our newest member, Senator  
22          Whitehouse, to some of the subcommittees. A recorded  
23          vote has been requested. The clerk will call the roll.  
24          The Clerk.   Senator Grassley.  
25          Senator Grassley.   Aye.  
26          The Clerk.   Senator Crapo.

1           The Chairman.  Aye.  
2           The Clerk.  Senator Roberts.  
3           Senator Roberts.  Aye.  
4           The Clerk.  Senator Enzi.  
5           The Chairman.  Aye.  
6           The Clerk.  Senator Cornyn.  
7           Senator Cornyn.  Aye.  
8           The Clerk.  Senator Thune.  
9           The Chairman.  Aye.  
10          The Clerk.  Senator Burr.  
11          The Chairman.  Aye.  
12          The Clerk.  Senator Isakson.  
13          The Chairman.  Aye.  
14          The Clerk.  Senator Portman.  
15          Senator Portman.  Aye.  
16          The Clerk.  Senator Toomey.  
17          The Chairman.  Aye.  
18          The Clerk.  Senator Heller.  
19          The Chairman.  Aye.  
20          The Clerk.  Senator Scott.  
21          Senator Scott.  Aye.  
22          The Clerk.  Senator Cassidy.  
23          Senator Cassidy.  Aye.  
24          The Clerk.  Senator Wyden.  
25          Senator Wyden.  Aye.  
26          The Clerk.  Senator Stabenow.

1 Senator Stabenow. Aye.  
2 The Clerk. Senator Cantwell.  
3 Senator Cantwell. Aye.  
4 The Clerk. Senator Nelson.  
5 Senator Nelson. Aye.  
6 The Clerk. Senator Menendez.  
7 Senator Wyden. Aye by proxy.  
8 The Clerk. Senator Carper.  
9 Senator Carper. Aye.  
10 The Clerk. Senator Cardin.  
11 Senator Cardin. Aye.  
12 The Clerk. Senator Brown.  
13 Senator Brown. Aye.  
14 The Clerk. Senator Bennet.  
15 Senator Bennet. Aye.  
16 The Clerk. Senator Casey.  
17 Senator Casey. Aye.  
18 The Clerk. Senator Warner.  
19 Senator Warner. Aye.  
20 The Clerk. Senator McCaskill.  
21 Senator Wyden. Aye by proxy.  
22 The Clerk. Senator Whitehouse.  
23 Senator Whitehouse. Aye.  
24 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman.  
25 The Chairman. Aye.  
26 The Clerk. The final tally is 27 ayes, 0 nays.



1           The Chairman. The ayes have it.

2           The Meeting is adjourned.

3           [Whereupon, at 5:45 p.m., the meeting was

4           concluded.]