

1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO REPORT THE NOMINATIONS OF
2 CHARLES E. JOHNSON TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH
3 AND HUMAN SERVICES; ALEX AZAR, II, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY
4 OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; AND SUZANNE C. DE FRANCIS
5 TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
6 WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005

7 U.S. Senate,
8 Committee on Finance,
9 Washington, DC.

10 The meeting was convened, pursuant to notice, at
11 2:26 p.m., in room S. 216, The Capitol, Hon. Charles E.
12 Grassley (chairman of the committee) presiding.

13 Also present: Senators Hatch, Lott, Snowe, Kyl,
14 Thomas, Santorum, Frist, Smith, Bunning, Crapo, Baucus,
15 Conrad, Jeffords, Bingaman, Kerry, Lincoln, and Wyden.

16 Also present: Republican staff: Ted Totman, Deputy
17 Staff Director; Dean Zerbe, Tax Counsel and Senior
18 Counsel to the Chairman; Mark Hayes, Chief Health Policy
19 Advisor; Nick Wyatt, Tax Staff Assistant; Democrat staff:
20 Russ Sullivan, Democrat Staff Director; Jon Selib, Tax
21 Counsel; Pat Bonsliman, Health Policy Advisor.

22 Also present: Carla Martin, Chief Clerk; and Amber
23 Williams, Deputy Chief Clerk; and Mark Blair, Hearing
24 Clerk.

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1 OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, CHAIRMAN,
2 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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4 The Chairman. I move that the Finance Committee go
5 into Executive Session to consider favorably reporting
6 the following nominations to the full Senate by rolling
7 quorum:

8 Charles E. Johnson, to be Assistant Secretary of
9 Health and Human Services.

10 The Clerk will call the roll.

11 The Clerk. Mr. Hatch?

12 Senator Hatch. Aye.

13 The Clerk. Mr. Lott?

14 Senator Lott. Aye.

15 The Clerk. Ms. Snowe?

16 Senator Snowe. Aye.

17 The Clerk. Mr. Kyl?

18 Senator Kyl. Aye.

19 The Clerk. Mr. Thomas?

20 Senator Thomas. Aye.

21 The Clerk. Mr. Santorum?

22 Senator Santorum. Aye.

23 The Clerk. Mr. Frist?

24 Senator Frist. Aye.

25 The Clerk. Mr. Smith?

1 Senator Smith. Aye.
2 The Clerk. Mr. Bunning?
3 Senator Bunning. Aye.
4 The Clerk. Mr. Crapo?
5 Senator Crapo. Aye.
6 The Clerk. Mr. Baucus?
7 Senator Baucus. Aye.
8 The Clerk. Mr. Rockefeller?
9 Senator Baucus. Aye by proxy.
10 The Clerk. Mr. Conrad?
11 Senator Conrad. Aye.
12 The Clerk. Mr. Jeffords?
13 Senator Jeffords. Aye.
14 The Clerk. Mr. Bingaman?
15 Senator Bingaman. Aye.
16 The Clerk. Mr. Kerry?
17 Senator Kerry. Aye.
18 The Clerk. Mrs. Lincoln?
19 Senator Lincoln. Aye.
20 The Clerk. Mr. Wyden?
21 Senator Wyden. Aye.
22 The Clerk. Mr. Schumer?
23 Senator Baucus. Aye by proxy.
24 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman?
25 The Chairman. Aye.

1 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, the tally is 20 ayes, zero
2 nays.

3 The Chairman. Next, is Alex Azar, II to be Deputy
4 Secretary of Health and Human Services.

5 The Clerk will call the roll.

6 The Clerk. Mr. Hatch?

7 Senator Hatch. Aye.

8 The Clerk. Mr. Lott?

9 Senator Lott. Aye.

10 The Clerk. Ms. Snowe?

11 Senator Snowe. Aye.

12 The Clerk. Mr. Kyl?

13 Senator Kyl. Aye.

14 The Clerk. Mr. Thomas?

15 Senator Thomas. Aye.

16 The Clerk. Mr. Santorum?

17 Senator Santorum. Aye.

18 The Clerk. Mr. Frist?

19 Senator Frist. Aye.

20 The Clerk. Mr. Smith?

21 Senator Smith. Aye.

22 The Clerk. Mr. Bunning?

23 Senator Bunning. Aye.

24 The Clerk. Mr. Crapo?

25 Senator Crapo. Aye.

1 The Clerk. Mr. Baucus?

2 Senator Baucus. Aye.

3 The Clerk. Mr. Rockefeller?

4 Senator Baucus. Aye by proxy.

5 The Clerk. Mr. Conrad?

6 Senator Conrad. Aye.

7 The Clerk. Mr. Jeffords?

8 Senator Jeffords. Aye.

9 The Clerk. Mr. Bingaman?

10 Senator Bingaman. Aye.

11 The Clerk. Mr. Kerry?

12 Senator Kerry. Aye.

13 The Clerk. Mrs. Lincoln?

14 Senator Lincoln. Aye.

15 The Clerk. Mr. Wyden?

16 Senator Wyden. Aye.

17 The Clerk. Mr. Schumer?

18 Senator Baucus. Aye by proxy.

19 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman?

20 The Chairman. Aye.

21 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, the tally is 20 ayes, zero

22 nays.

23 The Chairman. And, finally, Suzanne DeFrancis to be

24 Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

25 The Clerk will call the roll.

1 The Clerk. Mr. Hatch?
2 Senator Hatch. Aye.
3 The Clerk. Mr. Lott?
4 Senator Lott. Aye.
5 The Clerk. Ms. Snowe?
6 Senator Snowe. Aye.
7 The Clerk. Mr. Kyl?
8 Senator Kyl. Aye.
9 The Clerk. Mr. Thomas?
10 Senator Thomas. Aye.
11 The Clerk. Mr. Santorum?
12 Senator Santorum. Aye.
13 The Clerk. Mr. Frist?
14 Senator Frist. Aye.
15 The Clerk. Mr. Smith?
16 Senator Smith. Aye.
17 The Clerk. Mr. Bunning?
18 Senator Bunning. Aye.
19 The Clerk. Mr. Crapo?
20 Senator Crapo. Aye.
21 The Clerk. Mr. Baucus?
22 Senator Baucus. Aye.
23 The Clerk. Mr. Rockefeller?
24 Senator Baucus. Aye by proxy.
25 The Clerk. Mr. Conrad?

1 Senator Conrad. Aye.

2 The Clerk. Mr. Jeffords?

3 Senator Jeffords. Aye.

4 The Clerk. Mr. Bingaman?

5 Senator Bingaman. Aye.

6 The Clerk. Mr. Kerry?

7 Senator Kerry. Aye.

8 The Clerk. Mrs. Lincoln?

9 Senator Lincoln. Aye.

10 The Clerk. Mr. Wyden?

11 Senator Wyden. Aye.

12 The Clerk. Mr. Schumer?

13 Senator Baucus. Aye by proxy.

14 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman?

15 The Chairman. Aye.

16 The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, the tally is 20 ayes, zero

17 nays.

18 The Chairman. The nominations are ordered reported.

19 This meeting is adjourned.

20 [Whereupon, at 3:23 p.m. the meeting was concluded.]

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