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Executive Session

ON NOMINATIONS

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1989

United States Senate

Committee on Finance

Washington, D. C.

The Committee met in Room SD-215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, the Honorable Lloyd Bentsen, Chairman of the Committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Bentsen, Packwood, Danforth, Chafee, Baucus, Riegle, Daschle, Dole, Symms and Bradley.

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1 Senator Bradley. We will move the committee into
2 Executive Session at this time, and we will consider the
3 following nominations: Rufus H. Yerxa, to be Deputy U.S.
4 Trade Representative; Eric I. Garfinkel, to be Assistant
5 Secretary of Commerce; John E. Robson, to be Deputy
6 Secretary of the Treasury; Robert E. Glauber, to be
7 Undersecretary of the Treasury; David Campbell Mulford, to
8 be Undersecretary of the Treasury; Constance Horner, to be
9 Undersecretary of Health and Human Services; Mary Sheila
10 Gall, to be Assistant Secretary of Health and Human
11 Services.

12 Is there any debate on any of these nominations?

13 (No response.)

14 Senator Bradley. If not, I would move that all of the
15 nominations be reported subject to a hold of absent members.

16 All those in favor, say "aye."

17 Senator Symms. Aye.

18 Senator Bradley. Opposed, "no."

19 (No response.)

20 Senator Bradley. The "ayes" have it. The nominations
21 are reported.

22 I congratulate all nominees for going through the
23 process, and I am pleased to be the person to report out the
24 Brady team.

25 With that, the committee will stand adjourned.

26 (Whereupon, at 4:00 p.m., the committee was adjourned.)

STATEMENT ON CONSTANCE HORNER NOMINATION

Senator Tom Daschle

Finance Committee, May 4, 1989

I will vote yes on Ms. Horner's nomination to be Under Secretary of Health and Human Services, but with I will do so with strong reservations. Although I was unable to attend her nomination hearing because of other Senate business, I submitted written questions to Ms. Horner about the role she, as Under Secretary and as Chairperson of the White House Agent Orange Working Group, would play in various aspects of the Agent Orange issue. Ms. Horner responded to my letter and answered some of my questions. Her answers were disappointing and inadequate in many cases, however, and I think we're off to a shaky start. I hope she will make a sincere effort to straighten out the situation at CDC and the Agent Orange Working Group and prove my concerns to be unfounded.