

1 OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO ORGANIZE FOR THE 119TH  
2 CONGRESS  
3 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025  
4 U.S. Senate,  
5 Committee on Finance,  
6 Washington, DC.

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8 The meeting was convened, pursuant to notice, at  
9 9:54 a.m., in Room SD-215, Dirksen Senate Office  
10 Building, Hon. Mike Crapo (chairman of the committee)  
11 presiding.

12 Present: Senators Grassley, Cornyn, Scott, Cassidy,  
13 Lankford, Daines, Young, Barrasso, Johnson, Tillis,  
14 Blackburn, Marshall, Wyden, Cantwell, Bennet,  
15 Whitehouse, Hassan, Cortez Masto, Warren, Smith, Luján,  
16 Warnock, and Welch.

17 Also present: Republican staff: Andrew Dell'Orto,  
18 Policy Advisor; Molly Newell, International Trade  
19 Counsel; Mayur Patel, Chief International Trade Counsel;  
20 and Gregg Richard, Staff Director. Democratic staff:  
21 Virginia Lenahan, Chief Trade Counsel; Joshua Sheinkman,  
22 Staff Director; Tiffany Smith, Deputy Staff Director and  
23 Chief Counsel; Shade Streeter, Investigative Counsel;  
24 and Ryder Tobin, Senior Investigative Counsel and  
25 Nominations Advisor.

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1           The Chairman. The committee will come to order.

2           The committee will first meet in executive session  
3 to approve the organizing resolution and then break for  
4 5 minutes, so the nominee can be seated, and then we  
5 will proceed with Mr. Greer's USTR nomination hearing.

6           We do have the appropriate quorum, and members and  
7 Senators here to conduct business. I move that we  
8 approve the committee budget, the subcommittee  
9 assignments, the committee rules, the designation of the  
10 members of the Joint Tax Committee and the designation  
11 of the Congressional Trade Advisors en bloc.

12           Senator Wyden?

13           Senator Wyden. Mr. Chairman, I second.

14           The Chairman. All those in favor say "aye."

15           [Chorus of "ayes."]

16           The Chairman. Opposed, "no."

17           [No response.]

18           The Chairman. The "ayes" have it, and the  
19 business matters are agreed to.

20           The business meeting is adjourned, and we will  
21 take a few minutes to have our witness seated.

22           [Whereupon, at 9:55 a.m., the meeting was  
23 concluded.]