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U.S. Senate  
Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 1:47 p.m., in Room S-216, President's Room, Hon. John Boozman, Chairman of the Committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Boozman [presiding], McConnell, Hoeven, Ernst, Hyde-Smith, Marshall, Tuberville, Justice, Grassley, Thune, Fischer, Moran, Welch, and Slotkin.



1                   OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR BOOZMAN

2           Chairman Boozman. I call this business meeting of the  
3 U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and  
4 Forestry to order. The purpose of this meeting is to  
5 consider the nominations of Mr. Michael Selig to be Chairman  
6 and Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading  
7 Commission.

8           I support this nomination. I believe the experience  
9 and knowledge Mr. Selig has gained from his work at the SEC  
10 and his time counseling CFTC market participants will prove  
11 valuable as he leads the Commission.

12          I now recognize the Senator Welch from Vermont for any  
13 comments he would like to make.

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## 1 STATEMENT OF SENATOR WELCH

2 Senator Welch. Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Ranking  
3 Member was unable to be here today, so she asked me to  
4 attend in her place. While she looks forward to working  
5 with Mr. Selig, the Ranking Member does not support his  
6 nomination, regardless of his qualifications, without a  
7 commitment from the White House to nominate a full  
8 complement of bipartisan commissioners, including well-  
9 qualified Democratic candidates to the CFTC.

10 Chairman Boozman. Thank you, Senator Welch. Seeing a  
11 quorum is present, the question is on reporting en bloc the  
12 nominations of Michael Selig to be Chairman and Commissioner  
13 of the CFTC. The Clerk will call the roll.

14 The Clerk. Senator Klobuchar?

15 Senator Welch. No by proxy.

16 The Clerk. Senator Bennet?

17 Senator Welch. No by proxy.

18 The Clerk. Senator Smith?

19 Senator Welch. No by proxy.

20 The Clerk. Senator Durbin?

21 Senator Welch. No by proxy.

22 The Clerk. Senator Booker?

23 Senator Welch. No by proxy.

24 The Clerk. Senator Luján?

25 Senator Welch. No by proxy.



1           The Clerk.   Senator Warnock?  
2           Senator Welch.   No by proxy.  
3           The Clerk.   Senator Welch?  
4           Senator Welch.   No.  
5           The Clerk.   Senator Fetterman?  
6           Senator Welch.   No by proxy.  
7           The Clerk.   Senator Schiff?  
8           Senator Welch.   No by proxy.  
9           The Clerk.   Senator Slotkin?  
10          Senator Slotkin.   No.  
11          The Clerk.   Senator McConnell?  
12          Senator McConnell.   Aye.  
13          The Clerk.   Senator Hoeven?  
14          Senator Hoeven.   Aye.  
15          The Clerk.   Senator Ernst?  
16          Senator Ernst.   Aye.  
17          The Clerk.   Senator Hyde-Smith?  
18          Senator Hyde-Smith.   Aye.  
19          The Clerk.   Senator Marshall?  
20          Senator Marshall.   Aye.  
21          The Clerk.   Senator Tuberville?  
22          Senator Tuberville.   Aye.  
23          The Clerk.   Senator Justice?  
24          Senator Justice.   Aye.  
25          The Clerk.   Senator Grassley?



1 Senator Grassley. Aye.

2 The Clerk. Senator Thune?

3 Senator Thune. Aye.

4 The Clerk. Senator Fischer?

5 Senator Fischer. Aye.

6 The Clerk. Senator Moran?

7 Senator Moran. Aye.

8 The Clerk. Chairman Boozman?

9 Chairman Boozman. Aye.

10 The Clerk. The ayes are 12, the nays are 11.

11 Chairman Boozman. On this vote, the ayes are 12 and  
12 the nays are 11. The nomination is approved.

13 Thank you. The business meeting is now adjourned.

14 [Whereupon, at 1:53 p.m., the Committee was  
15 adjourned.]

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