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The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 5:56 p.m., in
Room S-216, President's Room, U.S. Capitol, Hon. John
Boozman, Chairman of the Committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Boozman [presiding], Ernst,
Marshall, Tuberville, Justice, Grassley, Thune, Fischer,
Moran, Klobuchar, Bennet, Smith, Booker, Luján, Schiff, and
Slotkin.

1 Chairman Boozman. A quorum being present, I call to
2 order this Business Meeting of the Senate Committee on
3 Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. The purpose of this
4 meeting is to consider the nomination of Brooke Rollins of
5 Texas to serve as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. I am
6 pleased to support Ms. Rollins and look forward to working
7 with her as the Secretary of Agriculture.

8 I now recognize Senator Klobuchar for any remarks that
9 she might have.

10 Senator Klobuchar. Yes. I appreciated Ms. Rollins'
11 willingness to work on a bipartisan basis on a farm bill. I
12 hope that holds. We obviously have concerns about
13 workforce, tariffs, some of the conservation issues, and we
14 are going to be holding her to getting things done for rural
15 America. So thank you.

16 Chairman Boozman. Thank you, Senator Klobuchar.

17 A motion to report the nomination will now be in order.

18 Senator Fischer. So moved.

19 Chairman Boozman. Second?

20 Senator Ernst. Second.

21 Chairman Boozman. The clerk will call the roll.

22 The Clerk. Senator Klobuchar?

23 Senator Klobuchar. Aye.

24 The Clerk. Senator Bennet?

25 Senator Bennet. Aye.

1 The Clerk. Senator Smith?
2 Senator Smith. Aye.
3 The Clerk. Senator Durbin?
4 Senator Klobuchar. Aye by proxy.
5 The Clerk. Senator Booker?
6 Senator Booker. Aye.
7 The Clerk. Senator Luján?
8 Senator Luján. Aye.
9 The Clerk. Senator Warnock?
10 Senator Klobuchar. Aye by proxy.
11 The Clerk. Senator Welch?
12 Senator Klobuchar. Aye by proxy.
13 The Clerk. Senator Fetterman?
14 Senator Klobuchar. Aye by proxy.
15 The Clerk. Senator Schiff?
16 Senator Schiff. Aye.
17 The Clerk. Senator Slotkin?
18 Senator Slotkin. Aye.
19 The Clerk. Senator McConnell?
20 Senator Booker. He gave me his proxy.
21 [Laughter.]
22 Chairman Boozman. Aye by proxy.
23 The Clerk. Senator Hoeven?
24 Chairman Boozman. Aye by proxy.
25 The Clerk. Senator Ernst?

1 Senator Ernst. Aye.

2 The Clerk. Senator Hyde-Smith?

3 Chairman Boozman. Aye by proxy.

4 The Clerk. Senator Marshall?

5 Senator Marshall. Aye.

6 The Clerk. Senator Tuberville?

7 Senator Tuberville. Aye.

8 The Clerk. Senator Justice?

9 Senator Justice. Aye.

10 The Clerk. Senator Grassley?

11 Senator Grassley. Aye.

12 The Clerk. Senator Thune?

13 Senator Thune. Aye.

14 The Clerk. Senator Fischer?

15 Senator Fischer. Aye.

16 The Clerk. Senator Moran?

17 Senator Moran. Aye.

18 The Clerk. Chairman Boozman?

19 Chairman Boozman. Aye.

20 The ayes are 23, the noes are 0. The nomination is

21 reported favorably.

22 I want to thank everybody for adjusting your schedules
23 and Senator Klobuchar for helping us get this done in a very
24 timely fashion. With that we are adjourned.

25 [Whereupon, at 5:58 p.m., the hearing was adjourned.]

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