

1 BUSINESS MEETING TO VOTE ON
2 THE NOMINATION OF GEORGE "SONNY" PERDUE, OF GEORGIA,
3 TO BE SECRETARY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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5 THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017

6 United States Senate,
7 Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry,
8 Washington, D.C.

9 The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:16 a.m.,
10 in Room S-216, The Capitol, Hon. Pat Roberts, (Chairman of
11 the Committee) presiding.

12 Present: Senators Roberts, Cochran, McConnell,
13 Boozman, Hoeven, Ernst, Grassley, Thune, Daines, Perdue,
14 Strange, Stabenow, Leahy, Brown, Klobuchar, Bennet,
15 Gillibrand, Donnelly, Heitkamp, Casey, and Van Hollen.

16 Chairman Roberts. Seeing a quorum, I call to order a
17 Business Meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture,
18 Nutrition and Forestry.

19 The purpose of this meeting is to consider the
20 nomination of Governor Sonny Perdue to serve as the U.S.
21 Secretary of Agriculture. A motion would now be in order to
22 report the nomination.

23 Senator Stabenow. So moved.

24 Chairman Roberts. Thank you. Is there a second?

25 Senator Hoeven. Second.

1 Chairman Roberts. All those in favor, say aye.

2 [Chorus of ayes.]

3 Chairman Roberts. All those opposed, say no.

4 Senator Gillibrand. No.

5 Chairman Roberts. The ayes have it.

6 Senator Gillibrand. Mr. Chairman, may I be recorded as
7 a no?

8 Chairman Roberts. The ayes have it. The nomination is
9 reported and it will be noted that the Senator from New York
10 is a no.

11 Senator Perdue. Mr. Chairman, may I make a statement
12 quickly?

13 Chairman Roberts. Yes.

14 Senator Perdue. Given my relationship to the Governor,
15 please let the record show I was present but declined to
16 participate, and I look forward to the Senate confirmation
17 of Governor Perdue.

18 Chairman Roberts. Noted.

19 Thank you for your attendance this morning. The
20 business meeting is adjourned.

21 [Whereupon, at 10:18 a.m., the Committee was
22 adjourned.]