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1 The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:22 p.m., in Room S-116, Capitol Building, Hon.
2 Robert Menendez, chairman of the committee, presiding.

3 **PRESENT.** Senators Menendez [presiding], Cardin, Coons, Murphy, Kaine, Markey, Corker,
4 Risch, Rubio, Johnson, Flake, and McCain.

OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ, U.S. SENATOR FROM NEW JERSEY

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Good afternoon, everyone. Thanks for joining our business meeting.

6 We have enough members to be able at least to —

7 **SENATOR McCAIN.** Thanks to the Republicans.

8 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thanks to our Republican colleagues, we have enough members to at least
9 conduct a business section here until we get to a vote, and then we will need a few more for a
10 quorum. But I think we can progress along the way.

11 We have a single legislative item and several nominations to consider. We will start with
12 the legislative item, which is Resolution S. Res. 156, authored by Senator Warner, commemorating
13 the establishment, 10 years ago, of the Allied Command Transformation, or ACT, in Norfolk,
14 Virginia.

15 It is the only NATO organization headquartered on our soil. It serves a particularly useful
16 role. It is a place in the NATO structure where decisions about alliance training and exercises

1 designed to maintain our interoperability are made. It is also the place where decisions about
2 future burden sharing are worked out.

3 I have two amendments to offer at the appropriate time to correct some minor errors and to
4 address Senator Corker's appropriate interest in stressing the need for our allies to live up to their
5 defense spending commitments of 2 percent of GDP.

6 So as we wait for a sufficient quorum for a vote, any comments on this legislation, Senator
7 Corker?

8 [Pause.]

9 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Senator Corker, do you have any comments?

10 **SENATOR CORKER.** No, I think you have summed it very well, and I appreciate you working
11 with us on the 2 percent issue.

12 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All right. So —

13 **SENATOR McCAIN.** For Virginia, it is very important.

14 **THE CHAIRMAN.** I am sure you are a big advocate for interoperability. All right. We will hold
15 that in abeyance.

16 We also have five nominees to consider today. Victoria Nuland, to be the Assistant
17 Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

18 Douglas Edward Lute, to be the United States Permanent Representative on the Council for
19 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

1 Daniel Brooks Baer, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and
2 Cooperation in Europe.

3 Samantha Power, to be the United States Representative to the U.N. and the Representative
4 of the United States in the Security Council of the United Nations, to be the Representative of the
5 United States to the sessions on the General Assembly of the U.N. during her tenure of service as
6 Representative of the United States to the United Nations.

7 And Catherine Russell, to be Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues.

8 I want to thank our subcommittee chairs and ranking members for their diligent efforts on
9 these nominations and for the hearings being held this week in the Asia, Africa, and the Europe
10 subcommittees. The effective functioning of our diplomatic corps requires that we move
11 nominations as expeditiously as possible so that we can, hopefully, confirm nominees for many of
12 these vacant posts before the August recess.

13 Particularly, I would like to make sure not only the committee, but full Senate moves
14 quickly on Samantha Power's nomination so that she can be in New York for the U.N. General
15 Assembly in September and for what is left of the Security Council opportunity in July.

16 Is there any member who wishes to speak before any of the nominations before us?

17 [No response.]

18 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Okay. So one, two, three —

19 **SENATOR CORKER.** Ten.

1 **THE CHAIRMAN.** — four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten. Okay. So, first, on the NATO Allied
2 Command Transformation commemoration, I will have a voice vote on the two amendments.

3 All those in favor will say aye.

4 [A chorus of ayes.]

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Opposed will say no.

6 [No response.]

7 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it, and the amendments are agreed to.

8 So I ask for the resolution, S. Res. 156, as amended.

9 All those in favor will say aye.

10 [A chorus of ayes.]

11 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Opposed will say nay.

12 [No response.]

13 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it, and the resolution is agreed to.

14 I make a motion that the five nominees be considered en bloc. Is —

15 **SENATOR RISCH.** Mr. Chairman, may we be recorded against some if we so choose?

16 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Absolutely. If there is no objection to considering en bloc and any member
17 who wishes to be recorded specifically will be, of course, allowed to do so.

18 All those in favor will say aye.

19 [A chorus of ayes.]

20 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed will say no.

1 **SENATOR RISCH.** Aye in part, no in part.

2 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All right. So, Senator Risch, which ones do you wish to be recorded as "no"
3 on?

4 **SENATOR RISCH.** Number 2, Nuland, no.

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** On Nuland, no. Senator Risch will be recorded as "no."

6 **SENATOR RUBIO.** Mr. Chairman?

7 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Yes, Senator Rubio?

8 **SENATOR RUBIO.** I want to be recorded as "no" on number 2, Nuland, and also on Ms. Power.

9 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Okay. Senator Rubio will be recorded as a "no" on Nuland and Power.

10 **SENATOR CORKER.** Senator Paul wished to be by proxy recorded as "no" on Samantha Power.

11 **THE CHAIRMAN.** He shall be so recorded.

12 All right. On the rest of these nominations, all those in favor, say aye.

13 [A chorus of ayes.]

14 **THE CHAIRMAN.** All those opposed, say no.

15 [No response.]

16 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it, and with the exceptions listed, the nominees are reported to
17 the full Senate.

18 There is no other business before the committee.

19 I ask for unanimous consent to allow committee staff to make technical and conforming
20 changes to the text.

1 Is there a second? Is there a second? Is there a second?

2 **SENATOR KAINE.** Second.

3 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Second. All those in favor, say aye.

4 [A chorus of ayes.]

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Opposed?

6 [No response.]

7 **THE CHAIRMAN.** So ordered.

8 The committee meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

[Whereupon, at 2:27 p.m., the hearing was adjourned.]