

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

U.S. SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS,  
*Washington, DC.*

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:30 p.m. in Room S-116, The Capitol, Hon. Bob Corker, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Corker [presiding], Risch, Johnson, Flake, Gardner, Perdue, Barrasso, Cardin, Menendez, Udall, Murphy, Kaine, and Markey.

### **OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. BOB CORKER, U.S. SENATOR FROM TENNESSEE**

The CHAIRMAN. This business meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will come to order. Today we will consider all agenda items, en bloc, by voice vote.

On the agenda, we have 7 nominations, including Senators Coons and Johnson to the Representatives of the U.S. to the 71st Session of the General Assembly at the United Nations.

I am confident Senators Johnson and Coons will do exceptional jobs representing the U.S. at UNGA.

We will also consider the Honorable Sung Kim to be Ambassador to the Philippines, Ms. Rena Bitter to be Ambassador to Laos, the Honorable Stuart Symington to be Ambassador to Nigeria, Mr. Andrew Young to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, and Mr. Joseph Donovan to be Ambassador to Indonesia.

A member asked that the nomination of Ms. Kamala (Ka-ma-la) Lakhdhir (Lock-deer) be held over until the committee's next business meeting, and we will respect that request and not vote on her nomination today.

We will also consider 4 lists of over 300 personnel referred to the committee who have been nominated for appointment or promotion into and within the Foreign Service.

I support these appointments and promotions and would like to thank all of these officers for their service.

With that, I would like to recognize the distinguished ranking member for his comments, Senator Cardin.

### **[RANKING MEMBER OPENING -- IS THERE ONE? OR SHOULD I DELETE THE REFERENCE?]**

In the interest of time, I would entertain a motion to approve all agenda items, except the nomination of Ms. Lakhdhir (Lock-deer) to be Ambassador to Malaysia, en bloc, by voice vote.

[A Senator makes the motion.]

The CHAIRMAN. Is there a second?

[A Senator seconds.]

The CHAIRMAN. So moved and seconded.

The question is on the motion to approve all agenda items with exception of the Ambassador to malaysia, en bloc, by voice vote.

All those in favor, say aye.

[Senators cast aye votes.]

The CHAIRMAN. Opposed?

[Senators cast no votes.]

The CHAIRMAN. And with that, the ayes have it, and the appointments and promotions and nominations are agreed to.

And that completes the committee's business.

I ask unanimous consent that staff be authorized to make technical and conforming changes; without objection, so ordered.

And with that, without objection, the committee will stand adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 2:45 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.]