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1 The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 7:15 p.m. in Room S-116, The Capitol,
2 Hon. Robert Menendez, chairman of the committee, presiding.

3 Present: Senators Menendez (presiding), Cardin, Coons, Udall, Murphy, Kaine,
4 Markey, Corker, Rubio, Johnson, Flake, McCain, and Barrasso.

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

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** This business meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee
6 will come to order. We have three legislative items and one nomination today.

7 Let me start with PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief) (S. 1545,
8 The PEPFAR Stewardship and Oversight Act of 2013), we will consider the underlying
9 legislation and the managers' package of amendments simultaneously unless there's an
10 objection to that. I won't go through the importance of PEPFAR. I think everybody
11 understands it's one of the most significant, successful programs that has saved millions
12 of lives.

13 Senator Corker.

14 **SENATOR CORKER.** I think we've done a good job of creating better accountability
15 and at the same time leveraging to get other nations to step up what they're doing.
16 Thank you for the way we've been able to work in a bipartisan way, which made that
17 happen.

18 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Thank you.

1 There are several amendments that are included in the managers' package. Do
2 any of the sponsors of the amendments wish to add? Senator Cardin.

3 **SENATOR CARDIN.** Just one comment, very briefly. On the health workforce, I
4 appreciate that language being included. I want to thank Senator Durbin for his help on
5 that amendment. Also, on engaging other partners, that is also included. And I thank
6 the chair and the ranking member for the manner in which we've worked together to
7 get this done.

8 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Is there any other member who wishes to speak to the managers'
9 package?

10 (No response.)

11 **THE CHAIRMAN.** If not, we'll move to a vote on the managers' package. All those in
12 favor say aye.

13 (Chorus of ayes.)

14 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Those opposed say nay.

15 (No response.)

16 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it.

17 Now on the underlying bill as amended. Those in favor say aye.

18 (Chorus of ayes.)

19 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Those opposed say nay.

20 (No response.)

21 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The bill is agreed to.

22 There are now two resolutions, S. Res. 227, to commemorate the 70th anniversary
23 of the heroic rescue of Danish Jews during World War II by the Danish people; and

1 S. Res. 213, which I co-authored with Senator Rubio, expressing support for the free
2 and peaceful exercise of representative democracy in Venezuela.

3 Are there any members who wish to speak to the resolutions?

4 (No response.)

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** If not, I'll move both resolutions en bloc. All those in favor will
6 say aye.

7 (Chorus of ayes.)

8 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Those opposed will say nay.

9 (No response.)

10 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it and both resolutions are reported favorably to the
11 Senate.

12 Finally, we have the nomination of Caroline Kennedy to be the Ambassador to
13 Japan. I think she had a pretty significant hearing in which members had questions and
14 submitted questions afterwards. Is there anyone who wishes to speak to the
15 nomination?

16 (No response.)

17 **THE CHAIRMAN.** If not, I'll move the nomination. All those in favor will say aye.

18 (Chorus of ayes.)

19 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Those opposed say nay.

20 (No response.)

21 **THE CHAIRMAN.** The ayes have it and the nomination is sent to the full Senate with
22 a favorable recommendation.

23 I ask unanimous consent for the staff to be allowed to make technical and

1 conforming changes to the legislative items considered today. Are there any objections?

2 (No response.)

3 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Seeing none, it's agreed to.

4 This meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

[Whereupon, at 7:18 p.m., the hearing was adjourned.]