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WASHINGTON, DC.

1 The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 5:25 p.m. in S-216 of the Capitol. Hon.
2 Bob Corker, chairman of the committee, presiding.

3 Present: Senators Corker [presiding], Rubio, Johnson, Flake, Gardner, Paul,
4 Cardin, Menendez, Shaheen, Coons, Murphy, and Kaine.

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

5 **THE CHAIRMAN.** This business meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations
6 Committee will come to order. Today we consider the nomination of John Sullivan to be
7 Deputy Secretary of State and two Foreign Service Officer Lists.

8 I thank my colleagues for allowing the committee to take these steps forward
9 today.

10 I know that there is concern over the reorganization that is taking place at the
11 State Department, and what that will ultimately look like. I think Mr. Sullivan will bring
12 a wealth of both management and government experience to help the transition go
13 smoothly.

14 I'm going to stop there.

1 Is there something you'd like to say sir.

2 **SENATOR CARDIN.** I agree with the Chairman.

3 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Do we have a quorum?

4 **SENATOR GARDNER.** Yes.

5 [Laughter.]

6 [The meeting is in recess awaiting the presence of a quorum]

7 **THE CHAIRMAN.** We have a quorum.

8 If there's no further discussion of the agenda items, I would entertain a motion to
9 approve all items, en bloc, as modified, by voice vote.

10 [A Senator's voice.] I so move.

11 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Is there a second.

12 [A Senator's voice.] I second.

13 **THE CHAIRMAN.** So moved and seconded.

14 The question is on the motion to approve this nomination and promotions. All
15 those in favor say aye.

16 [A chorus of ayes.]

17 **THE CHAIRMAN.** Opposed.

18 [No response.]

19 **THE CHAIRMAN.** With that, the ayes have it. The nomination and promotions are
20 agreed to.

1 That concludes the committee's business.

2 I ask unanimous consent that staff be allowed to make technical and conforming
3 changes, without objection, so ordered.

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

5 [Whereupon, at 5:33 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.]