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UNITED STATES SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 12:12 p.m., in Room 219, Capitol, Hon. Amy Klobuchar, Chairwoman of the Committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Klobuchar, Blunt, Feinstein, Warner, Leahy, King, Merkley, Padilla, Ossoff, Capito, Wicker, Fischer, and Hyde-Smith.

**OPENING STATEMENT OF HONORABLE AMY KLOBUCHAR,
CHAIRWOMAN, A UNITED STATES SENATOR FROM THE
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Chairwoman KLOBUCHAR. Recognizing a quorum, I call this meeting of the Rules Committee order to consider the nomination of Dara Lindenbaum to the Federal Election Commission. Ms. Lindenbaum has dedicated her career to election and finance law as a law clerk at the FEC, a voting rights attorney, and in private practice.

I think, at her hearing, for those of us who listened through the entire thing, and I appreciate the professionalism of our Members at the hearing, she will be a fair and effective Commissioner with significant experience who actually works to build consensus.

Thirty top campaign finance lawyers from parties agreed in a letter, enthusiastically supporting her. I want to thank Ranking Member Blunt for his cooperation, as well as the Committee Members. Senator Blunt, do you have anything you want to add?

**OPENING STATEMENT OF HONORABLE ROY BLUNT, A UNITED
STATES SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Senator BLUNT. Well, since there is a microphone.
[Laughter.]

Senator BLUNT. Well, first of all, thanks to Chairwoman Klobuchar for calling this important meeting. I want to thank my colleagues for joining us today. Dara Lindenbaum is the President's nominee to be a member of the Federal Elections Commission.

On April the 6th, we came together to hold a hearing to consider this nominee. She shared her credentials for the job and her understanding of the agency's mission and the role of a Commissioner.

While Commissioners to the Federal Elections Commission are by design partisan, it is unlikely that every Senator on this panel will agree with the views of all nominees. Ms. Lindenbaum has expressed her willingness to work with other Commissioners and to find consensus to do the important work of the agency.

Ms. Lindenbaum enjoys the support of a bipartisan group of practitioners in the field of election law and campaign finance law. The Committee received a letter from 30 practitioners highlighting Ms. Lindenbaum's decade of relevant experience. I look forward to supporting her nomination today and hope you will join me in supporting her.

Chairwoman KLOBUCHAR. Very good. Thank you. The Committee will now proceed to the consideration of the nomination of Dara Lindenbaum to the Federal Election Commission. Are there any other Members that wish to speak?

[No response.]

Chairwoman KLOBUCHAR. We will now proceeding to the vote. The question is on ordering the nomination of Dara Lindenbaum favorably reported. All those in favor say, aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Chairwoman KLOBUCHAR. All opposed say, no.

Senator CAPITO. No.

Senator HYDE-SMITH. No.

Senator FISCHER. No.

Chairwoman KLOBUCHAR. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it. The nomination will be favorably reported to the Senate. Anyone want to have their vote recorded?

Senator CAPITO. I want to be recorded as a no.

Chairwoman KLOBUCHAR. Thank you, Senator Capito. Thank you, Senator Hyde-Smith, and thank you, Senator Fischer. All right—

Senator BLUNT. Senator Hagerty was not able to attend today, but asked that he would be included on the record as a no vote— Senator Cruz was also not able to attend today, but asked that he be included on the record as a no vote.

Chairwoman KLOBUCHAR. All right. Anyone else?

[No response.]

Chairwoman KLOBUCHAR. Okay. With no further business before the Committee, the meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

[Whereupon, at 12:16 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.]