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Washington, DC.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 5:50 p.m., in Room S-219, United States Capitol, Hon. Roy Blunt, Chairman of the Committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Blunt, Alexander, Shelby, Wicker, Hyde-Smith, Durbin, Udall, Warner, King, and Cortez Masto.

**OPENING STATEMENT OF HONORABLE ROY BLUNT,
CHAIRMAN, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Chairman BLUNT. Thank you for attending today's meeting of the Senate Committee on Rules to consider the nomination of James Brett Blanton to be the Architect of the Capitol.

Mr. Blanton is a retired naval officer and licensed professional engineer with 25 years of experience in facilities operations and construction management. He most recently served as the Deputy Vice President for the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority.

If confirmed, Mr. Blanton intends to be a leader for change at the agency, and his first question he answered the other day was he will respond to any request we have in an expeditious manner.

Chairman BLUNT. Is there any further debate?

Senator WICKER. Define "expeditious."

Chairman BLUNT. Ranking member, ranking member? Do we have a ranking member?

Chairman BLUNT. Okay. If there is no further debate on the nomination of James Brett Blanton to be Architect of the Capitol?

[No response.]

Chairman BLUNT. Appears to be none. Calling the question. No further debate on James Brett Blanton to be Architect of the Capitol.

The question is on reporting the nomination favorably to the Senate.

All in favor, say aye.

[A chorus of ayes.]

Chairman BLUNT. All opposed, no.

[No response.]

Chairman BLUNT. The ayes have it. The nomination is ordered favorably reported to the Senate with the recommendation the nominee be confirmed.

The meeting is adjourned.
Thank you all. Excellent work.
[Whereupon, at 5:51 p.m., the committee was adjourned.]

