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The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 4:25 p.m., in Room S-219, The Capitol, Hon. Roy Blunt, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Blunt [presiding], Alexander, Fischer, Hyde-Smith, Wicker, Klobuchar, Durbin, Udall, Warner, Leahy, King, and Cortez Masto.

1 OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR BLUNT

2 The Chairman. Good afternoon. I want to thank my
3 colleagues for coming.

4 Today the Rules Committee will consider the nominations
5 of Donald Palmer and Benjamin Hovland to be commissioners of
6 the EAC. Last week the committee reviewed the
7 qualifications of the nominees. I believe both are
8 qualified, especially given their previous experience in
9 State and local election administration. I will support
10 both nominees and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

11 Senator Klobuchar, would you like to make an opening
12 statement?

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1 STATEMENT OF SENATOR KLOBUCHAR

2 Senator Klobuchar. Just that these are very important
3 nominees, and it is important to have a full quorum at the
4 EAC.

5 The Chairman. In the interest of time, I would ask
6 that all other senators submit their statements to the
7 record.

8 [The information referred to follows:]

9 [COMMITTEE INSERT]

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1 The Chairman. The committee will now proceed to the
2 consideration of the nominations of Donald L. Palmer and
3 Benjamin W. Hovland to be commissioners of the Election
4 Assistance Commission. If there is no objection, the committee
5 will voice vote en bloc the nominations of both Donald Palmer
6 and Benjamin Hovland.

7 [No response.]

8 The Chairman. Hearing no objection, the question is on
9 the nomination of Mr. Palmer and Mr. Hovland.

10 All in favor, say aye.

11 [A chorus of ayes.]

12 The Chairman. All those opposed, no.

13 [No response.]

14 The Chairman. In the opinion of the chair, the ayes
15 have it. The nominations of both Mr. Palmer and Mr. Hovland
16 to be commissioners of the Election Assistance Commission
17 are favorably reported.

18 Thank you all for you coming in.

19 [Whereupon, at 4:26 p.m., the hearing was adjourned.]

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