



21           **Chairman Schumer.** We expect two members on their way and Senator Shelby is  
22 across the hall and is ready to come in, so I thought we would just do the business and then we  
23 could just vote as soon as they come, if that is okay with everybody. Okay. Then thank you  
24 all for coming. Everyone rearranged their schedules, so we very much appreciate--Senator  
25 Alexander and I appreciate people coming.

26           We are going to be very quick. I am going to now submit all my statements in the  
27 record and ask anyone else to submit their statements in the record.

28 *[Submitted for the Record]*

29           We are going to try to get three things done today quickly. The first is the nomination  
30 of William Boorman to be Public Printer. The second is S. Res. 116, to expedite the  
31 confirmation process. This is the bill that Senator Alexander has championed and shepherded  
32 through to remove some 400 people from the confirmation rolls. And the third is a bill by  
33 Senator Levin to direct the Architect of the Capitol to create and install battery recharging  
34 stations for electric cars that Senator Alexander and I have both co-sponsored. So we are  
35 going to have three separate votes, voice votes, hopefully, on those, and as soon as ten people  
36 are here, we will do that.

37           **Senator Leahy.** Mr. Chairman?

38           **Chairman Schumer.** The Senator from Vermont.

39           **Senator Leahy.** Mr. Chairman, I have had the opportunity to chair two authorizing  
40 committees, Agriculture and Judiciary, and I think what Senator Alexander and you and others

41 have done in wanting to cut down the number of people who should not even be in the  
42 confirmation process--they are not lifetime, they really serve at the pleasure of the President--I  
43 strongly endorse what you have done. I think it is a great move forward.

44 **Chairman Schumer.** Thank you, Senator Leahy.

45 Senator Warner?

46 **Senator Warner.** And I actually just wanted to raise the same point. As someone  
47 who does not have the experience of Senator Leahy but sometimes kind of question all of the  
48 time and effort spent on what seem to be relatively minor nominations, the fact that Senator  
49 Alexander has taken the lead and worked with you to cut down that process, I think, makes  
50 more effective government and I commend you both.

51 **Chairman Schumer.** Thank you, Senator.

52 We have ten, so without further ado, maybe we can vote. Do you want to say  
53 something more?

54 **Senator Alexander.** No. Why don't we vote.

55 **Chairman Schumer.** Statements will be in the record. He shows his wisdom as a  
56 legislator.

57 Is there any further debate on the nomination of William J. Boorman, of Maryland, to be  
58 Public Printer?

59 [No response.]

60 **Chairman Schumer.** Seeing none, the question is on reporting the nomination favorably to

61 the Senate. Unless there is a request for a roll call, this will be a voice vote. All those in  
62 favor, say aye.

63 [Chorus of ayes.]

64 **Chairman Schumer.** Opposed, nay.

65 [No response.]

66 **Chairman Schumer.** The ayes have it. The nomination is ordered reported to the  
67 Senate with the recommendation the nominee be confirmed.

68 Second is S. Res. 116, nominations. Unless there is a request for a roll call vote, this  
69 will be a voice vote. Is there any further debate on reporting S. Res. 116, to provide for  
70 expedited Senate consideration of certain nominations subject to advise and consent?

71 [No response.]

72 **Chairman Schumer.** Seeing none, the question is on reporting S. Res. 116 favorably to  
73 the Senate. All those in favor, say aye.

74 [Chorus of ayes.]

75 **Chairman Schumer.** Opposed, nay.

76 [No response.]

77 **Chairman Schumer.** The ayes have it. S. Res. 116 is ordered reported to the Senate.  
78 Finally, we have S. 739. Unless there is a request for a roll call vote, this will be a voice vote.

79 Is there any further debate on S. 739, a bill to authorize the Architect of the Capitol to establish  
80 battery charging stations for privately owned vehicles in parking areas under the jurisdiction of

81 the Senate at no net cost to the Federal Government?

82 [No response.]

83 **Chairman Schumer.** Seeing none, the question is on reporting S. 739 favorably to the  
84 Senate. All those in favor, say aye.

85 [Chorus of ayes.]

86 **Chairman Schumer.** Opposed, nay.

87 [No response.]

88 **Chairman Schumer.** The ayes have it. S. 739 is ordered reported to the Senate.  
89 The record will remain open for any statements that people may wish to make, and I want to  
90 thank everybody for coming. Before I adjourn the meeting, I am going to call on Senator  
91 Alexander.

92 **Senator Alexander.** Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you and the members for  
93 rearranging schedules. The confirmation bill is a good bill for the Senate, and Senator  
94 Schumer and I are going to meet with the White House Director of Personnel and encourage  
95 them to clean up and make more orderly the executive branch nominations process so we have  
96 less of the "innocent until nominated" phenomenon.

97 The electric vehicle bill is a good start as a pilot program to do our part to take what I  
98 think is the best step forward in reducing our use of oil. It's a small step, but also a big step, at  
99 no cost to the taxpayers.

100 Thank you very much.

101           **Chairman Schumer.** Any other comments?

102           **Senator Feinstein.** Mr. Chairman?

103           **Chairman Schumer.** The Senator from California.

104           **Senator Feinstein.** If I might, it is my understanding that this is Josh Brekenfeld' s first  
105 bill that has come out of Committee. He has served me as staff. He has served this committee  
106 as staff. So I thought it might be nice just to say, well done, Josh. Much of the best.

107           **Chairman Schumer.** Thank you, Senator Feinstein, and Josh has done an incredible job  
108 in every way in a professional sense. In the Rules Committee, we are staffed by career civil  
109 servants who just serve the body, and the body would not work without people like Josh, so I  
110 want to add my thanks to you, Josh. Thanks for your service.

111           Any other comments? If not, then we are adjourned.

112 [Whereupon, at 2:22 p.m., the committee was adjourned.]