

**BUSINESS MEETING—TO CONSIDER THE
NOMINATION OF DAVITA VANCE-COOKS
TO BE PUBLIC PRINTER AND S. 375**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2013

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

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 9:59 a.m., in Room SR-301, Russell Senate Office Building, Hon. Charles E. Schumer, Chairman of the committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Schumer, Udall, King, Roberts, Cochran, and Blunt.

Staff Present: Jean Bordewich, Staff Director; Kelly Fado, Deputy Staff Director; Stacy Ettinger, Chief Counsel; Ellen Zeng, Elections Counsel; Sharon Larimer, Assistant to the Staff Director; Abbie Sorrendino, Professional Staff; Nicole Tatz, Legislative Correspondent; Matthew McGowan, Professional Staff; Adam Topper, Staff Assistant; Mary Suit Jones, Republican Staff Director; Shaun Parkin, Republican Deputy Staff Director; Paul Vinovich, Republican Chief Counsel; Sarah Little, Communications Director; Trish Kent, Republican Professional Staff; and Rachel Creviston, Republican Professional Staff.

OPENING STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN SCHUMER

Chairman SCHUMER. The hearing will come to order. The committee needs a quorum, ten members. We ask the members to maybe stay around. We are going to try to round up four more—we have six now—so we can actually move forward on these nominees. Then we will go to the hearing but come back into the session from the hearing session if we can get ten.

But, in the meantime, does any Senator wish to make a statement on either the nomination of Davita Vance-Cooks to be Public Printer or I know we have some cosponsors of S. 375, the electronic filing bill, to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form. I do not have a statement, but if you do, go right ahead.

Senator COCHRAN. Mr. Chairman, I have a statement on the Campaign Disclosure Parity Act. Is that something that we are going to consider this morning, as well?

Chairman SCHUMER. Yes, it is, indeed.

Senator ROBERTS. Why do you not go ahead and then I will—

Chairman SCHUMER. Go ahead, Thad. The Senator from Mississippi and then any of the Senators on our side will be recognized, too.

OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR COCHRAN

Senator COCHRAN. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to be one of the sponsors of this bill, the Campaign Disclosure Parity Act, and we thank you for holding this markup today to consider it.

Not only does the bill have the support of a group of 34 cosponsors from both parties, including several members of this committee, but it also has the support of the Secretary of the Senate and the Federal Elections Commission.

In a time of sequestration and fiscal restraint, this bill affords an opportunity for us to save over \$500,000 per year for the Senate and the Federal Elections Commission. It would reduce duplicative work and would align the filing process for Senate candidates with those of political committees and candidates for Federal office, including Presidential candidates and candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives.

I am pleased to join Senator Tester as a cosponsor of this bill and I am hopeful the committee will favorably report it to the full Senate. Thank you.

Chairman SCHUMER. Thank you, Senator Cochran.

Senator Udall, do you want to make a statement?

Senator UDALL. My statement is on the FEC nominees.

Chairman SCHUMER. Thank you. Senator Roberts, and then Senator King.

OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR ROBERTS

Senator ROBERTS. I only say that it always is of some concern to me that when we go down the road to reform and we wave the banner of reform, we want to see what is underneath it, and I think there is something called the First Amendment there and I want to make sure that we appreciate that fact.

Thank you for your leadership, and I hope we can get a quorum of ten to finish our business.

Chairman SCHUMER. Thank you, Senator Roberts.

I will also ask, Senator King, do you wish to make an opening statement?

Senator KING. No, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman SCHUMER. Senator Blunt.

Senator BLUNT. No, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman SCHUMER. Okay. It is long past time for Senate candidates to file campaign reports in the same way as every other Federal candidate has for years. The Senate's current system is stuck in the past and wastes over half-a-million tax dollars a year to perpetuate a redundant, slow, and completely unnecessary process that prevents the public from seeing Senate candidates' expenditures for more than a month after the reports are already online. At a time when Federal budgets have been slashed and savings are being sought, there is no reason to continue.

And I want to thank Senator Tester for his strong leadership on this issue.

Chairman SCHUMER. Okay. We do not have a quorum, so I think we will go on to the hearing.

Okay. So, we have to go into recess. I would now recess our markup subject to the call of the chair. What we will try to do is assemble a quorum of ten, since I do not think we will get it this morning, off the floor when we have one of the votes, and I would urge the members here and all other members whose staff is here to please cooperate. As you know, we are trying to move nomina-

tions. These are non-controversial nominations, and so if we could move them quickly, that would be of great help.

With that, we are recessed.

[Whereupon, at 10:06 a.m., the committee recessed, subject to the call of the chair.]

The committee reconvened, at 4:05 p.m., July 24, 2013, in Room S-217, United States Capitol Building, Hon. Charles E. Schumer, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Schumer, Roberts, Durbin, Murray, Chambliss, Pryor, Tom Udall, Warner, Leahy, Klobuchar, and King

Staff Present: Jean Bordewich, Staff Director; Kelly Fado, Deputy Staff Director; Stacy Ettinger, Chief Counsel; Abbie Sorrendino, Legislative Assistant; Mary Jones, Republican Staff Director; Shaun Parkin, Republican Deputy Staff Director; Paul Vinovich, Republican Chief Counsel; Rachel Creviston, Republican Professional Staff, and Adam Topper, Staff Assistant.

Chairman SCHUMER. We now have a quorum of 10 Members to continue our markup.

Is there any further debate on the nomination of Davita Vance-Cooks to be the public printer?

The question is on reporting the nomination favorably to the Senate. Unless there is a request for a roll call vote, this will be a voice vote.

Chairman SCHUMER. All in favor, say aye.

[A chorus of ayes.]

All opposed, say nay.

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

The second item is S. 375. Unless there is a request for a roll call vote, this will be a voice vote. Is there any further debate on S.375, a bill to require Senate candidates to file their campaign reports directly with the Federal Election Commission in electronic format, rather than on paper with the Secretary of the Senate?

The question is on reporting S. 375 favorably to the Senate.

Chairman SCHUMER. All in favor, say aye.

[A chorus of ayes.]

All opposed, say nay.

The Ayes have it. S. 375 is ordered reported to the Senate.

I want to thank everyone for coming. The meeting is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 4:14 p.m., the committee adjourned.]