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COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
Washington, DC.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 5:45 p.m., in Room 219, United States Capitol, Hon. Roy Blunt, Chairman of the committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Blunt, McConnell, Alexander, Capito, Wicker, Fischer, Hyde-Smith, Durbin, Warner, Leahy, and King.

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

Chairman BLUNT. Good afternoon and thanks to my colleagues for attending today's meeting of the Rules Committee to consider the nomination of Hugh Nathaniel Halpern to be Director of the Government Publishing Office. Many of us who previously served in the House know of Hugh and his reputation. Hugh retired from the House in January after 30 years of public service. He most recently served as the Director of Floor Operations for Speaker Ryan. He also served as the Staff Director of the House Rules Committee and in various roles in the House.

If confirmed by the Senate, Hugh will approach the position from the standpoint of a long-time, high-volume customer and that of a congressional user. Hugh's dedication to the Congress, public service, and bipartisanship will benefit the Government Publishing Office tremendously. I believe Hugh is exactly the right person for this job.

I ask my colleagues to support Hugh's nomination. Is there any further debate on the nomination of Hugh Nathaniel Halpern to be Director of the Government Publishing Office?

[No response.]

Chairman BLUNT. Calling the question, after no further debate, on Hugh Halpern to be the Director of the Government Publishing Office. The question is on reporting the nomination favorably to the Senate. All those in favor say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Chairman BLUNT. All those opposed, no.

[No response.]

Chairman BLUNT. The ayes have it. The nomination is ordered favorably, reported to the Senate with the recommendation that the nominee be confirmed. The meeting is adjourned.
[Whereupon, at 5:52 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.]

