

STATEMENT OF SENATOR JOHN McCAIN  
CHAIRMAN, SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION  
FULL COMMITTEE HEARING  
ON NOMINATIONS  
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- C Good Morning. The Commerce Committee meets today to examine the qualifications of six individuals who have been nominated by the President to serve the nation in important posts in the government. This Committee takes its advice and consent role very seriously, and I will note that each of the nominees has responded in detail to the Committee's requests for biographical and financial data. I have had the opportunity to review your responses to the Committee questionnaire as well as pre-hearing questions, and I look forward to moving your nominations quickly.
- C We will begin today by hearing from Professor Timothy Muris, who has been nominated to serve as Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. Next, we will proceed to hear from three nominees who are being considered for positions with the Department of Commerce. They are Ms. Maria Cino, nominated to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, Dr. Kathleen Cooper, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Mr. Bruce Mehlman, to be Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy.
- C Our third panel will be nominees for positions with the Department of Transportation. They are Mr. Sean O'Hollaren, to be Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, and Ms. Donna McLean, to be Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and Chief Financial Officer.
- C I would like to take this opportunity to thank the nominees for being here today. I know your nomination is a great honor, and that your families are very proud. Please feel free to introduce any family members who are present here today before you begin your remarks.