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person's watch." That means the person who has voluntarily assumed that authority is responsible for everything that happens, and is held accountable if things do not go as they should. And as for this person and her qualifications, the next time I'm recognized I will tell you precisely why I'm going to vote against her nomination...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and speak against it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Preister, confirmation report.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of the reconsider...the sending back to the Natural Resources Committee the nomination of Debra McDowell. In addition to supporting what Senator Schrock is doing, I want to thank Ms. McDowell, because it's because of the circumstances that took place that we're here making this happen today. This discussion, the reporting in the media, is important to improving our process. This is scrutinizing that should be done, an issue that on at least a couple of accounts I have been working on for a couple of years. But it has never risen to this level of discussion. And I certainly thank Senator Chambers for his motion to reconsider in the first place, that helped to lead more of that discussion, and to bring more people into the discussion as well. I agree with Senator Friend that there does need to be an improvement in the process. That's something that I think we can work on. And I think there are some identifiable kinds of objectives that we can accomplish. So I thank Debra McDowell for helping us to improve a process. It's up to us whether we do that. And I think we can do it by doing an interim study that just doesn't become a study, that perhaps even through the Program Evaluation Committee can be looked at more closely. We can set some time lines and some guidelines for how these appointments are sent to us in the first place, that they need to be done prior to anyone serves in the capacity that they're being nominated for, and that we get them well in advance. Again, I acknowledge that there's a