BUSINESS MEETING TO CONSIDER PENDING LEGISLATION

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS, *Washington, DC.*

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 1:52 P.M. in room S– 216, The Capitol, Hon. Johnny Isakson, Chairman of the Committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Isakson, Moran, Boozman, Cassidy, Rounds, Tillis, Sullivan, Blumenthal, Murray, Brown, Tester, Hirono, and Manchin.

Chairman ISAKSON. I call to order this meeting of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs to recognize the ranking member.

Senator BLUMENTHAL. I move that the Committee order to favorably report without amendment the text of S. 2921 as introduced yesterday and referred to the Committee and, without objection, the Committee will report S. 2921 once it is received from GPO.

Senator ROUNDS. Second.

Chairman ISAKSON. If there is no debate, the question is on the Committee order to favorably report without amendment the text of S. 2921, as introduced yesterday and referred to the Committee. Without objection, the Committee will report S. 2921 once it is received from the Government Publishing Office.

All in favor, say aye.

[Chorus of ayes.]

Chairman ISAKSON. Any opposed, say no.

[No response.]

Chairman ISAKSON. The ayes have it. The ayes have it, and the motion is carried.

I ask unanimous consent that in preparing the agenda item for reporting the Committee will be authorized to make technical changes, confirming changes, and include changes necessary to conform to the Budget Act.

Before I adjourn the meeting, I want to express my thanks to every single Member of the Committee. This has been a team effort. We are bringing to the calendar of the Senate a great bill to reform the Veterans' Administration and address the needs of our veterans and we could not have done it without each and everyone one of you.

I thank the ranking member for his partnership and God bless all of you. Have a wonderful weekend.

Senator BLUMENTHAL. I want to thank Senator Isakson and I want to join in thanking all of the Members of the Committee but,

most especially, Chairman Isakson for his great partnership for every one of us. Every Member of this Committee has contributed substantially. In fact, every Member of this Committee has a provision in this bill.

I look forward to continuing the work so we cross the finish line with it.

Chairman ISAKSON. And the congregation said amen.

[Chorus of amen.] [Whereupon, at 1:53 p.m., the Committee was adjourned.]