

**Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Hearing
Business Meeting**

Opening Statement of Chairman Jerry Moran
Wednesday, August 5, 2020

(As Prepared for Delivery)

“This meeting is called to order.

“This afternoon we are considering 14 pieces of legislation before the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee today. These bills represent a bipartisan list of priorities from all of our members. I am pleased we were able to reach agreement on a path forward to address issues related to toxic exposure, serving women veterans, caring for Native American veterans, and helping veteran-owned small businesses, among others. Some of today's agenda items reflect agreement on the need to act, but will require additional work before they pass the full Senate, and I look forward to our ongoing collaborative work to make that happen for all of these bills.

“I now recognize Ranking Member Tester for any brief remarks before we turn to our agenda.”