

**Business Meeting to Report the Nomination of  
Tommy Beaudreau to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior  
Thursday, May 13, 2021**

**Chairman Manchin's Opening Statement**

- I believe Mr. Beaudreau will be an outstanding Deputy Secretary.
- He is experienced. He knows the Department of the Interior and is familiar with the wide range of issues that come before it.
- He has previously served as the first Director of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, as the Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, and as Chief of Staff of the Department.
- He has clearly demonstrated that he has both a firm grasp of the issues and the ability to listen, learn, and work with all sides and to find common sense solutions to difficult problems.
- I believe Senators on both sides of the aisle will find that he is someone they can work with.

- His performance at our hearing two weeks ago demonstrated that he has the knowledge, the experience, the temperament, and the skills needed to serve in this important position.
- I believe that Mr. Beaudreau is supremely well qualified for the job, and I heartily support his nomination.