

**Business Meeting to Report the Nomination of
David Turk to be Deputy Secretary of Energy**

Thursday, March 11, 2021

Opening Statement

- I was highly impressed by Mr. Turk at our hearing last week.
- He clearly has a firm grasp on the wide range of issues facing the Department of Energy.
- He will bring a wealth of practical experience to the job of Deputy Secretary.
- He started his career working in the Senate for our former colleague Kent Conrad, who speaks very highly of him.
- He then worked on the Senate Judiciary Committee for then-Senator Biden.
- He held a series of national security and foreign affairs jobs in the House, in the State Department, and at the National Security Council.
- He spent two years as a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Department of Energy.

- And he has spent the last 4 years in senior positions at the International Energy Agency, the last 14 months of which have been as Dr. Fa-tih Birol's deputy.
- Quite simply, Mr. Turk has spent the last 20 years serving in important jobs that have given him the technical knowledge and the practical experience in energy, national security, and management that he will need to help Secretary Granholm lead the Department of Energy.
- And I believe his performance at our hearing last week demonstrated that he has the knowledge and the ability to serve in this important position.
- He is supremely well qualified for the job, and I heartily support his nomination.