

**Statement of
Senator Susan M. Collins**

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Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you for putting together an agenda for this mark-up comprised largely of noncontroversial items that are nevertheless important measures deserving of the Committee's timely attention. I am hopeful we will be able to move through these items quickly, while of course providing for debate, and giving due consideration to the amendments Members would like to offer.

This morning's agenda includes the nomination of Tony Hammond to fill the vacancy on the Postal Regulatory Commission. Having the Postal Bill on the floor this week certainly underscores the challenge facing the Commission, and the importance of the work it does. I am pleased we are doing our part to fill this vacancy in a timely manner, with a qualified candidate.