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I was informed this evening by Senator Kyl's staff that the Senator intends to hold the nomination of Secretary Locke (China). It relates to an issue Commerce and Kyl have been tussling over for some months --

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Other Commerce nominees have been held for months over this issue.

Commerce briefed Kyl's staffer this afternoon and I'm told it went poorly.

There seems to be some concern at the WH and at Commerce that raising the public profile of the hold at this time could in fact embolden and further entrench Kyl.

Doing a call tonight with our Commerce colleagues to discuss further.

Thanks.

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Just got off the phone with [redacted] who has been negotiating the noms package with the Senate Majority and Minority Leader offices (among others).

For what it's worth, he was pessimistic about the prospects of any admin nominations being confirmed before this upcoming recess. With respect to our efforts to get holds lifted, he suggested not "doing anything heroic" we wouldn't otherwise do with the benefit of more time.

We'll of course continue to press ahead on behalf of all our nominees (as well as our USAID colleagues), but wanted to alert you all that the forecast looks bad at the moment.

Thanks.