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Mr. Wyatt

Subject: Senate Rules for confirming
nominations.From Mr. Solomon

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After talking on the telephone with a member of the parliamentarian's office of the Senate, I have found the following facts regarding the rules applicable to the Senate's confirmation of the members of the Board.

(1) The Senate is now in recess until 12 o'clock Thursday, and the report of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee cannot be filed until that time.

(2) Except by unanimous consent, the report could not be acted upon the same day that it is filed, but would have to wait at least until the next day and come up on the call of the executive calendar. The Senate usually holds executive sessions daily and is rather well up to date on that calendar. Therefore, the nominations probably could be acted upon the day after filing of the report.

(3) Except by unanimous consent, the President is not advised of the Senate's approval of a nomination until two executive sessions have intervened.

(4) The result of the foregoing is that the report cannot be filed until Thursday; and, except by unanimous consent, could not be acted upon before Friday, or reported to the President before Tuesday, February 4, 1936. If an executive session were omitted on any day besides Sunday, the time would be longer. However, as indicated under (2) and (3), by the necessary unanimous consent the nominations could be confirmed and the President notified as early as Thursday.

Respectfully,



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