

**NOMINATION OF ADM. THOMAS H. MOORER, U.S. NAVY,  
FOR REAPPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS  
OF STAFF, FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM OF 2 YEARS**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1972**

**U.S. SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,  
Washington, D.C.**

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10 a.m., in room S-126, the Capitol, Hon. John C. Stennis (chairman).

Present: Senators Stennis (presiding), Symington, Jackson, Cannon, McIntyre, Byrd, Jr., of Virginia, Hughes, Bentsen, Smith, Thurmond, Tower, Dominick, Goldwater, and Schweiker.

Also present: T. Edward Braswell, Jr., chief counsel and staff director; John T. Ticer, chief clerk; R. James Woolsey, general counsel; L. R. Garcia, Hyman Fine, Don Lynch, George Foster, Charles Cromwell and John A. Goldsmith, Edward B. Kenney, professional staff members; and Fran Funk, staff aide.

The CHAIRMAN. All right, gentleman, the committee will come to order.

First I would like to call up the nomination of Admiral Moorer for appointment for another 2-year term as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs. You remember we had him before the committee on June 22. Questions from Senator Hughes came in later and they were handled by our subcommittee of two, Senator Smith and me on June 20. We had Admiral Moorer come before us, with a reporter, and sent his testimony over to Senator Hughes. Senator Hughes said before our committee the other day that he was satisfied.

Do you want to say a word about that, Senator Hughes?

Senator HUGHES. I had a series of questions that were asked and responded to. I am satisfied Admiral Moorer had no knowledge of anything in the Lavelle affair and I am prepared to move his nomination.

Senator GOLDWATER. I second it.

Mr. GARCIA. Senator Smith has Senator Saxbe's proxy.

The CHAIRMAN. We just brought up the Moorer matter and the motion is that we recommend the confirmation.

I want to be sure, Mr. Braswell, has any Senator voiced any reservations at all?

Mr. BRASWELL. No.

The CHAIRMAN. All right, any further discussion?

Those favoring the approval of the nomination and the recommendation for confirmation and that it be reported today raise your right hand, please.

All right, take the count.

(23)

Mr. BRASWELL. You have the proxy for Senator Thurmond, Senator Dominick, and Senator Saxbe.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

Senator SMITH. I have Senator Schweiker.

The CHAIRMAN. I have a proxy for Senator Ervin.

Opposed, by the same sign?

[No response.]

Mr. BRASWELL. Fourteen yeas, none opposed.

Senator SMITH. Are the printed hearings ready to be released?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. They are in print. This is the part to be released?

Mr. BRASWELL. Yes. Normally we wait and put the Senate action in, which will be available tomorrow. We now have them in galley form.

Senator SMITH. I wanted one to give out to one of the Senators who had asked for it, so I will give one of these.

The CHAIRMAN. We will report the nomination favorably to the Senate. I certainly appreciate the members being here this morning. We do have other nominations of a number of general officers.

The names have been here for the required time; there are no objections filed or heard of?

Senator GOLDWATER. I move their approval.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection?

All right, we have a unanimous vote. I might note they include Gen. William C. Westmoreland to be placed on the retired list of the Army in the grade of general. He had a long and honorable career.

(Whereupon the committee proceeded to other business.)

(The nomination of Admiral Moorer was reported to the Senate on June 29, 1972, and confirmed by the Senate on June 30, 1972.)