

**Statement by
Hon. Clarence "Bud" Albright
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Industry Council
&
U.S. Under Secretary of Energy (2007-2009)
November 21, 2019**

*Regarding the nomination of Hon. Dan Brouillette to be Secretary of the
U.S. Department of Energy. The nomination was favorably reported to the full
Senate by the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on November 19, 2019.*

Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin and the Senate Energy Committee demonstrated decisive leadership in their vote to move forward the President's nomination of Dan Brouillette to be the next Secretary of Energy.

This bipartisan support and swift action is well deserved as Dan Brouillette is the most prepared person in America to be Secretary of Energy. I know this first hand having known Dan for decades and having worked on common ground issues relevant to the Energy and Commerce Committee.

In senior positions in government and the private sector, he has demonstrated leadership, vision, integrity and best-in-class ability.

As the chief operating officer and second-in-command at the Department of Energy over the past two years, the Deputy Secretary has navigated skillfully at the highest levels globally while articulating and executing bold initiatives to bolster U.S. energy and national security.

Secretary Brouillette has been a stalwart advocate for a balanced energy portfolio including nuclear energy and an apostle for American science and energy innovation embracing advanced nuclear. He knows the Energy Department's critical role as the steward of the National Nuclear Security Administration and our world-leading National Laboratories.

We have every hope and confidence that the Senate will follow the Energy and Natural Resources Committee in acting expeditiously and favorably on this nomination particularly at this pivotal time for American global energy and national security leadership.

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