

Haaland likely headed for confirmation as Interior Secretary after hearing

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The most significant news for U.S. Rep. Deb Haaland's, D-District 1 Rep., Interior Secretary nomination didn't come during the second day of her confirmation hearing, but afterwards. That's because U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.V., a conservative Democrat announced he would vote in favor of her nomination. With an evenly split 50-50 chamber between those who caucus with Democrats and Republicans, Manchin has an outsized influence on nominations. Manchin is also the chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which held the confirmation hearing for Haaland this week (week of Feb. 22).

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