

# *Longtime ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson Confirmed as Secretary of State*

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Washington, February 2 (RHC)-- The full U.S. Senate has confirmed longtime ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson to be secretary of state. Reuters reports the 56-43 Senate vote was the closest vote -- by a wide margin --for a secretary of state nominee in at least a half-century.

Three Democrats backed Tillerson's nomination: Mark Warner of Virginia, Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Joe Manchin of West Virginia. Trump's nomination of Tillerson has been widely condemned by environmental activists.

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