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Senate taxwriters to hold second vote on Rollinson's nomination as IRS chief counsel

The Senate Finance Committee announced this week that it will hold an open executive session on January 31 to once again consider President Biden's nomination of Marjorie Rollinson to serve as IRS chief counsel.

The president tapped Rollinson to the post last June and the Finance Committee voted to send her nomination to the full Senate by a bipartisan margin of 16-11 in November. (For prior coverage, see *Tax News & Views*, Vol. 24, No. 37, Nov. 3, 2023.) Rollinson did not receive a floor vote before the first session of the 118th Congress expired at the end of last year, however, prompting the Finance Committee to take up her nomination once again.

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The Finance Committee also plans to hold a confirmation hearing for other Biden administration nominees on January 31, including for Corey Anne Tellez to serve as assistant Treasury secretary for legislative affairs.

Changes ahead for Treasury's tax policy team

In other Treasury developments, *Politico* reported this week that the president will appoint Aviva Aron-Dine, who is currently a deputy director at the National Economic Council, as acting Treasury assistant secretary for tax policy. Aron-Dine would replace Lily Batchelder, who recently announced she is leaving the administration to return to her faculty post at the New York University School of Law. (The *Politico* report cites comments from an unnamed Treasury official. A formal announcement about the pending change had not been issued by the Treasury Department or the White House as of press time.)

Because Aron-Dine would be serving as an acting assistant secretary, she will not require vetting by the Finance Committee or confirmation by the full Senate.

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