

New START Debate Begins in Senate; Experts Available for Interview

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On Dec. 15 the Senate began debate on ratification of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START), which is essential for U.S. and international security. The Senate voted 66-32 to move to the executive calendar to consider New START.

It is now clear that a substantial majority agree -- despite efforts by Senator Kyl and others to block debate -- that it is time to vote on New START.

Reporters looking for print, radio or on-camera expertise over the next few days can contact the following experts directly to schedule an interview:

- **Amb. Richard Burt**, former START I negotiator and Chairman of Global Zero, 202-659-6210 (direct)

- **Morton Halperin**, former Defense, State, and NSC official in the Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Clinton administrations, and member of the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States, (202)-721-5601 (office); 202-285-7019 (mobile)

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