

REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

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SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Greece

CANDIDATE: David D. Pearce

David Pearce has served as Chief of Mission twice, Assistant Chief of Mission, Principal Officer and Deputy Chief of Mission. A patient and capable political analyst, He has delivered tough messages while encouraging host governments to grapple with complex and divisive issues, skills which will be directly relevant in Greece. He brings a longstanding interest in the history and culture of the country, having studied Ancient Greek for three years in college and having served as the Department of State's Country Officer for Greece from 1985-87.

Mr. Pearce currently serves as Senior Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan (SRAP) in Washington, equivalent to Deputy Assistant Secretary. He was the Acting SRAP, Assistant-Secretary equivalent, for five months. Previously, Mr. Pearce was Assistant Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy, Kabul (2011-2012), Ambassador to Algeria (2008-2011), Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs in Rome (with two excursion tours to Iraq) (2005-2008), Consul General and Chief of Mission in Jerusalem (2003-2005), Office Director, Office of Northern Gulf Affairs – Iran and Iraq (2001-2003), Deputy Chief of Mission in Damascus (1997-2001), and Consul General in Dubai, UAE (1994-1997). He also served tours in Kuwait, Riyadh, Tunis, and Washington, where he was Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and Watch Officer in the Operations Center.

Before the Foreign Service, Mr. Pearce worked for a decade as a writer, editor, and journalist. He earned a B.A. in Classics at Bowdoin College and an M.A. in journalism from Ohio State University. He speaks Arabic, French and Italian, as well as some Farsi and Portuguese. In 2006 and again in 2012, he earned Presidential Distinguished Service Awards. He is the recipient of the Matilde Sinclair Award for excellence in the study of foreign languages, two individual Superior Honor awards and ten Senior Foreign Service Performance Pay Awards.

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