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## **DOL Nominee's Confirmation Hearing To Take Place Next Week**

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The confirmation hearing for Secretary of Labor-nominee Andrew Puzder before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) committee will take place on February 16, according to *Politico*.

The hearing has been delayed four times. The last one, scheduled for February 7, was put off "indefinitely" because the HELP committee had not received the required paperwork from the Office of Government Ethics. The Committee now has.

In a nine-page letter dated February 7 to Robert Shapiro, an ethics official with the Department of Labor, Puzder explained how he intends to handle possible conflicts of interest. Among other things, Puzder pledged to resign from his positions with CKE Restaurants Holdings, Inc. and forfeit his 2016 bonus if he does not receive it before he takes over as Secretary. Puzder also disclosed that, in January, he had resigned his positions with the International Franchise Association and the American Enterprise Institute.

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