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Trump + 3 against Macron



Donald Trump's nominee for ambassador to the Czech Republic, businessman Nicholas Merrick, sailed through his [confirmation hearing](#) in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Thur. Presiding Chair Steve Daines (R-MT) told Merrick (at [67m](#)) that "energy security is national security" and asked if the two planned nuclear reactors in the CR present an opportunity for advancing [U.S. investment](#) in European nuclear-energy production. Merrick responded that an American company, Westinghouse, is going to play a role in the two reactors and that he thinks Czechia has done a great job in terms of energy security. This suggests that the new U.S. ambassador will play just as big a role in supporting Westinghouse's Dukovany interests as his predecessors did in supporting its earlier [Temelín interests](#). Merrick will have help from the Canadians (who [also claim Westinghouse](#)), the Czechs and the Koreans. If French Pres. Emmanuel Macron still wants to block Dukovany, it could turn into quite a battle.

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