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Subject: 2 tidbits from US climate politics today...

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Environmental activist Bill McKibben is one of 15 officials who will help craft the Democratic Party's platform ahead of July's convention in Philadelphia.

Democratic National Committee Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz said today that she allowed the presidential campaigns to name 75 percent of the members of the Platform Drafting Committee, with that percentage divided among Hillary Clinton's and Bernie Sanders' campaigns based on the current vote tally.

McKibben, the co-founder of the climate activist group 350.org, is a Sanders supporter and he is a vocal critic of fossil fuels. He has endorsed policies aimed at keeping oil and natural gas in the ground, while urging companies and universities to divest from fossil fuels. He is also a leading antagonist of ExxonMobil.

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A lawyer representing U.S. Virgin Islands Attorney General Claude Walker has withdrawn a subpoena filed in D.C. Superior Court seeking documents from the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

Linda Singer, a lawyer at the firm Cohen Milstein who is acting at Walker's counsel, filed a [notice](#) with the court on Friday that "consents to revoke the issuance of the subpoena" to CEI.

The move is a victory for CEI, although a subpoena Walker filed in the Virgin Islands seeking material from CEI still stands, so the AG could still compel the group to comply with his request for a decade's worth of internal documents related to climate change.

The subpoena is part of Walker's investigation into ExxonMobil over allegations the oil giant suppressed internal research about the threat of climate change. Walker has also filed subpoenas seeking information from Exxon and the public relations and lobbying firm DCI Group.

CEI has strenuously objected to the subpoena and the group's general counsel, Sam Kazman, said it will continue pushing its [motion](#) that the court fine Walker over the subpoena.

"CEI is going forward with our motion for sanctions because Walker's withdrawal only strengthens our claim that this subpoena was a constitutional outrage from the very beginning, violating our right to free speech and

our donors' right to confidentiality, and threatening the right of all Americans to express views that go against some party line," Kazman said in a statement.

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