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## Mrs. Banuelos Wins Senate Confirmation

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Without debate or dissent, the Senate yesterday confirmed the nomination of Mrs. Romana Acosta Banuelos, who in 24 years turned a snack stand into a \$5 million-a-year business, as the new United States Treasurer.

Her nomination for the largely ceremonial position had been opposed by the AFL-CIO following the disclosure that U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service agents had seized illegal Mexican aliens at her food factory six times in the past four years.

But Mrs. Banuelos told the Senate Finance Committee last month that she thought all 300 of her employees were U.S. citizens or had documents permitting them to work in this country. It is not illegal to hire such aliens.

Senate confirmation came on a voice vote with only a few members present.

Mrs. Banuelos, 46, will succeed the late Doroffy Andrews Kabis. Her signature

will appear on all new paper currency. President Harry S. Truman started the tradition of awarding the job of Treasurer to a woman.

Mrs. Banuelos is head of Ramona's Mexican Food Products Inc. in Gardena, Calif., and is a founder and director of the Pan American National Bank of East Los Angeles.

After President Nixon nominated her, INS agents seized 36 illegal aliens at her plant and said another 100 escaped. Sen. Wallace F. Bennett (R-Utah) said the raid was staged by INS agents to pressure Congress into giving them more funds.

William Kircher, director of organization for the AFL-CIO, said Mrs. Banuelos must have known the illegal aliens were on her payroll.