

**Statement of Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.),
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
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On our agenda today are four judicial nominations – including one from Texas– and the nominee to head the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the Department of Justice. I understand that Republican Members are asking that they all be held over so we will report them out at our next meeting.

As I indicated last week, the next bill the Committee will turn to after the recess is the Patent Transparency and Improvements Act. I hope that we can continue to make progress toward a compromise on that important issue. I look forward to working with my fellow members on something that can pass this year.

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