

**Statement of Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.),  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee,  
Executive Business Meeting  
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There are four judicial and three executive nominations listed on today's agenda. I understand that Republican Members are asking that the four Florida nominations – to fill “judicial emergency vacancies” – all be held over. I hope that we can report the three remaining nominations today.

I am continuing work with other Members of the Committee to address constructive comments from both sides about the patent legislation on our agenda. I am encouraged by the progress that has been made over the recess and I will continue work with Members this week on the Manager's amendment.

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