

**Prepared Statement by Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa
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Good morning. Today we have a number of bipartisan bills on the agenda.

In addition to S. 139, the *Rapid DNA Act of 2017*, we have two measures that are before this Committee for the first time. One is S. 534, the *Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act of 2017*. The other is S. 583, the *American Law Enforcement Heroes Act of 2017*.

The first item on our agenda, the *Rapid DNA Act*, is offered by Senator Hatch. This bill, which will be held over a week, has a range of bipartisan cosponsors on the Committee: Senators Feinstein, Cornyn, Klobuchar, Lee, Coons, and Flake. The bill responds to advances in technology, by allowing a new category of DNA samples to be uploaded to our national DNA index. It also ensures that criminal justice agencies taking these new samples must comply with FBI-approved standards and procedures.

The next item on our agenda is the *Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse Act of 2017*. Senators Feinstein, Collins, and I introduced this bill in March, in response to media reports about sexual abuse of child athletes. It imposes mandatory reporting requirements for the staff at amateur sports facilities across the country. It also extends the statutory period in which child abuse victims can file suit against the perpetrators of these crimes.

Finally on the agenda we have the *American Law Enforcement Heroes Act of 2017*. This bill was introduced by Senators Cornyn and Klobuchar. It would ensure that law enforcement agencies across the country can use their Community Oriented Policing Services, or COPS, grants to prioritize the hiring of military veterans.

All three of these measures will be held over.