

**Prepared Statement by Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
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Good morning. On today's agenda we have one bill, which will be held over, and five nominees, four of whom are ripe for consideration.

We meet today with heavy hearts. Forty-nine of our fellow citizens were murdered in Orlando this past weekend, victims of the most deadly terrorist attack on our soil since 9/11. Fifty-three others were wounded.

We mourn the loss of life, their loss of opportunities, and extend deepest sympathies to their families and friends. It was an awful reminder that there are radical Islamic terrorists both here and abroad who want to destroy America and kill Americans. We all hope to find ways to prevent such attacks from occurring in the future.

I have been working with colleagues on bipartisan legislation that would restore the 90 day state residency requirement that foreigners need to meet to buy a gun that the Obama Administration foolishly eliminated.

Separately, my proposal on background checks has received greater bipartisan support than any other. On the other hand, I think it is counter-productive to hold up the Commerce State Justice appropriations bill on the floor, when that is legislation that contains vital increased funding for law enforcement to fight terrorism and terrorists. Hopefully, there can be bipartisan efforts going forward.

The five nominees on the agenda are:

- Don Schott, Seventh Circuit
- Stephanie Finley, Western District of Louisiana
- Claude Kelly, Eastern District of Louisiana
- Winfield Ong, Southern District of Indiana
- Carole Rendon, US Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio

There has been a request to hold over the US Attorney nominee, so Ms. Rendon's nomination will be held over this week.

The other nominees are ripe for a vote. Before we turn to the agenda, I'll turn to the Ranking Member.