

**Prepared Statement by Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
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Today we have one bill and one nominee on the agenda.

We'll hold over S. 2123 the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act.

This bill represents a broad bipartisan agreement that quite a few members of this Committee entered into. I want to express my gratitude to Senators Durbin, Cornyn, Whitehouse, Lee, Schumer, Graham, Leahy, Booker, and Scott for their cosponsorship of the bill. I think we have shown that if we are willing to work together, we can reach good outcomes to solve important problems. It took a great deal of work to reach this compromise.

I'm also very pleased that so many organizations from across the political spectrum have voiced support for the bill. Additionally, I want to express my appreciation to Chairman Goodlatte and Ranking Member Conyers for introducing companion legislation in the other body.

We plan to hold a hearing and mark up the bill after we return from recess.

Separately, I believe we can have a voice vote on the nominee Edward Gilmore to be a Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois.

I'll now recognize Senator Leahy and any others wishing to speak.