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Today, we have a Substitute Amendment that incorporates all the changes we have agreed to make during the course of this extended markup, as well as a third Managers' Amendment, as we continue to accommodate concerns. I understand that Senators may have further amendments to offer. I remind Senators, however, that we have been working on this matter for more than four weeks. Our agenda includes a number of other important matters that we will consider when we complete our work on the Patent Reform Act. I would like to commend the House Judiciary Committee for making progress on a bipartisan patent reform bill similar to the one we are considering today. The House Committee reported out its bill yesterday with broad support. I hope this Committee can make similar progress today. So let us move through the amendments and on to the rest of our agenda.

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