

Statement of Chairman Patrick Leahy
Senate Judiciary Committee
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This morning we have 16 of the President's nominees on the agenda for consideration. I hope we can make real progress. I have sought to respect home state Senators, Democrats and Republicans, with respect to judicial nominees within their states. I appreciate Senator Collins' support for the Kayatta nomination, for example. In fact both home state Senators for all of the judicial nominees on the agenda have indicated their support. We can act on all of these nominations today without further delay.

Last week we held a hearing on gun violence. Next week we hold a hearing on comprehensive immigration reform and another on gun violence. We have much to do. I would like us to be meeting on gun violence legislative proposals by the end of the month and then proceed to comprehensive immigration reform.

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