



January 15, 2026

## RESULTS OF EXECUTIVE BUSINESS MEETING

U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary

**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Location:** Hart Senate Office Building Room 216

### AGENDA

#### I. NOMINEES

- a. **Daniel E. Burrows**, to be an Assistant Attorney General

Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote

**12-10**

**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody

**Nay:** Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)

- b. **Megan Blair Benton**, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri

Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote

**12-10**

**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody

**Nay:** Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)

- c. **David Clay Fowlkes**, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas

Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote

**14-8**

**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody, Durbin, Whitehouse

**Nay:** Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)

- d. **Nicholas Jon Ganjei**, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas  
Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote  
**12-10**  
**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody  
**Nay:** Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)
- e. **Brian Charles Lea**, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee  
Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote  
**12-10**  
**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody  
**Nay:** Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)
- f. **Justin R. Olson**, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana  
Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote  
**12-10**  
**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody  
**Nay:** Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)
- g. **Aaron Christian Peterson**, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska  
Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote  
**14-8**  
**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody, Durbin, Whitehouse  
**Nay:** Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)
- h. **Andrew Benson**, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine  
Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote  
**19-3**  
**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody, Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy)  
**Nay:** Blumenthal (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)

- i. **William Boyle**, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina  
Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote  
**12-10**  
**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody  
**Nay:** Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)
  
- j. **Kevin Holmes**, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas  
Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote  
**12-10**  
**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody  
**Nay:** Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)
  
- k. **Brian David Miller**, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania  
Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote  
**12-10**  
**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody  
**Nay:** Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)
  
- l. **Richard Price**, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri  
Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote  
**12-10**  
**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody  
**Nay:** Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)
  
- m. **Darin Smith**, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming  
Ordered reported favorably: Roll Call Vote  
**12-10**  
**Aye:** Grassley, Graham, Cornyn, Lee, Cruz, Hawley, Tillis, Kennedy, Blackburn, Schmitt, Britt, Moody  
**Nay:** Durbin, Whitehouse, Klobuchar (Proxy), Coons (Proxy), Blumenthal (Proxy), Hirono (Proxy), Booker (Proxy), Padilla (Proxy), Welch (Proxy), Schiff (Proxy)

## II. LEGISLATION

- a. **S. 2132, CLEAR Path Act** (Cornyn, Welch, Whitehouse)  
Ordered reported favorably in the nature of a substitute: Voice Vote

**Cornyn Amendment HEN26020 (Managers')**  
Adopted: Unanimous Consent Vote

**SENT 01/15/2026 AT 05:18:01 PM**