

Opening Statement of Chairman Thomas R. Carper
Business Meeting
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The committee will come to order. My thanks to my colleagues for joining me to help complete what I anticipate will be a quick but important business meeting.

Today, we will consider three nominations and four pieces of legislation. Two of the bills on our agenda address longstanding transparency and management challenges faced by federal agencies. They also represent bi-partisan progress on two of our Ranking Member's longstanding legislative priorities. I'm pleased that we can get together this morning to consider and move these items on a day when he's unable to join us.

Senator Johnson is filling in for Dr. Coburn today. Before I turn to the first item on our agenda – the nomination of William Nooter to be an Associate Judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia – I'll recognize him for any opening comments he would like to make.