
From: Grindler, Gary (OAG)
To: **Attorney General**
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Subject: FW: further update re: Nominations --
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From: Weich, Ron (SMO)
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2011 5:21 PM
To: Grindler, Gary (OAG); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); O'Neil, David (ODAG); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Richardson, Margaret (SMO); Delery, Stuart F. (OAG)
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Grassley's staff had two objections to the Leahy letter. First, they thought the first paragraph did not make clear that Grassley himself would receive documents and access to documents; they don't want to have to ask Leahy for copies of documents sent to the chairman. Since our standard practice is to send all documents (and invitations to view documents) to chairs and RMMs simultaneously, this was an easy concern to address. Bruce Cohen and I worked out a revised version (attached), and Grassley's guy seems OK with it.

Second, they object to Leahy's ♦conditioning♦ language on the ground that it was not previously discussed and (they say) changes the sequence of events. Leahy is sticking firm to his position - he says if Grassley does not intend to block the up/down votes he has nothing to worry about. This appears to be the last sticking point. DP

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The letter Leahy showed Grassley is attached. They took out the argumentative sentence.

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Yes, just a short time ago. In brief, Leahy showed Grassley the letter. Grassley said it looked OK to him but needed to talk to his staff. The Grassley staff is telling the Leahy staff it is inadequate. I am about to talk to both sides to understand the Grassley staff's objection. More soon.

From: Grindler, Gary (OAG)
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Any word?