

**Opening Statement**  
**Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee**  
**Business Meeting**

Chairman Joe Lieberman  
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Good morning and welcome to today's business meeting. This morning we have a full agenda: eleven pieces of legislation, three nominations, and four postal naming bills. So I'd like to get the ball rolling.

At the top of the agenda is the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2008. I joined Senator Carper in introducing this bill which will greatly improve the federal government's ability to protect itself from cyber attacks.

We also have three excellent nominees on our agenda today. Ruth Goldway has served as Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for two terms starting in 1998. This is her third nomination to the post and I plan to support her appointment, which would expire in November 2014.

Carol Pope is nominated to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) through July 2009. Before her nomination in 1999, she filled three high level positions at FLRA. Thomas Beck is also nominated to be a Member of the FLRA through July 2010. Mr. Beck has long been involved with labor law and is a Partner at the Jones Day law firm in DC. I believe that Ms. Pope and Mr. Beck will serve the FLRA honorably I will support both of their nominations.

Unless Senator Collins has a statement, let's get down to work.