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**From:** Cole, James (ODAG)  
**To:** Attorney General (OAG)  
**Sent:** 8/30/2011 2:08:36 PM  
**Subject:** RE: congressional calls re Melson/Burke etc --

I don't want to jinx it, but it really is astounding that the plan worked -- so far.

Jim

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**From:** Attorney General (OAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2011 2:08 PM  
**To:** Cole, James (ODAG)  
**Subject:** RE: congressional calls re Melson/Burke etc --

Went well- so far

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**From:** Cole, James (ODAG)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2011 2:06 PM  
**To:** Weich, Ron (SMO); Attorney General (OAG); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Grindler, Gary (OAG); Delery, Stuart F. (OAG); Perrelli, Thomas J. (OAAG); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); O'Neil, David (ODAG); Reich, Steven (ODAG)  
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I talked to him this morning. He is fine with this arrangement.

Jim

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**From:** Weich, Ron (SMO)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2011 1:54 PM  
**To:** Attorney General (OAG); Schmalzer, Tracy (SMO); Grindler, Gary (OAG); Cole, James (ODAG); Delery, Stuart F. (OAG); Perrelli, Thomas J. (OAAG); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); O'Neil, David (ODAG); Reich, Steven (ODAG)  
**Subject:** Re: congressional calls re Melson/Burke etc --

One congressional update: Durbin's staff called to ask about the impact of all this on Traver and whether the appointment of Jones signals abandonment of Traver. I said Traver remains the nominee and we hope he will eventually be confirmed. Durbin's staff may reach out to Traver -- I assume someone in ODAG has called him already as we discussed,

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**From:** Weich, Ron (SMO)  
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**Subject:** RE: congressional calls re Melson/Burke etc --

I have now conveyed the news about Burke to Kyl and McCain staff, and JMD has placed calls to Approps committees. So all congressional calls have been completed.

I have offered phone calls with the AG to Issa, Cummings, Leahy and Grassley. Leahy is focused on VT floods so does not need to talk, and Issa does not want to talk this week. No word yet from Grassley or Cummings.

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**From:** Attorney General (OAG)  
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**From:** Weich, Ron (SMO)  
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**To:** Schmaler, Tracy (SMO); **Attorney General** (OAG); Grindler, Gary (OAG); Cole, James (ODAG); Delery, Stuart F. (OAG); Perrelli, Thomas J. (OAAG); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); O'Neil, David (ODAG)  
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I have now spoken to the Grassley staff, and also to staff for House Judiciary.

The Issa staff has gotten back to me to say that Issa does not need to talk to the AG this week, but that he would like to meet with the AG after Labor Day. **DP**. No other takers yet for AG calls.

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**From:** Schmaler, Tracy (SMO)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 30, 2011 12:01 PM  
**To:** Weich, Ron (SMO); **Attorney General** (OAG); Grindler, Gary (OAG); Cole, James (ODAG); Delery, Stuart F. (OAG); Perrelli, Thomas J. (OAAG); Goldberg, Stuart (ODAG); O'Neil, David (ODAG)  
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The release just went out on Ken and Todd.

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**From:** Weich, Ron (SMO)  
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I have now spoken to staffers for Sen. Leahy, Chairman Issa and Rep. Cummings. I have left messages for the two key Grassley staffers. So far all staffers have reacted calmly. They seem to have expected the Melson news, but were surprised by the Burke news. I have offered member-level conversations with the Attorney General.

JMD is now calling Approps staffers.

I will call Kyl and McCain staffers closer to 1PM, so as not to preempt Dennis.