

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARING: AG WILLIAM BARR

Catch Marcy's live tweeting of today's Senate Judiciary Committee featuring star witness Attorney General William Barr:

Tweets by emptywheel

I set up a list of folks covering Trump-Russia, most of whom are covering the hearing today:

Rayne's Trump-Russia Twitter list

CourthouseNews' Brandi Buchmann is also covering the hearing today via Twitter:

Tweets by BBuchman_CNS

Background on Barr leading up to today's hearing:

08-JUN-2018 – William Barr sent a (unsolicited-?) 20-page letter(pdf) to the Department of Justice outlining his opinion on the Office of Special Counsel's Trump-Russia investigation and the SCO's questions about obstruction of justice by Trump.

27-JUN-2018 – Barr has a brown bag lunch with DOJ's Office of Legal Counsel (see today's hearing, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse's second round of questions, approx. 3:03 p.m. EDT).

07-NOV-2018 – Jeff Sessions' apparent exit from role at Department of Justice as Attorney General.

07-DEC-2018 – Trump announced he would nominate Barr to succeed Jeff Sessions as Attorney General.

03-JAN-2019 – Trump formalized Barr's nomination.

15-JAN-2019 – Barr appeared for two days

before the Senate Judiciary Committee in nomination hearings.

04-FEB-2019 – Senate Judiciary Committee voted to approve Barr as Attorney General, 12-10 along party lines.

07-FEB-2019 – Senate voted to approve Barr as Attorney General, 54-45 nearly along party lines.

14-FEB-2019 – Barr was sworn in as AG.

05-MAR-2019 – Meeting between Barr and Special Counsel Robert Mueller regarding the SCO investigation.

22-MAR-2019 – Barr decided outcome of the SCO this day (see today's hearing, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse's second round of questions approx. 3:00 p.m. EDT).

24-MAR-2019 – Barr released a 4-page letter summarizing the impending Special Counsel's Office's Trump-Russia investigation report.

27-MAR-2019 – Mueller sent a letter to Barr in which he said Barr's summary "did not fully capture the context, nature, and substance" of the SCO's report.

18-APR-2019 – Trump-Russia investigation report by SCO released to public with redactions by Barr.

30-APR-2019 – March 27 letter from Mueller to Barr reported by Washington Post.

This thread is dedicated to the Barr hearing – please stay on topic.

ADDER: Former FBI director James Comey's op-ed in NYT published today, How Trump Co-opts Leaders like Bill Barr.