

**Opening Statement of Chairman Ron Johnson**  
**Business Meeting, February 6, 2019**

*As prepared for delivery:*

Good morning. I want to formally welcome our new members to the Committee: Senators Mitt Romney from Utah; Rick Scott from Florida; Josh Hawley from Missouri; Kyrsten Sinema from Arizona; and Jacky Rosen from Nevada.

Our three subcommittees will remain the same, but with some changes in leadership: the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations (PSI), chaired by Senator Rob Portman with ranking member Tom Carper; the Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management (FSO), chaired by Rand Paul with ranking member Maggie Hassan; and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management (RAFM), chaired by Senator James Lankford with ranking member Kyrsten Sinema.

This Committee has been known for its bipartisanship, and we have had a great deal of success when members focus on areas of agreement. In the last Congress alone, this Committee approved 108 bills, 47 of which were signed into law by President Trump.

Like any good business, a successful committee must have a clear mission and a clear set of priorities to guide its work. Ours is below. I look forward to working with each of you over the next two years to accomplish our goal of enhancing the economic and national security of America and promoting more efficient, effective, and accountable government.

**Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee**  
**Mission, Values, and Priorities**  
**116<sup>th</sup> Congress**

**Mission:** Enhance the economic and national security of America and promote more efficient, effective, and accountable government.

**Vision Statement:** A committee that continues the bipartisan tradition of identifying, defining, prioritizing, and fixing problems that put America at risk, stifle economic activity, or result in ineffective and inefficient government. Hearings will be used to highlight issues, gain insight, clearly define problems and garner support for legislative solutions.

**Committee Values:** Bipartisan cooperation, respect, integrity, professionalism, excellence.

**Homeland Security Jurisdiction Priorities:**

1. Border security and enforcement.
2. Cybersecurity.
3. Critical infrastructure protection.
4. Countering terrorism and homegrown violent extremism.
5. DHS management and oversight.

**Governmental Affairs Jurisdiction Priorities:**

1. Oversight and investigations.
2. Regulatory reform.
3. Government duplication, waste, fraud and abuse.