

Main takeaways from the nomination hearing for deputy and associate attorney general

Deputy Attorney General nominee Rod Rosenstein declined to commit to appointing a special prosecutor for Russia investigations



Rod Rosenstein (deputy attorney general nominee)

- Would be **acting attorney general** in cases where AG Jeff Sessions has recused himself
- Deputy AG is the **point of contact for the White House** and **oversees the day-to-day operations** of the Department of Justice
- Testified that he **would wait to see** what investigations are in place and content of investigations **before he would decide whether to appoint a special prosecutor**
- **Could not commit** to Sen. Durbin that he would release to American public **if a Russia investigation exists**
- He **could not comment on tobacco industry lawsuit** from the 1990s, but that he believed the ruling, **that companies do not have a 1st amendment right to fraudulent speech**, was correct



Rachel Brand (associate attorney general nominee)

- Has worked as a public servant but also as a litigator for the Chamber of Commerce
- Associate AG **oversees the antitrust and civil divisions**, among others including the **office of violence against women**
- Testified that her previous work would not reflect her commitment to **represent the American public as a public servant**
- **Declined to respond** to Sen. Whitehouse's question of **whether there is a public interest in addressing climate change**

Many Democratic Senators also demanded that **AG Sessions return to the committee** to testify about his response on meeting with Russians