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**Committee:** Senate Judiciary Committee

**Event:** Executive Business Meeting

**Date:** February 26, 2026

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***Member Toplines:***

***Chair Chuck Grassley (R-IA):*** Grassley outlined plans to combine three of the bills — the SAFE Act ([S. 3394](#)), ECCHO Act ([S. 3397](#)), and Stop Sextortion Act ([S. 3398](#)) — into a single legislative package attached to the House-passed Combating Online Predators Act ([H.R. 6719](#)). He emphasized the urgent need for updated federal laws to address rising online harms to minors and highlighted extensive bipartisan collaboration and stakeholder support behind the legislation.

***Ranking Member Richard Durbin (D-IL)***<sup>1</sup>: Durbin praised the bipartisan child safety legislation under consideration and urged the committee to ensure the bills move beyond committee approval to receive floor votes, warning that similar measures have repeatedly stalled despite unanimous support. He called on Senate leadership from both parties to prioritize passage, arguing that protecting children from online exploitation is among the most substantive actions Congress can take.

***Major Takeaways:***

- Grassley offered amendment SIL26236, a manager’s amendment to the Combating Online Predators Act, which included the combined amended text of the Stop Sextortion Act, ECCHO Act, and SAFE Act.
  - The combined legislation was renamed the James T Woods Act.
  - The manager’s amendment was adopted without objection.
- Sens. **Ashley Moody** (R-FL) and Durbin spoke in favor of the bill.
- Sen. **Ted Cruz** (R-TX) was added as a cosponsor to the bill.
- The bill was passed by voice vote.

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<sup>1</sup> Ranking Member Durbin’s opening remarks were not available at the time of this memo’s circulation.