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The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will vote next Wednesday on several EPA nominees whose advancement was temporarily imperiled this week by a fight between EPA and several Republican senators over the Renewable Fuel Standard.

Sen. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) threatened to withhold her vote on EPA's air nominee, William Wehrum, until she received a written guarantee from the Trump administration on key points, forcing EPW leaders to postpone the vote that was scheduled for this week. The agency issued a letter making those promises on Thursday, and Ernst agreed to let the nominees move forward.

Aside from Wehrum, the panel will also vote on Michael Dourson to head EPA's chemicals office, David Ross to run the water office and Matthew Leopold to be general counsel.

The committee will also vote on Jeff Baran's re-nomination to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Paul Trombino to run the Federal Highway Administration.

The vote will take place Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. in Dirksen 406.

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