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Ran into Paul in the elevator and asked him about markup.

"As a result of a huddle we had with Arlen for about an hour on
Monday we decided to try and poll the bill out of the subcommittee,
by getting written consent of the members. We'll also have to poll it out
of the other subcommittee to which it was jointly referred--the subcommittee
on criminal law. That shouldn't be hard, now that we have administration
support and the support of the DA's associaton. The second part of the
strategy is to get as many cosponsors from the full Judiciary Committee as
we can. So Bruce and his sidekicks have begun to talk to their counterparts
on the staffs of the other Senators. The third part of the strategy is to
squelch any possible oppostion from other groups of the sort that usually
get called upon to comment on legislation in this area--the Association of
Policy Chiefs, the Association of State Attorneys General, etc."

"I have dropped everything and I'm devoting all my attention to writing
a report. I'm trying to make it as powerful as I can. It is filled with
facts and figures, testimony from the hearings, statements by everyone from
the President on down. We not only have the anecdotes, we have the generali-
zations. This will be a help when we take the bill to the full committee
and it ought to be pretty much the report that goes to the floor. It will
help at several stages. It will even help Bruce and Kevin to make their
arguments with staff. Whether or not it will help to have this 100page
document I don't know. But it might. And on that chance, I'm spending all my
time on it. In the end what will decide the issue will not be the report but
two things. Is the bill considered good politics? I think it is and it will
be considered to be so. And more important than that will be Arlen Specter's
reputation as a man who knows this field up and down, backwards and forwards.
that's the decisive thing."