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Pat K chaired both the 8:45 and the 9:15 meetings.

On the Arizona immigration law -- Harold noted that AZ [redacted]

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[redacted] Roberta Jacobson added that our conversations with Mexican officials are much more positive today than they were yesterday.

In Hill news, the Judiciary Committee went with the broadest consular notifications category language, i.e. not just limited to the Avena Mexican death row plaintiffs. Rich was skeptical that the bill would get to the floor before the recess. Harold is going to work on possibly [redacted] Separately, Senate Republicans (not including Corker or Isakson) have signed a letter indicating their intent to vote again [redacted]

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[redacted] to be marked up next week instead. Last, Bob Einhorn is appearing today before the HOCR with Treasury and GAO on Iran sanctions implementation.

Rich did note he is kicking around the idea [redacted]

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The Colombia / Venezuela fracas seems to be petering out a bit and we are less concerned than we had been; Roberta reported that we are watching the UNASUR meeting carefully but we anticipate the August 7 inauguration will provide a new chapter opening. Lula is traveling to both Venezuela and Colombia before the inauguration.

Last, the FAA is holding up the public announcement on Mexico until after the Mexican transport secretary visits on Monday.

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