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CONTACTING YOUR LEGISLATOR

Currently the main order of business in the Senate is approving the President's cabinet appointments. The Constitution states that certain appointments are to be made with the advice and consent of the Senate. The two main cabinet appointments which have not yet been approved by the Senate are the Secretary of Education and the Attorney General. If you wish to let your senator know your opinion of those nominated for either of these positions you can call the Congressional Switchboard at [1-866-327-8670](tel:1-866-327-8670) [this is a toll free number]. The call volume is currently so high that you may not be able to get through using the toll free number. Another way of contacting your senator is via email or a telephone number which is not toll free both of which are available at https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

SUPREME COURT & AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

When sixth grader Ehlena Fry who suffers from cerebral palsy entered kindergarten in 2009, the school district (Napoleon Community Schools) denied her the ability to bring her service dog into the school. The district ruled that an adult could perform the tasks with which the dog helped her. The dog which was trained to open doors and pick up items, among other things, was designed to give her a measure of independence so she would not have to rely on others to help. The family is seeking monetary damages from the school rather than pursuing a lengthy administrative remedy process. Although the school eventually allowed her to bring the dog to school after two and a half years, they placed so many restrictions on the dog that Ehlena's parents decided to homeschool her. The family later located a school which allowed her to have the dog at the school. At issue is whether the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) which would allow the dog to accompany her to school or whether

the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which would allow the family to sue the school would take precedence. A ruling on the matter is expected later this year.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

A generic version of the EpiPen has recently become available. Since this is the delivery system rather than the drug, this gets around patent protection.

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