

U.S. Sen. Jon Husted named to 4 committees, vows to back Trump agenda

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WASHINGTON, D. C. - Ohio's newest U.S. Senator has been assigned to serve on four committees and says he's eager to start work supporting President Donald Trump's agenda.

Former Lt. Gov. Jon Husted, a Columbus-area Republican [who was sworn in last week](#) as Vice President JD Vance's Senate replacement, has been named to serve on the U.S. [Senate's Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship](#), its Committee on [Health, Education, Labor and Pensions](#), its Committee on [Environment and Public Works](#), and its [Special Committee on Aging](#), an aide said.

In a Wednesday [interview with conservative radio host Bob Frantz](#), Husted said he's been scrambling to hire staff, get office space, and continue to serve the public.

"I'm here because Donald Trump won and JD Vance won, and that people expect me to support the America first agenda, and that's what I'm going to do," Husted told Frantz, pledging he'll vote to confirm all the nominees Trump has forwarded to the Senate for confirmation.

Husted has done that so far. For instance, he was among the Republican Senators who voted to approved the nomination of Pete Hesgeth, Trump's nominee for Defense secretary. Three Republicans broke with the party, forcing Vance to cast the tie-breaking vote.

He said the Small Business Committee is scheduled to have a confirmation hearing on Wednesday with former U.S. Sen. Kelly Loeffler of Georgia, who Trump has nominated to head the [Small Business Administration](#).

On Thursday, the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee is scheduled to hear from Trump's nominee to head the [Department of Health and Human Services](#), Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., whose views on the [value of vaccinations](#) and recent alliance with the Democratic party has made his confirmation less certain than Loeffler's.

He said he plans to use his questioning to ask Kennedy what he intends to do if he's confirmed to the job, and what success will look like if he heads the agency for the next four years.

"How will America be different when you're done?" said Husted. "What will your priorities be?"

Husted said he'll bring the priorities he had as a longtime officeholder in Ohio to the U.S. Senate and try to enact laws to address immigration and inflation. Addressing high energy costs will help reduce inflation, Husted told Frantz.

He said the nation has "too much regulation standing in the way of how we generate our energy, how we fuel our cars, all of these kinds of energy related problems that America had under the Biden administration. That's one of the things will be my agenda here to fix."

He said Ohio's growing manufacturing sector and data centers all need electricity, and it's also important to keep energy prices low for consumers. He advocates removing "bureaucracy" and "regulations" to facilitate energy production.

"Those are a couple things that will be on my agenda," he said.