

# Claim

Claim: "Majority Leader John Thune blocked Senator Adam Schiff's committee assignments because of his past work in the Russia investigation over Donald Trump."

## Actions

```
web_search("John Thune Adam Schiff committee assignments")
web_search("John Thune blocks Adam Schiff committee assignments Russia")
```

## Evidence

### Evidence from web\_search

The article from ACEC.org discusses the Senate committee assignments for the 119th Congress and mentions that Senator Adam Schiff (D-CA) was assigned to the Finance



Committee ( ). The document from torreydc.com lists the Senate Committee Assignments for the 119th Congress, with Adam Schiff listed as a member of the Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, the Environment and Public Works Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee. John Thune is listed as a member of the Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee, the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, and the Finance Committee. The document does not mention any blocking of committee assignments. The document from hklaw.com lists the committee assignments for the House of Representatives and the Senate for the 118th Congress. Adam Schiff is listed as a member of the House Committee on the Judiciary, and John Thune is listed as a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The sources are: [ACEC.org](https://www.acec.org), [torreydc.com](https://torreydc.com), and [hklaw.com](https://hklaw.com).

### Evidence from web\_search

From [Source](#): Content: The Associated Press published an article about Adam Schiff, mentioning his role as the lead impeachment prosecutor against Donald Trump. [image:i](#) The article states that Schiff has been a frequent target of conservatives since the then GOP-led House Intelligence Committee started investigating Trump's ties to Russia in the 2016 election.

## Elaboration

The evidence indicates that Adam Schiff was assigned to various committees in the Senate. However, the provided sources do not mention John Thune blocking any of Schiff's committee assignments. The AP article mentions Schiff's role in the Russia investigation and his frequent targeting by conservatives.

The claim cannot be verified with the provided evidence. The evidence does not provide

information about John Thune's actions regarding Adam Schiff's committee assignments.

## Actions

```
web_search("John Thune statement Adam Schiff committee assignments")
```

## Evidence

No new evidence found.

## Elaboration

The evidence does not support the claim. The search results do not mention John Thune blocking Adam Schiff's committee assignments. The evidence does mention Schiff's involvement in the Russia investigation.

To verify the claim, information is missing about John Thune's role in assigning or blocking committee assignments for Adam Schiff.

## Actions

```
web_search("Adam Schiff committee assignments blocked")
web_search("John Thune statement on Adam Schiff committee assignments")
```

## Evidence

### Evidence from `web_search`

The CNN article (<https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/24/politics/mccarthy-democrats-schiff-swalwell-intelligence-committee>) and the NPR article (<https://www.npr.org/2023/01/25/1151335616/mccarthy-democrats-schiff-swalwell-intelligence-committee-assignments>) report that House Speaker Kevin McCarthy blocked Adam Schiff from the House Intelligence Committee, citing Schiff's role in the impeachments of former President Donald Trump. The PBS article (<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/republican-led-house-poised-to-censure-schiff-over-trump-russia-investigations>) also mentions



McCarthy's action. None of these sources mention John Thune. [image:i](#),



## Elaboration

The evidence indicates that Kevin McCarthy, not John Thune, blocked Adam Schiff from a

House committee. The provided sources do not support the claim that John Thune blocked Schiff's committee assignments.

## Final Judgement

The search results show that Kevin McCarthy, not John Thune, blocked Adam Schiff from a House committee. The provided sources do not support the claim that John Thune blocked Schiff's committee assignments.

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The claim is false. While Adam Schiff faced committee assignment issues, the evidence indicates that House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, not Majority Leader John Thune, was responsible for blocking Schiff from a House committee, as reported by [CNN](#) and [NPR](#).