

Controversial Trump Judicial Nominee in Peril of Senate Defeat

NBC News is **reporting** that a controversial judicial nominee is in danger of being derailed in the U.S. Senate because of objections over his past work defending state laws viewed as discriminatory and senate leadership's refusal to vote on legislation aimed at protecting special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

NBC reporters Leigh Ann Caldwell and Frank Thorp V explain: "Thomas Farr, President Donald Trump's nominee to be a U.S. District Court judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, has come under fire because of his work on cases that Democrats say have disenfranchised African Americans from voting. That issue has at least one GOP senator, Tim Scott of South Carolina, undecided on whether to support Farr's confirmation."

And Republican Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona is blocking all judicial nominees, including Farr's, until GOP leaders agree to hold a vote on a bill to put up guardrails against any threat of Trump firing special counsel Robert Mueller.

Read the NBC News article.