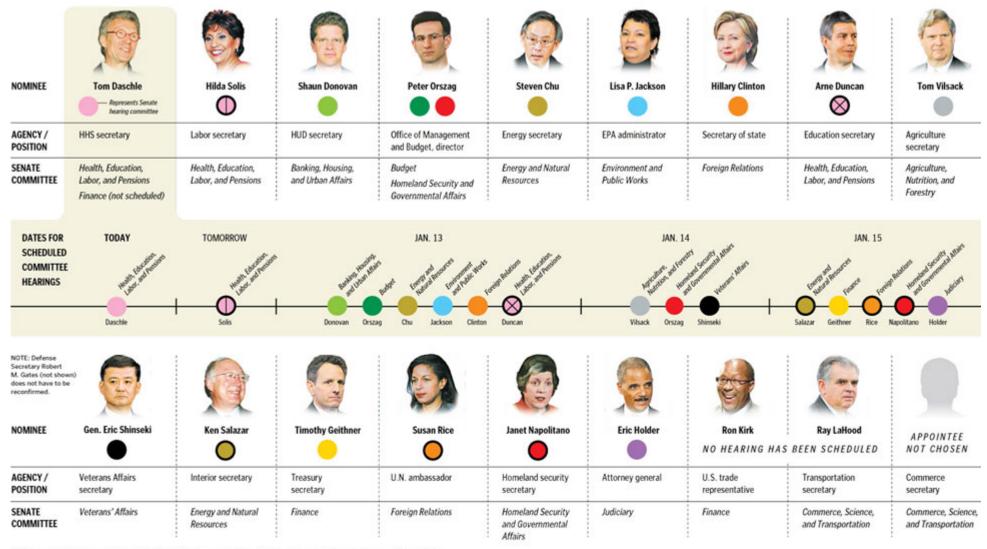
The Road to the Cabinet

Senate confirmation hearings for President-elect Barack Obama's Cabinet begin today, the first part of a three-step process that nominees must go through to serve in the administration. The committees will then vote on specific nominees, sending confirmations to the full Senate for approval.



Other positions within the Cabinet agencies that will need Senate confirmation

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