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# Trenton To English Translation: “Timely” and “Expedited”

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Senate Judiciary Chairman Nicholas Scutari Says That Governor Christie’s Supreme Court Nominees Will Not Have Hearings “Any Time Soon,” Which Seems To Contradict Senator Sweeney’s Promise Of A “Timely” And “Expedited” Confirmation Process

## TRADITIONAL USE:

timely  
*adjective*

1. Coming early or at the right time
2. Appropriate or adapted to the times or the occasion

## TRENTON TRANSLATION:

timely  
*adjective*

1. Coming after months of delay and political posturing
2. “No time soon”

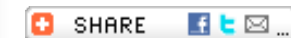
## EXAMPLES

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- “Although the governor called on the state Senate to take up the nominations as soon as possible, Scutari said the hearings would begin ‘no time soon.’” (Christopher Baxter, “N.J. senator: State Supreme Court nominee's confirmation chances 'jeopardized' by legal issues,” Star-Ledger, 1/31/12)
- Sweeney “agreed the Senate would hold timely hearings when Christie makes nominations to permanently replace Wallace, as well as Justice Virginia Long, who also faces mandatory retirement in 2012.” (Maya Rao, “Sweeney, Christie End Impasse Over N.J. Supreme Court Nomination,” Philadelphia Inquirer, 5/3/11)

#### TRADITIONAL USE:

expedited

*verb*

1. To execute promptly
2. To accelerate the process or progress of

#### TRENTON TRANSLATION:

expedited

*verb*

1. To delay for delay's sake
2. To slow down a process for political expediency, as in: State Supreme Court Justice Anne Patterson's expedited confirmation process took 420 days.

#### EXAMPLE

- “As part of the agreement, the Senate President agreed to provide the same expedited process in 2012, holding hearings for Christie's nominees in sufficient time to have them seated by March of 2012, if confirmed.” (Kevin McArdle, “Diversity And NJ's Supreme Court,” NJ 101.5, 11/3/11)

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