

Frances Perkins as the first female Cabinet member during the history of our country.

She served for 12 years as Secretary of Labor. She repeatedly—and I speak from experience—demonstrated the wisdom of President Roosevelt's action. Her constructive career made it easier for other women who have subsequently served in the Cabinet.

Mrs. O'Connor, I wish you well, not only during these hearings and the Senate confirmation vote but during the challenging, perplexing years ahead. You will be called on to make many difficult decisions but I am confident you will approach them with a spirit of fairness, justice, and equity.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. The U.S. House delegation in the Congress is represented today by two of its Members. I shall now call upon them: the first, Congressman Udall.

STATEMENT OF HON. MORRIS K. UDALL, A MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA

Congressman UDALL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I have a short statement to which I have attached a newspaper column that I wrote expressing my strong support for this nominee, and I would ask that it be put in the record.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, that will be done.

Congressman UDALL. I will be very brief.

Those arranging for Judge O'Connor's hearings today asked me if I would testify and I said—the old cloakroom cliché—"I will testify for or against, whichever would do the most good." [Laughter.]

Apparently, it was decided that my appearance might help, and I hope that is correct. I will try to get Senator Kennedy and Senator Metzbaum and some of my old allies in the proper frame of mind to vote on this nomination. [Laughter.]

There is an old story about Woodrow Wilson, the last year of his life. Nobody had seen him; it was rumored that he was dead; arguments were made that his wife was really running the country. A group of old Senators demanded to see for themselves his condition. They had opposed Wilson on most things, including the League of Nations.

They were shown to the sickroom, and the leader of the delegation said, "Mr. President, we want you to know that the entire Senate is praying for you," and he said, "Which way, Senator, which way?" [Laughter.]

Therefore, all of us in Arizona are praying for Judge O'Connor. We think it is a good appointment. She has a great judicial temperament. She can be tough but she is gentle. She clearly is conservative but she never has placed partisan political values before justice, and those who practice in her court describe her as a practical, conscientious, fair, open-minded judge.

Mr. Chairman, you will make no mistake in confirming the President's nomination of Judge O'Connor, and I strongly urge that course upon you.

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