

## MR. JUSTICE BUTLER

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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1939

Present: The CHIEF JUSTICE, MR. JUSTICE McREYNOLDS, MR. JUSTICE STONE, MR. JUSTICE ROBERTS, MR. JUSTICE BLACK, MR. JUSTICE REED, MR. JUSTICE FRANKFURTER, and MR. JUSTICE DOUGLAS.

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The CHIEF JUSTICE said:

"It is my sad duty to announce the passing, early this morning, of our brother, Mr. Justice Pierce Butler. After a long and distinguished career at the Minnesota Bar, he was appointed Associate Justice of this Court and took his seat in January 1923. Trained in the exacting school of a most active professional practice, Pierce Butler brought to this Court not only his learning in the law, but a rich store of practical experience. His fidelity, his courage and forthrightness, which were his outstanding characteristics, made him a doughty warrior for his convictions, and he served the Court with great ability and indefatigable industry and an unwavering loyalty to its traditions and to his lofty conception of its function in preserving our constitutional heritage.

"The funeral services in Washington will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock at Saint Matthew's Cathedral, and the Court will attend. A committee of the Court composed of Mr. Justice McReynolds, Mr. Justice Stone, and Mr. Justice Roberts will attend the services to be held in St. Paul.

"As a further token of respect for the memory of our brother, the Court, immediately upon the conclusion of the hearing in the case now on argument, in which counsel from the Pacific coast are engaged, will adjourn until Wednesday, November 22 next, at noon."

