

But a good judge is more than just a good lawyer. Those who know Judge Winmill say he is a family oriented man dedicated to the youth of his community.

His commitment to kids tells me a lot about his character and that he will be a fair, responsible judge. He invites elementary and junior high school classes to this courtroom for field trips, and the presides over mock trials with the students as lawyers, witnesses, and jurors. He then discusses with them the students' responsibilities as citizens.

Judge Winmill's dedication to youth extends to other areas as well. He was a Boy Scout troop leader for 4 years, and every one—I repeat, every one—of his scouts became an Eagle scout. As a coach of youth basketball and soccer teams, he teaches that sports is a metaphor of life, that you win some, and you lose some, but you must always be and play your best. It is no surprise his teams included two State champions.

Coaching from the sidelines bench has prepared him well for the courtroom bench.

For 2½ years, the State of Idaho has been with the need to fill this vacancy, and Senator CRAIG and I pledged that when the President provided us with a candidate who had the credentials that would fill the needs we would move in full expeditious fashion to see the confirmation. We will have in Judge Winmill that individual who comes to us with the highest of accolades throughout the State of Idaho, both from the judicial community and from the legal community, as well as the community of citizens, active with youth programs, who realize that Lynn Winmill is one of those members of the community they are willing to put their faith into in this type of a lifetime appointment.

So I appreciate the efforts of Senator CRAIG, working with us on this project, but also I wish to express to the Senate majority leader, Senator DOLE, my appreciation for his diligence to ensure that we would see the confirmation of Judge Winmill before we go into recess.

I thank the Senator, and I thank the other Members of the Senate, and Idaho thanks you because this is the right man for the job in that judgeship at the right time, and this will be welcome news in the State of Idaho.

THE NOMINATION OF JOHN GARAMENDI

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I am pleased that President Clinton nominated Californian John Garamendi for the position of Deputy Secretary at the Department of Interior. I strongly support Mr. Garamendi's nomination and am confident that the Senate will confirm him with the same bipartisan approval he garnered in the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee where his nomination passed, 20-0. Mr. Garamendi will bring his unique experiences to the Department of Interior at a time when many of our public land policies are being reformed and challenged.

John Garamendi is a fourth-generation rancher whose family has been involved in cattle ranching and mining since the 1860's. John and his wife Patti own and operate their own ranch in Paloma, CA, and understand the many decisions that ranchers face. He understands the impacts that his decisions as Deputy Secretary of Interior would have on our public lands, resources, and the people who manage them.

John Garamendi began his career in public service in 1972 as a member of the Calveras County Farm Bureau. After 2 years on the bureau, John ran successfully for a seat in the California State Assembly and 2 years later ran for a seat in the California State Senate where he served until 1990. In 1991, Mr. Garamendi became California's first elected insurance commissioner and chose not to run again at the end of his term early this year.

I believe he clearly understands the difficulties facing our Nation today in managing our land and resources. In his statement to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee he identified the two, seemingly contradictory, experiences that the Department of Interior works to bring together; " * * * the necessity of using the land and its resources to provide for my family; on the other hand, President Theodore Roosevelt's challenge to conserve the land and pass it on in better shape than when I found it."

Mr. President, I strongly urge the confirmation of John Garamendi for Deputy Secretary of Interior.

NOMINATION OF WILLIAM K. SESSIONS III

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, when I recommended Bill Sessions to the President in March, I described him as a respected lawyer from Middlebury with a wide range of legal experience. He has distinguished himself by his contributions to the community and by his participation in efforts to improve our justice system. I have great confidence that Bill Sessions will be a fair, thoughtful and conscientious addition to the Federal bench in Vermont.

Vermont is blessed with a very talented bench and bar and making a recommendation among them was difficult. In the end, I relied on the standard I have cited for years: I recommended the person that I believe any litigant on any issue can be assured will provide a fair and judicious hearing and a common sense determination of disputes and problems.

Bill's integrity and fairness are impeccable. He will be concerned with applying the laws fairly and with how the Federal courts and Federal laws affect people.

I have known and admired Bill Sessions for a number of years. He is a devoted father and husband. He is involved in the community. His legal work is outstanding. I know of his involvement in the bar in a number of

positions, including with the rule of law project of the Vermont Bar Association and the civil justice reform project for the Vermont district court.

Bill graduated from Middlebury College and received his law degree with honors from George Washington University. He served as Addison County public defender as well as the executive director of the Addison County Youth Services Bureau. He has served as an adjunct professor at Vermont Law School, where he received the Phi Delta Phi Academic Excellence Award in 1982. He has been engaged in the private practice of law for the past 17 years, most recently with the firm of Sessions, Keiner, Dumont & Barnes. He has handled a wide variety of matters, in particular complex criminal and related civil matters in both Federal and State court, and has tremendous trial experience. The ABA gave this nominee its highest rating.

I was struck during his confirmation hearings last year when Justice Breyer spoke so eloquently about the Constitution and its guarantees of individual dignity. I believe that Bill Sessions has spent his professional life working to uphold human dignity.

I am convinced that Bill Sessions will always remember the effects that his decisions will have on real people—people who may not be powerful or well-connected. He has demonstrated that he has not only mastered the complexities of the law but its meaning. I feel sure that he will do his utmost to see that the decisions of the U.S. district court in Vermont reflect both the letter and the spirit of law. He will make an outstanding Judge.

I am pleased that the President's nomination of Bill Sessions has drawn praise from a number of quarters, ranging from law enforcement officers including the U.S. Attorney, the U.S. Marshal and States attorneys, to State and Federal judges including Judges Billings, Parker, and Davenport. Indeed, the Judiciary Committee received a number of letters in support of this nomination. I would, in particular, like to mention the letters from Doug Richards, the chair of the Vermont Judicial Nominating Advisory Commission; Susanne Young, a Vermont assistant attorney general; Peter Hall, a former first assistant and acting U.S. attorney; and Charles Caruso, a former acting U.S. attorney.

I have every confidence that Bill Sessions will make an outstanding Federal judge, who will be just, practical and hardworking on behalf of the people of Vermont. I have every confidence that once confirmed he will successfully resist the pressures to become cloistered away from the world. I think that his strong involvement with his vibrant family and his community will help protect him. I doubt that Abi, Hannah, Myra and Jonathan are going to allow him to lose touch.

Vermont is the only State in the Union to have only one full-time Federal judge currently. Since Judge

Parker was confirmed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit last year and Judge Billings assumed senior status. Vermont has been without its complement of two U.S. District Court judges. Vermont deserves to have its Federal judges considered, confirmed and in place ready to rule on important matters.

I thank the President for nominating Bill Sessions and thank my colleagues for expediting his confirmation. I commend them all for recognizing the merit of this extraordinary nominee.

NOMINATION OF JILL L. LONG

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I strongly support the nomination of Jill Long to be the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Economic and Community Development. As chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, I successfully urged my colleagues on that committee to support my fellow Hoosier for this key position. The committee approved her nomination by a unanimous voice vote on August 9.

Many Senators have worked with Jill as a respected and valued colleague on the House Agriculture Committee. She served on that committee with distinction from the time of her election to Congress in 1989.

Jill Long was raised on a grain and dairy farm in Whitley County, Indiana. Her active involvement in helping to manage the farm continued through the difficult period of the 1980s.

At the same time, she began her public service in 1983 on the Valparaiso City Council. She has a distinguished teaching career at Valparaiso University, Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne, and Indiana University in Bloomington.

The nominee has had a long interest in rural development issues. During her chairmanship of the Congressional Rural Caucus, that group's membership more than doubled. She has a reputation for approaching issues thoughtfully and with common sense.

Although we are of different parties, we have often worked together in a bipartisan way on issues that affected our State. Last year, we joined in promoting legislation to roll back unnecessary and intrusive federal environmental regulations that, in effect, treated soybean oil as the equivalent of toxic petroleum oil.

The agencies and programs Ms. Long will oversee are important to rural America's future. We must consolidate an array of existing programs into a more coherent economic development effort. The Agriculture Committee voted to do precisely that when it approved a rural development title for the 1995 farm bill last month.

The nominee will need both creativity and perseverance to manage effectively her substantial portfolio at USDA. She will need to set priorities and identify opportunities. She must decisively correct problems and insist on efficient management. She will need to provide focus to a part of USDA that

is very important—but suffers from a lack of clear direction.

I believe Jill Long is well qualified for the position to which she has been nominated. She acquitted herself ably during her confirmation hearing, and I urge Senators to vote in favor of her nomination.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, are we back to legislative session?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate is back in legislative session.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5, 1995

Mr. DOLE. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate reconvene on Tuesday, September 5, at 10 a.m., and that following the prayer the Journal of proceedings be deemed approved to date, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be dispensed with, the morning hour be deemed to have been expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate immediately resume consideration of S. 1026, the DOD authorization bill, under the previous consent agreement.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, the Senate will resume consideration of S. 1026, the DOD authorization bill, with 24 amendments in order. Senators who have amendments are expected to be present to offer and dispose of their amendments. Under a previous consent, a rollcall vote will occur on passage of the DOD appropriations bill on Tuesday, September 5, 1995, which will be the first rollcall vote of the day.

Senators should also be on notice the Senate will remain in session on Tuesday until the DOD authorization bill will be completed. Therefore, a late session can be anticipated.

Also, following the DOD authorization bill, on Wednesday, the Senate will resume consideration of the so-called welfare bill, the Work Opportunity Act of 1995. Therefore, late sessions and votes can be expected throughout the first week after the August recess. I think I can add throughout the month of September.

BLOCKING OF WTO

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, while we are waiting, I would just say I regret the Senator from West Virginia, Senator BYRD, without any notification to me, has chosen to block the WTO legislation, on which I have worked with the administration, which I was promised by the administration if I would support GATT. It was part of the agree-

ment in an effort to gain my support. I kept my word and did, for the President of the United States and, more importantly, for the country.

I was advised, after being told today by the chairman of the Finance Committee that the WTO legislation had been cleared, late this afternoon the Senator from West Virginia, Senator BYRD, as he has a right to do, would not permit it to go forward. At that point, the leader had either the choice to block all the nominees or to do what I have just done. It is unfair to the families to have another 3 or 4 weeks' wait because of an unexpected hold put on legislation, which had been cleared by the committee of jurisdiction, cleared by the minority leader, cleared by the administration, and blocked by someone who I have tried to accommodate at every turn in this Chamber, the Senator from West Virginia, Senator BYRD. That certainly is not right.

I must say, this legislation was very important to me and will remain very important to me. I am disappointed that he chose not to even contact me before taking this action. Now the Senator from North Carolina is here so we can do some treaties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

INCOME TAX CONVENTION WITH
SWEDEN

INCOME TAX CONVENTION WITH
UKRAINE

EXCHANGE OF NOTES DATED AT
WASHINGTON MAY 26 AND JUNE
6, 1995, RELATING TO THE IN-
COME TAX CONVENTION AND
PROTOCOL WITH UKRAINE

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL MODI-
FYING THE INCOME TAX CON-
VENTION WITH MEXICO

INCOME TAX CONVENTION WITH
THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

INCOME TAX CONVENTION AND
PROTOCOL WITH PORTUGAL

REVISED PROTOCOL AMENDING
THE TAX CONVENTION WITH
CANADA

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar Nos. 4 through 10.

I further ask unanimous consent that the treaties be considered as having passed through their various parliamentary stages up to and including the presentation of the resolutions of ratification; that all committee provisions, reservations, understandings, et cetera, be considered agreed to.