

Federal district judge? The answer is, because he currently is one of the five justices on the Arizona Supreme Court, the highest court in the State of Arizona. He is a graduate of Holy Cross, Notre Dame Law School, and has an advanced degree from Harvard, and is an exceptionally fine jurist.

I thank the chairman and members of the committee who unanimously approved him for consideration by the full Senate. I would appreciate the support of the full Senate for his confirmation.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate is considering this afternoon three extremely well-qualified nominees for important positions in the Federal judiciary. I have no doubt that they will do great service for the citizens of this country upon confirmation.

The Honorable William Johnson has been nominated to be a Federal judge in the District of New Mexico. Born and raised in Roanoke, VA, Judge Johnson attended Virginia Military Institute and law school at Washington and Lee University. He began his career practicing law in Houston, TX, and then moved to Roswell, NM, where his practice included commercial litigation, bankruptcy cases, and oil and gas litigation. Since 1995, he has served as a State district judge hearing domestic relations, child support enforcement, civil, criminal, and administrative agency cases. With such wide-ranging judicial experience under his belt, Judge Johnson comes to the Federal bench ready to hit the ground running.

Like Judge Johnson, the Honorable Frederick J. Martone is no stranger to the bench. Justice Martone currently serves on the Supreme Court of Arizona. Before then, he served as a judge on the Superior Court in Maricopa County. Although he has spent his professional life in Arizona, Justice Martone was educated further east: He graduated from Holy Cross College, from Notre Dame Law School, and earned an LL.M. from Harvard Law School. His demonstrated experience and judgment will make him a fine addition to the Federal district court for the District of Arizona.

Clay D. Land, our nominee for the Middle District of Georgia, has had an impressive career blending private practice and public service. Upon graduating *cum laude* from the University of Georgia law school, Mr. Land returned to his home town of Columbus, GA, where he has maintained a successful general civil practice ever since. His legal practice has not dampedened his commitment to public service, however. In 1993, he served as chairman of the Georgia Indigent Defense Council, which is responsible for oversight of the funding and implementation of the State's indigent criminal defense programs. From 1993 to 1994, he served on the Columbus City Council. And from 1995 to 2000, he served as a Georgia State senator.

I want to commend President Bush on his selection of such outstanding candidates for the Federal judiciary. Each of these nominees was unanimously approved by the Judiciary Committee, and I expect that they will receive similar treatment from the full Senate. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting their nominations.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, the nominee is supported by both the Senator from Utah and myself; and we had a unanimous rollcall vote in support of the nominee in the committee. And I strongly urge a unanimous rollcall vote in support of the nominee here.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Frederick J. Martone, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 370 Ex.]
YEAS—97

Akaka	Edwards	McCain
Allard	Ensign	McConnell
Allen	Enzi	Mikulski
Baucus	Feingold	Miller
Bayh	Feinstein	Murkowski
Bennett	Fitzgerald	Nelson (FL)
Biden	Frist	Nelson (NE)
Bingaman	Graham	Nickles
Bond	Gramm	Reed
Boxer	Grassley	Reid
Breaux	Gregg	Roberts
Brownback	Hagel	Rockefeller
Bunning	Harkin	Santorum
Burns	Hatch	Sarbanes
Byrd	Helms	Schumer
Campbell	Hollings	Sessions
Cantwell	Hutchinson	Shelby
Carnahan	Hutchison	Smith (NH)
Carper	Inhofe	Smith (OR)
Chafee	Inouye	Snowe
Cleland	Jeffords	Specter
Clinton	Johnson	Stabenow
Cochran	Kennedy	Stevens
Collins	Kerry	Thomas
Conrad	Kohl	Thompson
Corzine	Kyl	Thurmond
Craig	Landrieu	Torricelli
Crapo	Leahy	Voinovich
Daschle	Levin	Warner
Dayton	Lieberman	Wellstone
DeWine	Lincoln	Wyden
Dodd	Lott	
Dorgan	Lugar	

NOT VOTING—3

Domenici	Durbin	Murray
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The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. LEAHY. I move to reconsider the vote and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, what is next on the agenda?

NOMINATION OF WILLIAM P. JOHNSON, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report Calendar No. 599.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of William P. Johnson, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, have the yeas and nays been ordered?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. They have not.

Mr. LEAHY. I thank the Chair.

Mr. President, I thank the distinguished majority leader, Mr. DASCHLE, and the distinguished deputy majority leader, Mr. REID, who have worked so hard to get these nominations on the calendar so we can vote on them.

William Johnson is the third Federal judge confirmed from New Mexico in just the past few weeks. We expedited the consideration of Christina Armijo in October, who was confirmed last month; likewise, Harris Hartz, President Bush's nominee to the Tenth Circuit from New Mexico. I had a hearing at the end of October, and he was confirmed last week. All three of these nominees came to us with the strong support of both Senator DOMENICI and Senator BINGAMAN.

I mention this because it is so helpful to our committee when the White House takes time to consult with both Senators from the home State and get their support. We got this kind of consensus: When we confirm Mr. Johnson, we are going to fill another judicial emergency vacancy. After that, we are going to another nominee, Clay Land, who has been supported by Senators CLELAND and MILLER. I mention this because if we confirm both these next 2, we will have confirmed 27 Federal judges since July, when I took over the chairmanship, and 6 court of appeals judges.

To put that in perspective, since July, in those 5 months, we have confirmed as many as we confirmed all of the first year of the last President's administration—actually, a lot more judges in the courts of appeals.

Everybody has been working very hard. I also mention to my colleagues, this morning we were finally able to get a quorum in the Judiciary Committee. We had 10 nominations go through, 5 of them judges, 5 other nominations from the Department of Justice, all of which will go now on the calendar.

Mr. REID. Will the Senator yield for a question?

Mr. LEAHY. Of course.

Mr. REID. When did the Senator take over as chairman of the Judiciary Committee?

Mr. LEAHY. I had a fully constituted committee I think it was in late July.

Mr. REID. It is my understanding that following September 11, the Senator and his staff literally worked night and day for how long before the