

primary purpose is to raise funds for enhancing the delivery of services to underprivileged clients.

I applaud the President for nominating Judge Stengel and am confident he has the requisite judicial temperament, integrity, compassion, and legal expertise to serve with distinction on the Federal bench. I urge my colleagues to support his nomination.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont is recognized.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, today, I vote to support Lawrence Stengel to be a United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Judge Stengel has served for more than 13 years as a Judge on the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas, where he has presided over hundreds of civil and criminal cases. In light of his significant judicial experience, it is not surprising that a substantial majority of the American Bar Association found him "Well-Qualified" for a lifetime position on the Federal court.

A look at the Federal judiciary in Pennsylvania demonstrates yet again that President Bush's nominees have been treated far better than President Clinton's and shows dramatically how Democrats have worked in a bipartisan way to fill vacancies, despite the fact that Republicans blocked more than 60 of President Clinton's judicial nominees. With today's confirmation, 18 of President Bush's nominees to the Federal courts in Pennsylvania will have been confirmed, more than for any other State.

With this confirmation, President Bush's nominees will make up 18 of the 43 active Federal circuit and district court judges for Pennsylvania—that is more than 40 percent of the Pennsylvania Federal bench. On the Pennsylvania district courts alone, President Bush's influence is even stronger, as his nominees will hold 15 of the 34 active seats—or more than 44 percent of the current active seats. With the additional Pennsylvania district court nominees pending on the floor and likely to be confirmed soon, nearly half of the district court seats in Pennsylvania will be held by President Bush's appointees. Republican appointees will outnumber Democratic appointees by nearly two to one.

This is in sharp contrast to the way vacancies in Pennsylvania were left unfilled during Republican control of the Senate when President Clinton was in the White House. Although Republicans now decry Democratic filibusters of a mere handful of the most extreme nominees, Republicans denied votes to 10 judicial nominees, 9 district and 1 circuit court nominees of President Clinton in Pennsylvania alone. Despite the efforts and diligence of the senior Senator from Pennsylvania, Senator SPECTER, to secure the confirmation of all of the judicial nominees from every part of his home State, there were 10 nominees by President

Clinton to Pennsylvania vacancies who never got a vote. Despite how well-qualified these nominees were, many of their nominations sat pending before the Senate for more than a year without being considered. Such obstruction provided President Bush with a significant opportunity to reshape the Federal bench and the law.

News articles in Pennsylvania have highlighted the way that President Bush has been able to reshape the Federal bench in Pennsylvania. For example, The Philadelphia Inquirer noted that the significant number of vacancies on the Pennsylvania courts "present Republicans with an opportunity to shape the judicial makeup of the court for years to come." Despite this, I do hope Judge Stengel will be fair to all who come before him.

Madam President, I yield back my time and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is, Shall the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Lawrence F. Stengel, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I announce that the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) is necessarily absent.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) are necessarily absent.

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

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 122 Ex.]

YEAS—97

Akaka	Dodd	Lott
Alexander	Dole	McCain
Allard	Domenici	McConnell
Allen	Dorgan	Mikulski
Baucus	Durbin	Miller
Bayh	Ensign	Murkowski
Bennett	Enzi	Murray
Biden	Feingold	Nelson (FL)
Bingaman	Feinstein	Nelson (NE)
Bond	Fitzgerald	Nickles
Boxer	Frist	Pryor
Breaux	Graham (FL)	Reed
Brownback	Graham (SC)	Reid
Bunning	Grassley	Roberts
Burns	Gregg	Rockefeller
Byrd	Hagel	Santorum
Campbell	Harkin	Sarbanes
Cantwell	Hatch	Schumer
Carper	Hollings	Sessions
Chafee	Hutchison	Shelby
Chambliss	Inhofe	Smith
Clinton	Inouye	Snowe
Cochran	Jeffords	Specter
Coleman	Johnson	Stabenow
Collins	Kennedy	Stevens
Conrad	Kohl	Sununu
Cornyn	Kyl	Talent
Corzine	Landrieu	Thomas
Craig	Lautenberg	Voinovich
Crapo	Leahy	Warner
Daschle	Levin	Wyden
Dayton	Lieberman	
DeWine	Lincoln	

NOT VOTING—3

Edwards

Kerry

Lugar

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF PAUL S. DIAMOND TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Paul S. Diamond, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There will be 2 minutes equally divided on the nomination.

The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, Paul Diamond is a distinguished Philadelphia attorney who holds a bachelor's degree from Columbia magna cum laude, demonstrating an excellent academic background, a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania, 2 years experience in the Philadelphia district attorney's office, a law clerk to a supreme court judge in Pennsylvania, a partner in a very distinguished law firm, Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippiel, for more than a decade, and is currently an adjunct professor at Temple University.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I was tied up in a meeting for the prior vote on Judge Stengel. I have the highest respect for the two gentlemen and urge the confirmation of Judge Diamond.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased today to speak in support of Mr. Paul S. Diamond, who has been nominated to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. He is a fine choice for the Federal bench.

Mr. Diamond received his bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude, from Columbia University, and his juris doctor from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. Following law school, he spent several years working in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office as a Assistant District Attorney. He then served as a law clerk to the Honorable Justice Bruce W. Kauffman of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, now a judge serving on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. At the conclusion of his clerkship, he returned to the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

In 1983, Mr. Diamond joined Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish & Kauffman LLP., as an associate and in 1986, he was made a partner. Paul S. Diamond is currently a partner in the venerable Philadelphia law firm of Obermayer, Rebmann, Maxwell & Hippiel LLP., where he practices in the area of complex criminal and commercial litigation. He is also administrative partner of the firm's litigation department.

Since entering private practice, Mr. Diamond has specialized in the representation of clients in grand jury related litigation throughout the country. In fact, he authored a comprehensive text and several articles on the work of the grand jury. This area of expertise assisted him as he served on the American Bar Association's Grand Jury and Amicus Curiae Briefs Subcommittee where he drafted amicus curiae for the American Bar Association on the novel issue of the propriety of subpoenaing criminal defense attorneys.

In between his many responsibilities, Mr. Diamond has found the time to serve on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's Lawyers' Fund for Client Security Board. This board helps clients recover some or all losses of money and/or property stolen from them by their attorneys.

Mr. Diamond has also received numerous awards and accolades. I am particularly impressed that Mr. Diamond is listed in Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Law and Who's Who Among Emerging Leaders. He also received the ABA's highest rating of unanimously well qualified.

I applaud President Bush for his nomination of Mr. Diamond and am confident that he will serve on the bench with compassion, integrity and fairness.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today the Senate considers the nomination of Paul Diamond to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Diamond has a unanimous rating of "well-qualified" from the American Bar Association and significant experience serving as an assistant district attorney in Philadelphia for 6 years and serving as a litigator in private practice for over 20 years. He is supported by the senior Senator from Pennsylvania, for whom I have great respect.

With the three confirmation votes today, the Senate will now have confirmed 17 judicial nominees this year alone. Seventeen is the total number of judges who were confirmed under Republican leadership in all of 1996. However, in 1996, the first confirmation did not even occur until July.

With these three confirmations today, the Senate will have confirmed a total of 86 judges this Congress and 186 of this President's judicial nominees overall. With 86 judicial confirmations in just a little more than 17 months, the Senate has confirmed more Federal judges than were confirmed during the 2 full years of 1995 and 1996, when Republicans first controlled the Senate and President Clinton was in the White House. It also exceeds the 2-year total at the end of the Clinton administration, when Republicans held the Senate. With 186 total confirmations for President Bush, the

Senate has confirmed more lifetime appointees for this President than were allowed to be confirmed in President Clinton's entire second term, the most recent 4-year presidential term. We have already surpassed the number of judicial appointments won by President Reagan in his entire first term in office.

A look at the Federal judiciary in Pennsylvania demonstrates yet again that President Bush's nominees have been treated far better than President Clinton's and shows dramatically how Democrats have worked in a bipartisan way to fill vacancies, despite the fact that Republicans blocked more than 60 of President Clinton's judicial nominees. With this confirmation, 19 of President Bush's nominees to the Federal courts in Pennsylvania will have been confirmed, more than for any other State.

With this confirmation, President Bush's nominees will make up 19 of the 43 active Federal circuit and district court judges for Pennsylvania. That is more than 40 percent of the Pennsylvania Federal bench. On the Pennsylvania district courts alone, President Bush's influence is even stronger, as his nominees will now hold 16 of the 35 active seats. In other words, nearly half of the district court seats in Pennsylvania will be held by President Bush's appointees. Republican appointees will outnumber Democratic appointees by nearly two to one.

This is in sharp contrast to the way vacancies in Pennsylvania were left unfilled during Republican control of the Senate when President Clinton was in the White House.

Republicans denied votes to ten judicial nominees, nine district and one circuit court nominees of President Clinton in Pennsylvania alone. Despite the efforts and diligence of the senior Senator from Pennsylvania, Mr. SPECTER, to secure the confirmation of all of the judicial nominees from every part of his home State there were 10 nominees by President Clinton to Pennsylvania vacancies who never got a vote. Despite records that showed these to be well-qualified nominees, many of their nominations sat pending before the Senate for more than a year without being considered. Such obstruction provided President Bush with a significant opportunity to shape the bench according to his partisan and ideological goals.

New articles in Pennsylvania have highlighted the way that President Bush has been able to reshape the Federal bench in Pennsylvania. For example, The Philadelphia Inquirer, observed that the significant number of vacancies on the Pennsylvania courts "present Republicans with an opportunity to shape the judicial makeup of the court for years to come."

I would note that the Republican leadership has decided to depart from the order of the executive calendar to confirm Mr. Diamond today rather than Juan Ramon Sanchez, a well-

qualified Hispanic nominee to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District in Pennsylvania. That is their choice. I do not want to see the Democrats blamed for any delay in confirmation of Mr. Sanchez. I support that nomination and believe it will be supported by all Democratic Senators.

I congratulate Mr. Diamond and his family today on his confirmation.

I yield back my time.

I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Paul S. Diamond, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania?

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. I announce that the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) is necessarily absent.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) are 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. 123 Ex.]

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Allard	Domenici	McConnell
Allen	Dorgan	Mikulski
Baucus	Durbin	Miller
Bayh	Ensign	Murkowski
Bennett	Enzi	Murray
Biden	Feingold	Nelson (FL)
Bingaman	Feinstein	Nelson (NE)
Bond	Fitzgerald	Nickles
Boxer	Frist	Pryor
Breaux	Graham (FL)	Reed
Brownback	Graham (SC)	Reid
Bunning	Grassley	Roberts
Burns	Gregg	Rockefeller
Byrd	Hagel	Santorum
Campbell	Harkin	Sarbanes
Cantwell	Hatch	Schumer
Carper	Hollings	Sessions
Chafee	Hutchison	Shelby
Chambliss	Inhofe	Smith
Clinton	Inouye	Snowe
Cochran	Jeffords	Specter
Coleman	Johnson	Stabenow
Collins	Kennedy	Stevens
Conrad	Kohl	Sununu
Cornyn	Kyl	Talent
Corzine	Landrieu	Thomas
Craig	Lautenberg	Voinovich
Crapo	Leahy	Warner
Daschle	Levin	Wyden
Dayton	Lieberman	
DeWine	Lincoln	

#### NOT VOTING—3

Edwards	Kerry	Lugar
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.