

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Amy J. St. Eve, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois?

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF DAVID S. CERONE TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant bill clerk read the nomination of David S. Cerone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of David S. Cerone, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania?

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR., TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The senior assistant bill clerk read the nomination of Morrison C. England, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Morrison C. England, Jr., of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California?

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and that the Senate now return to legislative session.

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

NOMINATION OF RICHARD EVERETT DORR

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise in support of the nomination of Richard Everett Dorr to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri. He is a man who has dedicated large portions of his career to public service, one of the qualities I most admire in a nominee to the bench.

Mr. Dorr attended the University of Illinois at Champaign on a football scholarship. He graduated with a B.S. in Marketing in 1965. In 1968, he graduated with a J.D. from the University of Missouri at Columbia. During the next five years as a Judge Advocate, the nominee regularly appeared as either a prosecutor or defense counsel in criminal cases before Courts-Martial

and Administrative Boards. During this period, Mr. Dorr also served as a legal advisor to Administrative Boards and as a Military Judge. He was also appointed to the Human Relations Council, an Air Force program designed to educate service members on appropriate behavior regarding racial diversity.

Upon returning to private life, Mr. Dorr was an associate at the firm of Mann, Walter, Burkart, Weathers & Walter for 5 years. In this position he practiced general civil law, including real estate, business, domestic relations and general litigation cases. In 1978, he started his own firm, Harrison, Tucker and Dorr and continued his general civil practice. In 1996, Mr. Dorr became the Managing Partner of the Springfield office of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin, a major law firm based out of Kansas City, Missouri. In this new position, he has concentrated on business and commercial litigation.

Mr. Dorr was very active in the establishment of the Southwest Missouri Legal Aid Corporation. He served on its first Board of Directors from 1976 to 1982 and was the Corporation's President from 1978 to 1982. This organization provides legal aid to the poor who normally could not afford for their cases to be heard in a court of law.

Unfortunately, this is Mr. Dorr's second nomination to the federal court. He was nominated by the first President Bush, but he did not receive a hearing.

Throughout his life Mr. Dorr has given back to his community, first in the Air Force, where he championed the cause of human rights, and then by forming an organization that helped those who could not afford access to the courts. Clearly, Mr. Dorr has the character and temperament to be a fair and balanced federal court judge. I urge my colleagues to confirm this most deserving attorney.

NOMINATION OF DAVID GODBEY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise to support the nomination of David Godbey to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

I have had the pleasure of reviewing Mr. Godbey's distinguished legal career, and I have concluded, as did President Bush, that he is a fine jurist who will add a great deal to the Federal bench in Texas.

Mr. Godbey has a terrific record as a civil litigator and as a highly effective state court judge.

Following graduation from Harvard Law School, where he graduated magna cum laude, Judge Godbey clerked for Judge Goldberg of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals for a year, then accepted a job with Hughes & Luce, a Dallas firm, in 1983.

For the next 11 years, he handled civil and commercial litigation in Federal trial and appellate courts in Texas and elsewhere. He accepted criminal appointments and represented clients in commercial arbitration cases. He specialized in technology litigation,

appeals, public-law litigation, and oil and gas matters.

In 1994 Mr. Godbey was elected to a judgeship on the 160th Judicial District Court in Texas. Judge Godbey has handled over 6,500 cases on the bench, including approximately 230 jury trials, and his reversal rate is well below 1 percent.

It is clear that Judge Godbey is well prepared for the Federal district court bench. I know he will make a great judge in the Northern District of Texas.

NOMINATION OF HENRY HUDSON

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Henry E. Hudson's nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Judge Hudson's many accomplishments as a prosecutor, State court judge, and Federal law enforcement officer convince me that he will excel on the federal bench in Virginia.

Upon graduation from American University in 1974, Mr. Hudson worked as Assistant Commonwealth Attorney in Arlington, VA, prosecuting felony and misdemeanor cases. From 1978-1979 he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, where he handled federal criminal case; and from 1980 to 1986 he served as Commonwealth's Attorney for Arlington County.

Mr. Hudson then served as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, gaining substantial supervisory and prosecutorial experience. He headed an office of 70 Assistant U.S. Attorneys and 25 Special Assistants and prosecuted major civil and criminal cases, including "Operation Ill Wind," a federal investigation resulting in the conviction of 54 individuals and 10 corporations for illegally exchanging confidential defense contract bidding information.

Mr. Hudson served as Director of the U.S. Marshals Service from 1992 to 1993, and since 1998 Mr. Hudson has served as Circuit Court Judge for the Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Judge Hudson received an ABA rating of Substantial Majority Well Qualified and Minority Qualified. My support for Judge Hudson's nomination to the Federal bench is unqualified. He will make an excellent federal judge.

NOMINATION OF HENRY HUDSON

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today in support of the nomination of Judge Henry Hudson, who has been nominated to serve as a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Senator ALLEN and I had the honor of recommending Judge Hudson to President Bush for this position, and we have worked closely with Chairman LEAHY, Senator HATCH, and with our leadership to get Judge Hudson's nomination to a confirmation vote.

It is important to note that the Virginia Bar Association "highly recommends" Judge Hudson for this Federal judgeship.