

Some people find that privacy ruling distressing. I think it said: Do you know what. This is a great country because we respect our people. We are not an oppressive government like China. We are not an oppressive government like Romania certainly was. We don't force our people to have children. And we don't force them to have abortions. We trust them to think about what they want to do in such a situation.

I am extremely hopeful that in one moment from now we will have a big vote, a big vote to disagree with what the House did when they callously stripped out the Roe language that Senator HARKIN put in.

I hope it is a big vote. I cannot wait to see the vote because we are going to make sure the Supreme Court understands that we still stand for the life and health of the woman.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time has expired.

Mrs. BOXER. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is on agreeing to the motion to disagree to the House amendment. The clerk will call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I announce that the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) is necessarily absent.

I further announce that the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) is absent because of a death in the family.

I further announce that if present and voting the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) would vote "yea".

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) would vote "yea".

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

The result was announced—yeas 93, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 351 Leg.]

YEAS—93

Akaka	Chambliss	Feingold
Alexander	Clinton	Feinstein
Allard	Cochran	Fitzgerald
Allen	Coleman	Frist
Baucus	Collins	Graham (SC)
Bayh	Conrad	Grassley
Bennett	Cornyn	Gregg
Biden	Corzine	Hagel
Bingaman	Craig	Harkin
Bond	Crapo	Hollings
Boxer	Daschle	Hutchison
Breaux	Dayton	Inhofe
Brownback	DeWine	Inouye
Bunning	Dodd	Jeffords
Burns	Dole	Johnson
Byrd	Domenici	Kennedy
Campbell	Dorgan	Kohl
Cantwell	Durbin	Kyl
Carper	Ensign	Landrieu
Chafee	Enzi	Lautenberg

Leahy	Nelson (NE)	Shelby
Levin	Nickles	Snowe
Lincoln	Pryor	Specter
Lott	Reed	Stabenow
Lugar	Reid	Stevens
McCain	Roberts	Sununu
McConnell	Rockefeller	Talent
Mikulski	Santorum	Thomas
Murkowski	Sarbanes	Voinovich
Murray	Schumer	Warner
Nelson (FL)	Sessions	Wyden

NOT VOTING—7

Edwards	Kerry	Smith
Graham (FL)	Lieberman	
Hatch	Miller	

The motion was agreed to.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mrs. BOXER. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate agrees to the request for a conference.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SANTORUM. Madam President, in the unanimous consent agreement, we now have a series of five votes on judges. I ask unanimous consent that those votes be 10 minutes each in duration.

Mrs. BOXER. Reserving the right to object, and I will not object, except to say I hope the Senate notes we had a 93-to-0 vote in favor of the Harkin amendment on Roe, and we hope our conferees will fight hard to keep that language in this bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mrs. BOXER. I will not object.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF R. DAVID PROCTOR, OF ALABAMA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now go into executive session and consider Executive Calendar No. 352, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of R. David Proctor, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There are 2 minutes of debate equally divided on this nomination.

Who yields time?

The Senator from Alabama.

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam President, I am delighted that David Proctor is moving forward, as I believe three other nominees are from New York. David Proctor was an outstanding student in his undergraduate studies at Carson Newman College. He served on the Law Review at the University of

Tennessee. He was at the top of his class in law school. He clerked for Judge Emory Widener on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

He was a member of one of Alabama's largest and most prestigious law firms, Sirote & Permutt. And then he formed his own firm: Lehr, Middlebrooks, Price & Proctor.

He is a lawyer's lawyer, a practitioner who is in court on a regular basis, a man of great integrity and ability. I believe he is going to be a terrific Federal judge. He wants more than anything to give his life to serving the law. I think he will do that. It is a great honor for me to support his nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Madam President, I support the nominee who has been addressed by the Senator from Alabama.

I yield back the remainder of my time and ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I am pleased today to speak in support of R. David Proctor, who has been nominated to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama.

Mr. Proctor graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1986. Following his graduation, he clerked for the Honorable Emory Widener Jr. on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Mr. Proctor next entered private practice with the law firm of Sirote & Permutt, first as an associate and then as a partner. He left Sirote in 1993 to become a partner at Lehr, Middlebrooks, Price & Proctor, where he currently practices law. He specializes in labor, employment and civil rights law, representing employers and public sector entities ranging from Fortune 500 companies to small businesses. Furthermore, he has authored numerous articles on employment law. In recent years, Mr. Proctor has augmented his litigation practice with mediation.

I would like to share with my colleagues a letter sent to the committee in support of Mr. Proctor's nomination by Alex Newton, a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Hare, Wynn, Newell and Newton. Mr. Newton is a self-described "lifelong active Democrat." He has known Mr. Proctor since the beginning of his legal career and highly recommends him to the bench. He writes that Mr. Proctor has "broad experience . . . as an attorney. He is energetic, personable and blessed with absolute integrity. As a judge, I have no doubt he would rule without being influenced by race, creed, wealth or poverty of the litigant before him. He would serve . . . with distinction."

As this letter attests, Mr. Proctor is an experienced attorney who will be an