

In Judge White's case, we have that record, and it is a great one. Has she been reversed in her 4,000 decisions? Yes. That is why we have appellate courts. But she has never been challenged as far as her reasoning and her fairness and her demeanor. In fact, she has been rated by the American Bar Association as "well-qualified."

One more thing, Mr. President, as to why I strongly support Judge White's confirmation, and that is the manner in which she handled the confirmation hearings. They were not easy hearings. There were tough questions that were asked. She exercised the type of demeanor I want to see in our Federal judges. She exercised the type of response that I think represents the types of qualifications I want to see on our Federal bench. So I am very much supporting her confirmation. I hope she will receive a strong vote on the floor.

I urge my colleagues to support all three of the Michigan judges who are before us for confirmation.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont is recognized.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I appreciate the comments of my colleagues. First, I commend the two Senators from Michigan, who spent years working out this conclusion for these three nominees to be here. I commend Senator LEVIN and Senator STABENOW for working so hard. Senator CARDIN spent so much time at the hearing with me. I appreciate the amount of time he spent there. His words of calm reasoning, but with questions that cut right to the importance of the hearing, were extremely valuable.

If nobody else is seeking recognition, I am going to suggest the absence of a quorum in a moment. So that Senators will understand, at 6:30 I will call off the quorum, and the time will be yielded back on both sides. Then we will go to a rollcall vote on Helene White.

If Judge White is confirmed, as I fully expect she will be, then we will go to the next two judges, but only if she is confirmed. Again, Senator SPECTER and I have both said we expect she will be. We will go to the next two judges, and I don't know of anyone who will require a rollcall vote on those two judges.

With that, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays on the nominee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

Is all time yielded back?

Mr. LEAHY. I am authorized to yield back all time on both sides. I yield back all time on both sides.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time is yielded back. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Helene N. White, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit?

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. KYL. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN).

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

The result was announced—yeas 63, nays 32, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 156 Ex.]

YEAS—63

Akaka	Hagel	Nelson (FL)
Baucus	Harkin	Nelson (NE)
Bayh	Hatch	Pryor
Biden	Inouye	Reed
Bingaman	Isakson	Reid
Boxer	Johnson	Rockefeller
Brown	Kerry	Salazar
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Sanders
Cardin	Kohl	Schumer
Carper	Landrieu	Sessions
Casey	Lautenberg	Shelby
Clinton	Leahy	Smith
Coleman	Levin	Snowe
Collins	Lieberman	Stabenow
Conrad	Lincoln	Stevens
Crapo	Lugar	Tester
Dodd	McCaskill	Voinovich
Dorgan	Menendez	Warner
Durbin	Mikulski	Webb
Feingold	Murkowski	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Murray	Wyden

NAYS—32

Alexander	Cornyn	Inhofe
Allard	Craig	Kyl
Barrasso	DeMint	Martinez
Bennett	Dole	McConnell
Brownback	Domenici	Roberts
Bunning	Ensign	Specter
Burr	Enzi	Sununu
Chambliss	Graham	Thune
Coburn	Grassley	Vitter
Cochran	Gregg	Wicker
Corker	Hutchison	

NOT VOTING—5

Bond	Kennedy	Obama
Byrd	McCain	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid on the table, and the President shall be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

NOMINATION OF RAYMOND M. KETHLEDGE TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report Executive Calendar No. 631.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am satisfied with a voice vote on this nominee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Raymond M. Kethledge, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit?

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF STEPHEN JOSEPH MURPHY III TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report Executive Calendar No. 632.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, because of the lateness of the hour, I am willing to forgo a rollcall on this nominee and a voice vote will be sufficient.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Stephen Joseph Murphy III, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan?

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I thank my colleagues, I thank the Chair, and I thank the distinguished leader for helping us to get here.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motions to reconsider are considered made en bloc, and 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.

The majority leader.

AMERICAN HOUSING RESCUE AND FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ACT OF 2008—Continued

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be no more votes this evening. If I could, though, have the attention of Senators who are here.

Mr. President, first of all, let me say on this package of judges, we have been working on these for 5 or 6 years. That is how long it has taken. So this is really a step forward. Everyone has cooperated. I appreciate very much the help of the entire Republican caucus. Senator KYL was especially helpful to work through what we have done. We are going to approve two more judges the day after tomorrow, and then we will see where we go from there on judges.