

The CHAIRMAN. Our next witness is Ms. Eileen Camillo Cochran, representing the California Women Lawyers.

Are you the president, Ms. Cochran?

Ms. COCHRAN. The incoming president.

The CHAIRMAN. The incoming president.

Do you swear that the evidence you give in this hearing shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. COCHRAN. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. You may proceed.

The yellow light is here and the red light is there. The yellow one is 1 minute, and the red one means your time is up.

**TESTIMONY OF EILEEN CAMILLO COCHRAN, PRESIDENT-ELECT, CALIFORNIA WOMEN LAWYERS**

Ms. COCHRAN. After 3 days, I know.

Thank you, Senator Thurmond, honorable committee members.

My name is Eileen Camillo Cochran, and I am president-elect of California Women Lawyers. I am here today to testify in support of the appointment of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to the U.S. Supreme Court.

California Women Lawyers is the largest statewide organization of women attorneys in the United States. We represent the interests of the more than 10,000 women lawyers in the State of California. Our membership includes a cross section of the practice of law—corporate, government, and private practice, as well as the judiciary.

Moreover, our organization also includes a dozen affiliated bar associations, and I am also speaking on behalf of these organizations. They are Sacramento Women Lawyers; Women Lawyer's Association of Los Angeles; Queen's Bench of San Francisco; Lawyers' Club of San Diego; the Association of Northern California Black Women Lawyers; Southern California Black Women Lawyers; Orange County Women Lawyers; the Women Lawyers' Association of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties; San Fernando Valley Women Lawyers; Inland Counties Women at Law; Women Lawyers of San Joaquin County; and Tulare County Women Lawyers.

Earlier you heard Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, presiding justice of the California Court of Appeals, Second District, Third Division, testify on behalf of the National Association of Women Judges. Justice Klein was the founding president of California Women Lawyers.

The primary purposes of our organization are to advance women in the legal profession; to improve the administration of justice; to better the position of women in society; and to eliminate inequities based upon sex. In keeping with our stated purposes, California Women Lawyers had been urging President Reagan to make this country's highest court truly representative of the Nation's entire population by nominating a woman Justice. Nevertheless, we stressed the equal importance that the candidate selected be one of impeccable credentials who was exceptionally well-qualified for appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States.

California Women Lawyers commends President Reagan for his selection of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor. Such a nomination demonstrates the administration's commitment to equal justice under law and recognition of the importance of an independent judiciary.

Sandra Day O'Connor will bring to the Court a unique combination of experience as a legislator, a government lawyer, a trial judge, and an appellate judge. The quality and breadth of her legal background evidence her outstanding credentials for this appointment. An honors graduate of Stanford University Law School, her entire legal career has been a progression of distinguished records of achievements and accomplishments. Her record reflects a commitment to the principle of equal justice under law.

California Women Lawyers supports the confirmation of Judge O'Connor because she is a highly capable and eminent jurist of outstanding quality. Sandra Day O'Connor is a person of intelligence, integrity, and discipline. Her presence as a Justice of our Nation's highest forum will serve as a model for all persons and will inure to the profound benefit of our society.

The CHAIRMAN. I do not believe there are any questions.

I want to thank you for appearing here today on behalf of your organization and presenting testimony. Thank you very much. You are now excused.

Our next witness is Gordon S. Jones, representing United Families of America.

Mr. Jones, come around. Mr. Jones, you have 5 minutes.

Hold up your hand and be sworn in.

Do you swear that the evidence you give in this hearing shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

**TESTIMONY OF GORDON S. JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
UNITED FAMILIES OF AMERICA**

Mr. JONES. I do.

Mr. Chairman, my name is Gordon Jones. I am the executive director of United Families of America. I do have a prepared statement which I would like to have included in the record, and then I would like to make some separate statements, if that will be all right.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, that will be done. Try not to duplicate.

Mr. JONES. I will try not to duplicate.

Mr. Chairman, I also would like to congratulate you on the forthright statement you made about the propriety of the Supreme Court's action in 1973 in rendering the *Roe v. Wade* decision. I am a little bit afraid that you have disqualified yourself as a potential Supreme Court nominee, however, on the basis of testimony that we have heard over the last 3 days.

I confess, Mr. Chairman, that I am somewhat disappointed at the direction the hearings have taken, the apparent acquiescence in the idea that nominees to the Supreme Court should not be required or do not need to express their views on important constitutional and social issues.

In my prepared testimony I discussed some public polling data which indicate that the American people as a whole have lost