

sure of his great regard and reverence for the intent legislative bodies have expressed when enacting statutes, and we can expect his statutory interpretation to reflect this viewpoint.

I would predict that Mr. Rehnquist will become one of the great Justices of the Supreme Court. He is not only accomplished in the practice of the legal profession, but he is also a great human being with a fine sense of humor. He has a great feeling of respect and compassion for his fellow man and of reverence for our American institutions. It is my pleasure and honor to join my colleagues in the Arizona delegation to the Congress of the United States in recommending that this committee consider favorably the confirmation of William Rehnquist.

Mr. Chairman, I am authorized by Congressman Udall and Congressman Steiger to convey to the committee that they also recommend the confirmation.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, you are speaking for the Congressional delegation from Arizona; is that correct?

Mr. RHODES. I am about to ask the chairman for the privilege for my colleagues to file their statements for the record.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. RHODES. The statement you have made as to the recommendation of confirmation is correct, but I would prefer that the individuals have the privilege of filing their own statements so that they can express their ideas in their own words.

The CHAIRMAN. That will be granted.

(The statements referred to follow:)

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE MORRIS K. UDALL

Mr. Chairman, I released on October 27th in Arizona a statement with regard to the nomination of William H. Rehnquist to the Supreme Court. That statement follows:

It's natural to feel some pride when a man from one's state and from one's own professional group is nominated for a position carrying the awesome responsibility of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Thus, the President's selection of William Rehnquist stirs such pride.

At the same time, I must acknowledge that I would not have nominated Mr. Rehnquist had the choice been mine.

I say this though I can attest to his complete integrity and adherence to the highest ethical standards. In addition he has had excellent legal training and experience and possesses a clearly superior legal mind. He certainly meets the demanding professional standards for and would bring intellectual distinction to the Supreme Court.

Having said that, however, I must register my strong disagreement with Mr. Rehnquist's philosophy. I consider many of his publicly expressed views to be misguided and wrong.

Yet I believe that a President has the right to appoint judges of his own political and judicial philosophy and that his nominees should generally be confirmed when they meet ethical and professional standards, as Mr. Rehnquist obviously does.

Furthermore, we have learned that it is risky business to predict the course a lawyer will take when he leaves the political arena and begins a lifetime judicial appointment. And so I can be hopeful that as a Supreme Court justice Mr. Rehnquist will acquire different perspectives.

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE SAM STEIGER

This is more than the normal, ritual endorsement of an executive appointment by a Member of Congress who resides in the appointee's State.

Bill Rehnquist, by temperament, training and character, will be a magnificent member of the Supreme Court. His intellectual ability, his honor and integrity, and his legal achievements have been attested to by his shrillest critics.