

Mr. Chairman, I am sure that those who know Judge Stevens and his opinions will agree with me, and those who do not know him will come to know him and will understand that this is truly an outstanding nomination of which the country can be proud.

Thank you.

Chairman EASTLAND. Thank you, Mr. Attorney General.

Senator Percy.

TESTIMONY OF CHARLES PERCY, A SENATOR FROM ILLINOIS

Senator PERCY. Chairman Eastland, Senator Hruska, members of the committee, speaking as a member of the generation of John Paul Stevens, and as a 38-year friend of his, I can say that for 38 years I have admired him and respected him and looked up to him as a truly great human being and a great individual.

I am very proud indeed that his wife Betty and his daughter Susan Elizabeth will be in this chamber and be in this hearing room to hear a few of us talk about John Paul Stevens as a human being as a nominee for the Supreme Court of the United States.

It was just over 5 years ago that I presented John Paul Stevens to this committee when he was a nominee for the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and I am as confident now as when I presented him then that John Paul Stevens is eminently qualified for the position for which he is nominated. He has clearly demonstrated that he possesses the integrity, the intellect, and the temperament so necessary for a Justice of the Supreme Court.

He has written more than 200 opinions since 1970, all of which are available for review by members of this committee, and which have been earlier referred to the Attorney General.

When I introduced John Paul Stevens to you 5 years ago, I said that I considered him, as I was told by his peers in the profession, a lawyer's lawyer. And today, without any question, his peers consider him a judge's judge. If confirmed, he will prove himself worthy of the President's confidence and, I believe, will distinguish himself in the tradition of his two immediate predecessors, William Douglas and Louis Brandeis.

The selection of John Paul Stevens to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court was made with one criterion in mind: competence. He was not selected because he reflects a particular political or judicial point of view. I believe Attorney General Edward Levi aptly described the nomination of Judge Stevens when he referred to it as a commitment to excellence. And that is what I feel is needed at this time.

For the record, I wish to note the highlights of Judge Steven's distinguished legal career. He is a 1941 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Chicago. After 4 years in the U.S. Navy, he entered Northwestern University School of Law in 1945. He graduated first in his class 2 years later in 1947, with the highest record of academic achievement in the history of Northwestern University.

After graduation, he served for 2 years as a law clerk to Mr. Justice Wiley Rutledge, of the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1948 he returned to Chicago to join the firm of Poppenhusen, Johnston, Thompson & Raymond, where he remained until 1951, when he came back to Washington and served as an associate counsel to the Judiciary Sub-

committee for the Study of Monopoly Power in the House of Representatives. Later he returned to private practice in Chicago and was a founding partner in the firm of Rothschild, Stevens, Barry & Meyers, where he stayed until 1970 when he was appointed to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

During the years he was engaged in private practice he was the author of numerous articles on antitrust law for legal and other journals and he lectured both at Northwestern Law School and the University of Chicago Law School.

As President Ford has said, the nomination of a Supreme Court Justice is one of the most important decisions the President has to make. Equally important is the Senate's responsibility to advise and consent on such nominations. The individual we confirm to this vacancy will participate in deliberations that will relate to some of the most complex and crucial issues in the history of the Court. Those decisions will affect the lives of generations of Americans.

There is no question that the action we take will affect profoundly the course of this Nation's Highest Court. I am confident that your committee will carefully and critically examine Judge Steven's record and judicial philosophy to determine his fitness to serve. Each time I appear before this distinguished committee I am impressed with the fact that perhaps the single greatest responsibility we have in the Senate of the United States is to advise and consent in the selection of judicial appointments.

Mr. Chairman, I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to express my deep affection and my great respect for John Paul Stevens. I have known him as a friend for 38 years. I have no doubt that he is magnificently prepared to render distinguished service on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Chairman EASTLAND. Senator Stevenson.

TESTIMONY OF ADLAI STEVENSON, A SENATOR FROM ILLINOIS

Senator STEVENSON. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to join the Attorney General and my colleague, Senator Percy, in introducing Justice John Paul Stevens to this committee.

The universality of the judge is evidenced this morning by the support of more generations than there are generations. I represent yet another.

[Laughter.]

I do not recall a nomination to high office in recent years that was as widely acclaimed. The favorable response to the nomination of Judge Stevens is remarkable, and it is, in my judgment, fully deserved.

From his undergraduate days as a member of Phi Beta Kappa to his law school days as a law review editor, to his professional career as law clerk to Justice Rutledge, as practitioner, scholar, teacher, and jurist, Judge Stevens has earned the respect and the good will of all who know him, so much so that this, his nomination to the Supreme Court, seems not so much a stroke of good fortune as a logical next step in his career.

That career reflects a discipline and intellectual capacity of a high order. In his exercise of judicial authority Judge Stevens is not doctrinaire or judicially adventurous. He is a judge. His record on the