

Now, I intend to listen very carefully and to evaluate these proceedings very closely. I think that the Senators who have spoken before me have outlined the factors to be considered.

I think the time now has come to hear from the witnesses, and to see what proceeds in this hearing room. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much. The able and distinguished Senator from Kentucky, Mr. McConnell.

**STATEMENT OF HON. MITCH McCONNELL, A U.S. SENATOR FROM
THE STATE OF KENTUCKY**

Senator McCONNELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Being in the same Judiciary Committee hearing room with Justice Rehnquist gives me a sense of *déjà vu*. We have both been here before, going back to 1969, when I was an assistant to a Senator on this committee and you were Assistant Attorney General.

We were working on what some would argue were rather controversial Supreme Court nominations in those days, leading to an article that I published in a Kentucky law journal with which I believe Justice Rehnquist is familiar, in which I outlined my own views about what the appropriate criteria are for the Senate in advising and consenting to nominations for the Supreme Court.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask unanimous consent that that be included in the record at this point.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, so ordered.

[The document follows:]