

Ms. HUBBARD. That is true.

The CHAIRMAN. You have a rather impressive record. I just want to congratulate you. We thank you for your presence and your testimony.

Ms. HUBBARD. I appreciate that, and thank you for the opportunity to appear.

Dr. McINTIRE. Senator, I understand that my printed text will be included in the record, as well as what I said.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, Dr. McIntire, we will include your statement in the record.

Dr. McINTIRE. I wanted to make sure but I also ask that the resolution from Arizona that we talked about—and I have that—

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, we will put that in the record, if you will just hand it to the reporter there.

Dr. McINTIRE. I have the two letters that I wrote to the President on this. They are not too long. I would like to have them in, too.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, we will put those in.

Dr. McINTIRE. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Our next witness is the Honorable Dick C. P. Lantz, judge, 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida and president-elect, American Judges Association. If you will come around, Judge Lantz, hold up your hand and be sworn.

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?

Judge LANTZ. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. Have a seat, Judge Lantz, and you may proceed. You understand how these lights work—when it gets red, your time is up.

Judge LANTZ. I have been here all day and I have been watching very admirably, and I think I understand the rules.

The CHAIRMAN. Our time is running short.

TESTIMONY OF HON. DICK C. P. LANTZ, JUDGE, 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, AND PRESIDENT-ELECT, AMERICAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION

Judge LANTZ. Mr. Chairman, honorable members of the Committee on the Judiciary, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Judge Dick Lantz of the Circuit Court of Dade County, Miami, Fla., 11th Judicial Circuit. I have served as a municipal judge, county judge, and circuit court judge since 1972.

I have the honor of being the president-elect of the American Judges Association, and will be installed as president on October 29, 1981 at the annual convention which will be held in Washington, D.C. The American Judges Association consists approximately of 2,000 judges who presently sit at all levels of the judiciary. They include members of the Federal bench, State supreme and appellate courts, municipal, county, and circuit court judges throughout the United States and Canada.

One of the paramount objectives of the American Judges Association is to strive for the improvement of the quality of members of the bench, as well as the conditions of the office, including tenure, retirement, workload, emoluments, and physical facilities. Further,

the association seeks to educate its members in modern approaches to jurisprudence, and in innovative programs we attempt to instill respect for the law in the public at large and in students and youth in particular.

Our association has over a dozen working committees. One of these national committees is the selection, retention, and retirement committee. This committee has been involved in the development of judicial qualifications and selection guidelines. However, this is the first time it has involved itself in a Supreme Court confirmation hearing.

By correspondence and conference, this committee at my request addressed itself to the nomination of Judge Sandra O'Connor to the U.S. Supreme Court. I am happy to report that the consensus of this committee is that Judge O'Connor is an eminent jurist with an impeccable professional, social background. Her judicial opinions are found to be concise, scholarly, well-reasoned, and well-founded in the law.

Additionally, I have undertaken a personal review of Judge O'Connor based upon my nationwide professional and personal acquaintanceships with judges. My inquiry led to similar findings and opinions. As a matter of fact, not a single negative finding nor criticism in any respect was the result.

The American Judges Association applauds the fact that Judge O'Connor is a woman. However, we support Judge O'Connor because she is a qualified jurist who has paid her dues by hard work and devotion to the judiciary, and because she is worthy of the high office to which she has been nominated—not because she is a woman.

It is therefore the finding and opinion of the American Judges Association that Judge O'Connor is extremely and uniquely qualified to sit on the Supreme Court of the United States of America. As the American Judges Association's incoming president, I strongly endorse the nomination of Judge Sandra O'Connor and urge this committee to confirm her appointment.

I thank the Committee on the Judiciary, and particularly the chairman, for the opportunity to appear, and request that the American Judges Association be invited to appear in the future whenever it may be of service to the committee, whether in relation to future nominations to the Supreme Court or any other matter concerning the judiciary.

Thank you on behalf of the American Judges Association and personally. It has been a privilege and an honor to appear here before you today.

The CHAIRMAN. Judge, thank you very much for your presence and your testimony on this occasion.

Judge LANTZ. Mr. Chairman, I have a request that this report be made a part of the printed and permanent record of this committee.

The CHAIRMAN. How long is the report?

Judge LANTZ. It is very concise; it is 2½ pages.

The CHAIRMAN. Every typewritten page we have put in this thing is \$3.50, and I want to save the Government all the money I can.

[Laughter.]

Judge LANTZ. Well, if you make it single space it is about a page and a half but it is very important to us, inasmuch as the American Bar Association report is going to be part of it and——

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, we will put it in at your request.

Judge LANTZ. Thank you so much.

Mr. Chairman, I have had the privilege of watching you all day, and I know that you have not only acted in good faith but I do not know if I could have done the job that you have done all day in being fair and equitable to all the witnesses, irrespective of their background or irrespective of their opinion. I have to commend you for that.

Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you for your kind remarks.

The next witness here has to catch a plane soon, so we will call him up now: Father Charles Fiore, representing the National Pro-Life Political Action Committee. Father Fiore, will you come around? Is he here?

If you will raise your hand, some priests desire to use "affirm" rather than "swear." I will put both; use either one you want to.

Father FIORE. As you wish, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you affirm or 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?

Father FIORE. I do.

I do not mind swearing, Senator, under these circumstances, since God is my witness.

TESTIMONY OF FATHER CHARLES FIORE, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL PRO-LIFE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Father FIORE. First of all, Senator, I have submitted a text of my remarks which, with your permission, I would like inserted into the record, and I will spend the time allotted to me synthesizing those remarks if I may.

The CHAIRMAN. All right. Without objection, so ordered, but try not to duplicate.

Father FIORE. I will. Thank you, Senator.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you and the members of the committee for this opportunity to appear before you as founder and chairman of the National Pro-Life Political Action Committee, and on behalf of the tens of thousands of our supporters in all States and right-to-lifers everywhere who oppose the nomination of Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to the U.S. Supreme Court.

As you well know by now, Mrs. O'Connor's nomination by President Reagan has been the occasion of virtually unanimous disappointment on the part of rank-and-file right-to-lifers because it represents a breach of the 1980 Republican platform on which he ran, and on the basis of which he convinced millions of blue collar, traditionally Democratic ethnic, Catholic, and fundamentalist and evangelical Protestant voters to switch parties and vote for him.

I say these things at the outset not because they have any bearing on Mrs. O'Connor's qualifications but because they have something very much to do with the larger processes of representative government which are also at stake in these hearings.