

sons that I have had the chance to serve with, as a fellow attorney and State officeholder and Member of Congress.

This is what I believe should be evaluated: The character of the individual and his basic sense of the structure of our Government and the direction and terms of our Constitution.

Let us not make the same mistakes of a single-minded emphasis that we so often see in our daily political lives. Let us not go down the path of single-issue politics when we are addressing a nomination for a generation. We, of all people, should be most sensitive to the detriment of such a course.

Again, I wish to thank you very much for the opportunity to be here today to speak on behalf of my friend, Justice Souter. Clearly, the citizens of New Hampshire take great pride in his nomination. We hope that you, the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, agree with us that, in Justice Souter, you have the opportunity to confirm to the Supreme Court someone who will continue the dreams and reality that make up our freedoms, as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

Thank you very much. I appreciate your courtesy.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Governor.

Questions, Senator?

Senator HUMPHREY. Thank you, Governor Gregg. As you noted, New Hampshire is not one of the largest States. Have you ever heard a negative word within the legal profession or without about Judge Souter?

Governor GREGG. No, other than the fact that his mailbox leans to the left, if you look at it from the road. [Laughter.]

Senator HUMPHREY. Well, we have been through the grass and the mailbox and the black and white TV and all of that, his peculiarities, if you will. But I do find it remarkable that there has not been a negative note expressed by anyone in our State, neither Republican nor Democrat nor conservative nor liberal, no one that I am aware of has raised one negative note in connection with this nomination. I think that is pretty extraordinary.

Governor GREGG. Well, it is extraordinary, it is especially extraordinary for New Hampshire, which is intensely political as a result of our quadrennial events, and we have here today members of the political spectrum on both sides strongly endorsing Judge Souter's nomination, people who are very much the leadership of both parties, and reflects I think the fact that Judge Souter is considered to be, above everything else, a fair individual.

Senator HUMPHREY. Thank you for coming, Governor. I am sorry you have had to wait. You have been here since what time this morning?

Governor GREGG. Oh, we arrived reasonably early. We wanted to see the entire day's activities.

Senator HUMPHREY. I know that you and your daughter and staff have been here since this morning, so it has been a long day and it is going to be an even longer day before you get home tonight, but we appreciate your coming and your participation and your patience.

Governor GREGG. Thank you, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Governor, from Judge Souter's perspective inside the house, the mailbox leans to the right.