

of Delegates, characterized the nominee as "a wonderful man, a great lawyer, and a scholar with a fine mind."

Another former law partner, James Powers, described Mr. Rehnquist as "a first rate legal scholar," adding: "He is the ultimate reasonable man. \* \* \* I'm sure he'll make an excellent Justice." John P. Frank, a Phoenix attorney considered to be an expert on the subject of judicial nominations, noted: "He's splendid. He's going to make a good Supreme Court Justice."

The tributes to Mr. Rehnquist from his fellow Arizonans go on and on, and I am certain that you will hear many more testimonials during the course of this hearing.

Mr. Chairman, it is with great pleasure that I join in commending Mr. Rehnquist to you and recommending the approval of his nomination to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions?

Senator Goldwater.

#### **STATEMENT OF HON. BARRY GOLDWATER, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

Senator GOLDWATER. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, it is an unqualified privilege for me to join with my colleagues from Arizona today in introducing William Rehnquist as a nominee for the position of Supreme Court Justice.

Let me state at the outset, Mr. Chairman, that I have personally known Mr. Rehnquist during the past 18 years, since he first arrived in Phoenix, and out of this long and close association I can tell you in complete honesty that he is fit in every sense of the word to become a great and respected member of the High Court.

Mr. Chairman, I personally know of the nominee's exceptional service to his citizen clients as a practicing attorney in Arizona and, in recent years, to the general public in his capacity as a Government official. In addition to the attitudes of diligence and dedication which Mr. Rehnquist brings to every legal task before him, he is unquestionably one of the most brilliant legal craftsmen in America. In fact, Mr. Chairman, President Nixon has credited Bill Rehnquist "as having one of the finest legal minds in this whole Nation."

Mr. Rehnquist has earned these plaudits every step of the way throughout his distinguished career in the law. In 1948, he graduated from Stanford University "with great distinction" and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1952, also at Stanford, he graduated first in his law school class, having acquired an MA from Harvard in between his Stanford courses.

Then he began his actual career first as a public servant in the spot of clerk to former Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson. From this select position, he came to Phoenix where he embarked upon a 16-year period of private practice, thereby acquainting himself with a wide variety of legal issues.

Most recently, in 1969, the nominee became the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel. This position, Mr. Chairman, is a highly important post. A 1970 report of the Attorney General describes the functions of this office as including the drafting of

formal opinions of the Attorney General himself, rendering opinions on a variety of "significant and complex constitutions, statutory, and other legal questions involving the executive branch," and considering conflicts of interest questions.

Also this officer must pass on matters relating to the Freedom of Information Act and is often called upon to testify before congressional committees as a spokesman for the position taken by the Department of Justice on legislative proposals. Thus, Mr. Chairman, Bill Rehnquist has become acquainted with the practical role and interests of the legislative branch of our Government, as well as with the executive and judicial branches.

In short, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, the nominee is a man of varied and balanced experience. He is well versed in every aspect of the Government and he has dealt with the day-by-day concerns of average citizens as a private practitioner. He truly is a man attuned to the law, exceptionally diligent, honest to where the truth leads him, and first and foremost a scholarly interpreter of the Constitution. He is calm, competent, and has a healthy compassion for human needs. He will serve his country and its people well, and, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I urge his confirmation.

The CHAIRMAN. Any questions?  
Congressman Rhodes.

#### STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN J. RHODES, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Chairman, I deem it to be a high honor and a personal privilege to appear before you and the distinguished members of your committee for the purpose of recommending to you the confirmation of William H. Rehnquist as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. I make this recommendation without reservation, either as to the professional ability of Mr. Rehnquist or as to his moral, ethical, or intellectual qualifications.

Bill Rehnquist is a fine man in every sense of the word. He is a good citizen, a good man, and one of the most able lawyers I have ever known. He was graduated first in his law school class at Stanford University and served as law clerk to the late Associate Justice Robert Jackson. His career as a practicing lawyer in Phoenix, Ariz., is replete with accomplishment, and his reputation in the Arizona Bar is unsurpassed for integrity and legal skill. Mr. Rehnquist has served as president of the Maricopa County Bar Association and has been active in the work of the State Bar Association of Arizona. He has served with great distinction as Assistant U.S. Attorney General, the position he now holds.

I know that Mr. Rehnquist is a man of deep convictions. However, the points of view he expresses have been obtained by the process of reasoning, and not by way of passion or emotion. My knowledge of Mr. Rehnquist's ability to reason causes me to have every confidence that as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, his decisions and his opinions will be derived through the process of reasoning of a true scholar, applying legal precedents to the particular case at bar with the deft, sure strokes of a legal craftsman. He is thoroughly dedicated to the principles of the English common law. However, we can also be