

We worked closely together as members of the majority in the State senate, so I feel that I know her well. She is an unusual lady of many talents which you are hearing about and which I need not repeat. There are, however, a few aspects of Judge O'Connor's nomination to which I would like to call particular attention.

Foremost, Sandra holds what I consider to be the proper perspective of the role of the three branches of Government. By that I mean she has demonstrated her strong belief in the separation of powers between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches as they function in our system. She has shown impatience with the judicial branch when it has been used to make law rather than to interpret law.

Judge O'Connor has a heritage from a pioneer family in Arizona that is unique. The family has been located on the same old ranch for just over 100 years. It is a big, isolated, tough, hard outfit located in a hostile desert environment subject to all of the forces of nature such as drought, winds, floods, grasshoppers, range fires, predators, and almost anything else you want to mention.

To be reared in this environment where so many things are beyond man's control sometimes—not always, but sometimes—gives an added dimension of character to those who are subject to those forces. A dimension of humility, fortitude, of faith in divine providence, integrity, and commonsense developed from meeting that type of challenge.

In my opinion, Sandra has this added dimension to a high degree. True, it is an intangible; nevertheless it is real.

Much has been said about Judge O'Connor's stand on abortion and the equal rights amendment. Whatever her position on these matters, I can say without fear of contradiction that she was not an activist leading the charge on these issues.

As a member both of the State and national right to life organizations and a long-time opponent of the equal rights amendment, I have no reservations whatsoever in supporting her nomination to the High Court.

Here are the reasons why: I know Judge O'Connor to be a person of integrity, highly qualified, intensely dedicated to excellence, a fair-minded person with a great empathy and understanding of the problems of the common man. She has a balance that is needed in this appointment.

You will go far to find a person equally at home ladling out beans to a work crew in a cow camp, attending a board meeting of a large bank, ironing shirts for her sons, leading the Arizona Senate as majority leader, counseling with the Salvation Army people, and presiding as a judge in our court system.

I suppose she has her failings, but I am convinced that Judge O'Connor has all those basic qualifications to be a great Supreme Court Justice. I strongly urge her confirmation.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Senator Gutierrez.

**TESTIMONY OF HON. ALFREDO GUTIERREZ, ARIZONA STATE  
SENATE**

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My name is Alfredo Gutierrez, and I am an Arizona State senator. I came to the Arizona Senate as a Democrat in 1973 when Sandra O'Connor was the Republican majority leader. Two years later I was to succeed Judge O'Connor as majority leader when my party gained control of the senate.

During the years that I served on the legislature with Sandra O'Connor we inevitably found ourselves on the opposite side of many issues as I became the leader of the liberal wing of the senate Democrats while she was the spokesman for the essentially conservative positions of the Republican caucus.

Despite the fact that we were frequent foes on the floor of the Arizona Senate, I never had cause to doubt either her sincerity or her ability. Sandra O'Connor always represented her positions in a manner that revealed meticulous research and a thorough grasp of the intricacies of the law. She also conducted herself with great fairness, and I think that fundamental fairness is an excellent sign for the minority communities of the United States.

As a result of my legislative service with Sandra O'Connor I know that the U.S. Supreme Court will be gaining someone who has conducted herself according to the highest standards of integrity as well as someone who has demonstrated both a respect for and a profound knowledge of our Constitution and law.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, for this opportunity.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator.

Do you have any questions, Senator Grassley?

Senator GRASSLEY. No, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator DeConcini?

Senator DECONCINI. Mr. Chairman, I have no questions. I think the fine statements given by my friends and colleagues here speak well of the caliber of the legislators in Arizona, and I thank them sincerely for taking their personal time from their jobs and families to be with us today.

The CHAIRMAN. I want to express my appreciation to you ladies and gentlemen—Members of the Senate and Members of the House, both—for coming to Washington on your own initiative and testifying in these hearings. We appreciate it.

You are now excused.

The CHAIRMAN. We will now call on Mr. Gordon S. Jones of United Families of America.

Mr. Jones, please come forward and take a seat.

Is Mr. Jones here?

[No response.]

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Ann Neamon, Citizens for God and Country—is Ms. Neamon here?

[No response.]

The CHAIRMAN. Frank Brown, National Association for Personal Rights in Education?

Mr. Brown, please come forward and hold up your hand to be sworn. Do you swear that the evidence you shall give in this hearing shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you, God?

Mr. BROWN. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. You may proceed for 5 minutes, Mr. Brown.