

Gentlemen, I was going to say let us start with Bellizzi, but Bellizzi is not here, and if he can do it from there, we have a little problem. Let us start with you, Mr. Mosca, and go to Mr. Hughes—well, he is here, I guess he figured the leadership meeting was not as important as you all—and then go to Mr. Rice and then go to Mr. Stokes.

Did you want to make a statement, Senator, at this point?

Senator THURMOND. I am just glad to have them here.

The CHAIRMAN. Then we will begin with you, Chief.

**PANEL CONSISTING OF EDMUND MOSCA, CHAIRMAN, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE; BOB E. RICE, POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DES MOINES, IA, AND PRESIDENT, NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION; JOHNNY L. HUGHES, DIRECTOR, LEGISLATION AND CONGRESSIONAL AFFAIRS, NATIONAL TROOPERS COALITION, ACCOMPANIED BY JAMES J. DOYLE; AND DEWEY R. STOKES, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE**

#### STATEMENT OF EDMUND MOSCA

Mr. MOSCA. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

If I may, by way of housekeeping, on the witness list they have me listed as Old Saybrook, MA, and the residents of my community may be a little distressed, knowing they have been members of the State of Connecticut since 1635, so just to correct the record, it should be Old Saybrook, CT.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, it must have been some southerner on my staff who did that, or westerner or midwesterner, but I apologize for that. I did not even realize that it was listed that way.

Mr. MOSCA. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Senator Thurmond and members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Ed Mosca, and I am Chief of Police in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, and Chairman of the Legislation Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

On behalf of Chief Charles Gruber, of Elgin, IL, our President and our entire membership, I thank you for affording us the opportunity to briefly add our voice to those numerous others who have come before you in support of Judge Souter's nomination to the Supreme Court.

The IACP's governing body carefully reviewed the background and the experience of Judge Souter. We were deeply moved by the man, highly impressed with his legal training and greatly swayed by his record as a jurist.

We believe him to be extremely well qualified to serve on the highest court in the United States. Our governing body voted unanimously to endorse his nomination.

In determining our endorsement of judicial nominees, we rely heavily on the input of our affiliated State associations. IACP members from New Hampshire are highly vocal and most enthusiastic in their support for Judge Souter. They know him to be a common-sense jurist, with a deep respect for the values of law and order in our society.

His opinions concerning search and seizure laws, *Miranda* rights, fifth amendment prohibitions against self-incrimination, speedy trials, and due process—with which, by this point, you are probably more familiar than I—all exhibit his intellectually rigorous yet reality-based common-sense approach to the role of judging. It is this approach that we, as law enforcement executives, find very compatible with our societal role as defenders and preservers of public safety.

When President Bush nominated Judge Souter, he described the nominee as one who would “interpret” the law rather than “legislate from the bench.” We believe this to be the correct approach, and we believe that Judge Souter does, indeed, warrant this description. We find him to be a careful jurist, who takes a narrow view of his role of judge. We think it important to respect precedent, to decide cases based on facts without reaching unnecessary issues, and without announcing rules broader than necessary to the task at hand. Judge Souter’s opinions embody these same values, but at the same time reflect flexibility and an understanding of the many diverse constituencies and situations that face judges in our society.

For these reasons, the International Association of Chiefs of Police gives Judge Souter our unqualified endorsement and support. We urge the Members of the Senate to speedily confirm his nomination, and we thank you again for affording us this opportunity.

[The prepared statement of Mr. Mosca follows:]