

Senate. I had the privilege of serving with then Senator O'Connor and now Judge O'Connor for two terms when she was in that same senate.

I came here, as you know, with a prepared statement which I will submit and try to summarize some of the things in deference to the kindness of this committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you want the entire statement to go in the record or what you say now?

Mr. CORBET. What I say now.

The CHAIRMAN. All right. You may proceed.

Mr. CORBET. Thank you.

It is very difficult, I think, to do anything that would add to the luster of Senator and Judge O'Connor after these last 2 days of hearing. You know now what we have known for a long time in Arizona; and that is that she is articulate, prepared, intelligent, and she is the kind of person you want doing any number of important jobs, whether it be at the State or the Federal level.

The support of the people who have come back here to testify in her behalf, I think, is testimony itself of the kind of person she is, from the Democratic side, to some of us Reaganites, to Roman Catholics. All of us are proud of Sandra. We are proud of the job that she has done.

As a State legislator and one who is an advocate of States' rights, I am especially pleased to see someone of her caliber and her background on this Court. As a lawyer, I have served with her in the legislature of course and also been before her in the court of appeals, and I can tell you that the kind of preparation that she showed the gentlemen of this committee is the kind of preparation that she brings to each job and each task that she is assigned.

I can also say that Sandra O'Connor is a very special person and that our beloved Constitution will be in good hands with her on the Court.

I thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Would you please give your name and position?

#### TESTIMONY OF HON. STAN TURLEY, ARIZONA STATE SENATE

Mr. TURLEY. Mr. Chairman and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Stan Turley. I am a Republican State senator from Arizona. I appreciate very much this opportunity to appear before you on behalf of Judge O'Connor as nominee to the Supreme Court of the United States.

I am impressed today with your patience, Mr. Chairman. I have heard of you for many years, and it is a privilege to now see you in action and to see you going after hours.

I am impressed also with the depth of the hearing that has taken place here. I want you to know that my feelings toward this whole process have been reinforced with what I have seen here today.

I have known Judge O'Connor and her family for many years. My first acquaintance with her was as an assistant to the State attorney general. At that time I felt she was destined for more than a windowless office in the attorney general's office, although I confess that I did not foresee the scene before us today.

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.