

center, a trip that marks the beginning and the end of the role of the police and all the rest of the law-enforcement apparatus.

The legislation incorporated uncommon vision, hard-headed realism, and high legislative skill. It addressed a corrosive problem on its own terms, and that lengthy law was unconcerned with what I would call orthodox trivialities. It deserves national attention. It suggests a system that can work, and it testifies to the broadness of this nominee's interests and skills.

We liberals occasionally make the mistake of believing that conservatives are inevitably and necessarily callous in social matters. It ain't so, and this is an important opportunity to say so, and simultaneously a superb occasion to give witness to the praiseworthy concerns of this nominee as a public servant in an area of her life which has not been discussed heretofore much, if at all.

This concern of hers only adds another dimension to a person who already has quite a few strings to her bow. I know her to be intelligent and fair minded, to be judicious and patient. I suppose, the way the world works, the first woman Supreme Court Justice has to be superior to most male nominees. Well, she probably is. She does more things better than anyone else I know, male or female.

She knows when to talk and when to listen, and that following rules in the absence of any other direction is well advised, although the first rule is to suspend all the other rules when commonsense demands. In short, I think our citizens are, by a disposition toward fairness, ready for a woman for all seasons.

If you approve her, as I most heartily recommend you do, then you do a service to our Nation, to the legal system of this country, and you begin what would be—even in the absence of the high skills of this nominee—a wholesome, fuller view of our society.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much. We are very pleased to have you with us, Mr. McNulty, and we thank you both for your appearance here today.

Are there any questions that any member has? Do any committee members have any questions?

[No response.]

The CHAIRMAN. It appears not.

Our next witness is Ms. Brooksley Landau, representing the American Bar Association, if you will come around, Ms. Landau. Hold up your hand and be sworn.

Do you swear that the evidence you give in this hearing shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Ms. LANDAU. I do.

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Landau, I believe you are representing the American Bar Association.

Ms. LANDAU. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. You may proceed.

TESTIMONY OF BROOKSLEY LANDAU, CHAIRPERSON, STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL JUDICIARY, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Ms. LANDAU. Thank you.

My name is Brooksley Landau. I practice law in Washington, D.C., and I am the chairperson of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary. I am here today to present the views of the American Bar Association on the professional qualifications of the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor of Arizona, who has been nominated for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Our committee has conducted an extensive investigation of Judge O'Connor. We have interviewed more than 300 persons across the country. We interviewed Federal and State court judges throughout the Nation. We interviewed a number of practicing attorneys and a number of deans and faculty members of law schools throughout the country.

We also asked a group of practicing lawyers and two groups of law school professors to review the written judicial opinions of Judge O'Connor and to give us their evaluations of those opinions. We talked to a number of Arizona State senators who had served in the senate with Judge O'Connor. Finally, three members of the committee interviewed Judge O'Connor at some length.

The purpose of our investigation was to analyze Judge O'Connor's professional credentials—her professional competence, judicial temperament, and integrity. Based on our investigation, the committee has unanimously adopted the following evaluation of Judge O'Connor:

The committee is of the opinion that Judge O'Connor meets the highest standards of judicial temperament and integrity. Her professional experience to date has not been as extensive or challenging as that of some other persons who might be available for appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States. Nevertheless, after considering her outstanding academic record, her demonstrated intelligence, and her service as a legislator, a lawyer, and a trial and appellate court judge, the committee is of the opinion that she is qualified from the standpoint of professional competence for appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States.

I have filed with the committee a letter detailing our investigation and the basis for our evaluation, and I would like that letter, Mr. Chairman, to be submitted for the record, if that is possible.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, it will be placed in the record.

Ms. LANDAU. Thank you.

I would like very briefly to summarize our findings.

Our investigation revealed that Judge O'Connor is very intelligent, analytical, thorough, and hardworking. The diversity of her experience as a lawyer, legislator, and judge provides a valuable background for the Supreme Court. She is dedicated to the legal profession and has made significant contributions to her community.

Furthermore, the committee's investigation has demonstrated that Judge O'Connor has an appropriate judicial temperament. Her judgment is sound, and she is well respected by her colleagues. Her integrity is above reproach.

In conclusion, the committee has unanimously found that Judge O'Connor has the professional qualifications required of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any questions by any member of the Judiciary Committee?

[No response.]

The CHAIRMAN. There appear to be no questions. We thank you very much, Ms. Landau, for your appearance.

Ms. LANDAU. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. You are now excused.

[Material follows.]