

MURKOWSKI, ALLARD, CRAIG, CRAPO, GRASSLEY, MCCONNELL, BUNNING, GRAMS of Minnesota, BURNS, SMITH of New Hampshire, GREGG, DOMENICI, HELMS—as I said, INHOFE—THURMOND, GRAMM of Texas, THOMAS, and ENZI.

In spite of the fact that that happened, they went ahead, the President went ahead and has continued to make recess appointments. The last time he did was during our August recess between the 3rd and 31st. He granted 17 recess appointments in just an arrogant defiance of the Senate's prerogative of advice and consent for confirmation purposes.

Even though it is kind of an empty threat now, I will do it—I am announcing tonight I am going to put a hold on all judicial nominations for the rest of his term, not that there are that many, because if we stopped right now, there would still be fewer vacancies than were there at the end of the Bush administration. But when we took office, we swore to uphold the Constitution and the Constitution is very specific. Today I am making this announcement that we are going to hold up all judicial nominations. I am doing exactly what Senator BYRD would do under the same circumstances. I yield the floor.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I would like to talk today about the need to move through a number of important judicial nominations. This process has been dragging on for too long.

Pending before the Judiciary Committee are dozens of federal appeals court nominations, including that of my Iowa constituent, Bonnie J. Campbell for the Eighth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

There are 22 vacancies in our federal appeals courts. With the growing number of vacancies in the federal courts, these positions should be filled with qualified individuals as soon as possible. And so I urge the Republican leadership to take the steps necessary to allow the full Senate to vote up or down on these important nominations.

Ms. Campbell, who received a hearing by the Judiciary Committee in June, would serve on the 8th Circuit with honor, fairness, and distinction.

Bonnie Campbell has a long and distinguished history in the field of law. She began her career as a private practice lawyer in Des Moines in 1984. She worked on cases involving medical malpractice, employment discrimination, personal injury, real estate, and family law.

She was elected as Iowa's Attorney General in 1990—the first woman ever to hold that office in Iowa. During her tenure, she received high praise from both ends of the political spectrum for her outstanding work enforcing the law, reducing crime, and protecting consumers.

In 1995, she was appointed as the Director of the Violence Against Women Office in the Department of Justice. In

that position, she played a critical role in implementing the Violence Against Women provisions of the 1994 Crime Act.

Again, she won the respect of individuals with a wide range of views on this issue. She has been, and still remains, responsible for the overall coordination and agenda of the Department of Justice's efforts to combat violence against women.

Mr. President, I've known Bonnie Campbell for many years. She is a person of unparalleled integrity, keen intellect, and outstanding judgment. She is fair, level-headed, and even-handed.

These qualities, and her significant experience, make her an ideal candidate for this important position.

Her nomination has been strongly supported by many of her colleagues, including the current Iowa Attorney General and the President of the Iowa State Police Association. Her nomination has also been approved by the American Bar Association. And Bonnie Campbell has the solid support of both myself and my Iowa colleague, Senator GRASSLEY.

Mr. President, I view the Senate's "advise and consent" responsibility on judicial nominations in the Senate to be on par with our annual responsibility to move appropriations bills. And, as such, the Senate's schedule between now and adjournment should be adjusted to assure adequate time for their consideration.

We have the time if we have the will. Again, Mr. President, we have a backlog of judicial vacancies, and it is only fair to push them through as soon as possible. I urge the leadership and the Committee to move them, including Bonnie Campbell, with all due speed. The American people and the people of Iowa's Eighth Circuit are ill-served by these vacancies.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, it has been more than a year since the Columbine tragedy, but still this Republican Congress refuses to act on sensible gun legislation.

Since Columbine, thousands of Americans have been killed by gunfire. Until we act, Democrats in the Senate will read the names of some of those who have lost their lives to gun violence in the past year, and we will continue to do so every day that the Senate is in session.

In the name of those who died, we will continue this fight. Following are the names of some of the people who were killed by gunfire one year ago today.

September 11, 1999:
Terry Baines, 21, Houston, TX;
Rodrigo Barrera, 23, Chicago, IL;
Armida Enriquez-Sotelo, 30, Denver, CO;
Kris Frazier, 26, Oakland, CA;
Jose Frezzia, 44, Miami, FL;
Anthony Harris, 25, Chicago, IL;
Camiela Hinds, 36, Nashville, TN;

Rendell Hamilton, 23, Detroit, MI;
Jose McDuffie, 34, Philadelphia, PA;
Joseph Mendoza, 17, Houston, TX;
Mickey Pezzo, Dallas, TX;
Maurice Jackson, 24, Oklahoma City, OK;
Jose Monge-Rodriguez, 31, Denver, CO;
James K. Nelson, 56, Seattle, WA;
Hugh Rollins, San Francisco, CA;
James Thorne, 46, Philadelphia, PA;
Unidentified Male, 25, Newark, NJ;
Unidentified Male, Newark, NJ;
Unidentified Male, San Francisco, CA;
Unidentified Male, 45, York, PA.

One of the gun violence victims I mentioned, 56-year-old James Nelson of Seattle, was shot in the chest and killed one year ago today when he went into his kitchen to investigate a noise he heard outside. James was shot through his kitchen window and died on the floor while trying to call for help.

Another victim, 30-year-old Armida Enriquez-Sotelo of Denver, was shot and killed one year ago today by her estranged husband during an argument before he turned the gun on himself.

Following are other victims of gun violence who died one year ago this weekend.

September 9, 2000:
Carlos Amador, 33, Dallas, TX;
Lionel Glover, 23, Chicago, IL;
Annie Goodman, 73, Miami, FL;
Marlys Harper, 28, Elkhart, IN;
Michael Hooten, 34, Atlanta, GA;
Michael L. Murphy, Jr., 19, Chicago, IL;

Courtney Smith, 45, Houston, TX;
Harold Waytus, 79, St. Louis, MO;
Richard Williams, 43, Chicago, IL;
Robert Young, 32, Baltimore, MD;
Unidentified Male, 16, San Jose, CA.

September 10, 2000:
Donald Burford, 51, Dallas, TX;
Daniel Delarge, 21, Philadelphia, PA;
Curly Faulkner, 22, Memphis, TN;
Mardio House, 26, Baltimore, MD;
Evon Morgan, 48, Dallas, TX;
Brian Robinson, 32, New Orleans, LA;
Anthony Sanders, 24, Chicago, IL;
Gholam Sohelinia, 48, Nashville, TN;
Frank Walsh, 41, Philadelphia, PA;
Cory L. Ward, 23, Gary, IN;
Tavaris Williams, 22, Baltimore, MD;
Unidentified Male, 42, Nashville, TN.

We cannot sit back and allow such senseless gun violence to continue. The deaths of these people are a reminder to all of us that we need to enact sensible gun legislation now.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Friday, September 8, 2000, the Federal debt stood at \$5,680,083,623,060.12, Five trillion, six hundred eighty billion, eighty-three million, six hundred twenty-three thousand, sixty dollars and twelve cents.

One year ago, September 8, 1999, the Federal debt stood at \$5,656,210,000,000, Five trillion, six hundred fifty-six billion, two hundred ten million.