

both of her home State Senators, she was never given a vote.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The time of the Senator has expired.

Mr. LEAHY. I will support Steven Colloton.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, I urge my colleagues to support an excellent judicial nominee for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Steven Colloton is an outstanding individual with an extensive record of public service and impressive legal career. I am glad that the Senate is finally voting on this nomination.

Steve Colloton is an Iowan, born in Iowa City. He graduated from Princeton University and Yale Law School. He served as a law clerk to Judge Laurence Silberman on U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, and then as a law clerk to the Honorable William Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Subsequently, Steve Colloton worked as an attorney with the Office of legal Counsel at the Justice Department and then as an assistance U.S. attorney in the Northern District of Iowa for 8 years, with a brief detail as an associate independent counsel in the Office of Independent Counsel. From 1991 to 2001, he was partner at a law firm in Des Moines, IA.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Steve Colloton returned to government service and was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to the position of U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa. There he has focused his efforts on combating crime and enforcing drug laws, as well as fighting terrorism. He has done a great job serving our country as an Iowa U.S. Attorney.

In addition, Steve Colloton has many strong supporters. Twenty-seven past presidents of the Iowa State Bar wrote that "the exceptional quality of Mr. Colloton's experience, together with its relevance to this position, uniquely qualifies him to represent Iowa on the United States Court of Appeals."

Members of the Polk County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association wrote, "Steve Colloton is the right choice for the Eighth Circuit Court Judge position, and we fully endorse President Bush's nomination." Even people who have worked on the other side of Steve Colloton think very highly of him. George Collins, the attorney for Jim Guy Tucker, wrote, "I am convinced Steve Colloton is an honorable man, and that, when cases come before him, he will call them as he sees them.

. . . I believe that his case will be decided on the law, and, to the extent applicable, the facts. . . ." These quotes show just how much confidence people have that Steve Colloton will make a good Eighth Circuit judge.

Steve Colloton has all the right qualifications to be a Federal judge. He is a bright lawyer with tremendous legal experience and who is well respected by his peers. He is a man who will follow the law and have a healthy respect for case precedent. He understands that the role of a judge is to in-

terpret the law, rather than create it. Steve Colloton will make an excellent judge on the Eighth Circuit, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting his nomination.

Mr. LEAHY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Steven M. Colloton, of Iowa, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit? The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN), and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) would vote "yea".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 94, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 327 Ex.]

YEAS—94

Akaka	DeWine	Lugar
Alexander	Dodd	McCain
Allard	Dole	McConnell
Allen	Domenici	Mikulski
Baucus	Dorgan	Murkowski
Bayh	Durbin	Murray
Bennett	Ensign	Nelson (FL)
Biden	Enzi	Nelson (NE)
Bingaman	Feingold	Nickles
Bond	Feinstein	Pryor
Boxer	Fitzgerald	Reed
Breaux	Frist	Reid
Brownback	Graham (SC)	Roberts
Bunning	Grassley	Rockefeller
Burns	Gregg	Santorum
Byrd	Hagel	Sarbanes
Campbell	Harkin	Schumer
Cantwell	Hatch	Sessions
Carper	Hutchison	Shelby
Chafee	Inhofe	Smith
Chambliss	Inouye	Snowe
Clinton	Jeffords	Specter
Cochran	Johnson	Stabenow
Coleman	Kennedy	Stevens
Collins	Kohl	Sununu
Conrad	Kyl	Talent
Cornyn	Landrieu	Thomas
Corzine	Lautenberg	Voinovich
Craig	Leahy	Warner
Crapo	Levin	Wyden
Daschle	Lincoln	
Dayton	Lott	

NAYS—1

Hollings

NOT VOTING—5

Edwards	Kerry	Miller
Graham (FL)	Lieberman	

The nomination was confirmed.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the President is notified of the Senate's action and the Senate returns to legislative session.

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I will have a short statement but I ask

unanimous consent that, following that, Senator HATCH be recognized for a statement as well.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CONGRATULATIONS, SENATOR LAUTENBERG

Mr. DASCHLE. Madam President, I congratulate our friend and colleague, FRANK LAUTENBERG, on reaching a historic milestone: With the last vote, Senator LAUTENBERG became only the fourth New Jersey Senator in history to cast 6,500 votes in the Senate. Not bad for a freshman.

That incredible accomplishment is a reflection of Senator LAUTENBERG's deep commitment to his State, to his Nation, and to this Senate. One of the many reasons we are grateful he decided to end his retirement and return to the Senate is, over one 3-year period, covering the second session of the 101st Congress and both sessions of the 102nd Congress, Senator LAUTENBERG did not miss one vote. Out of 876 cast, he did not miss 1 single vote. The following year, he missed only 1 of 394 votes cast. He is what we all know to be a workhorse.

I am not sure if we should call him New Jersey's senior Senator or New Jersey's junior Senator, but there is no doubt he is a remarkable Senator.

I congratulate him again on this milestone. I look forward to seeing him cast many more votes in this Chamber. Congratulations.

I ask unanimous consent that Senator LAUTENBERG be recognized for a couple of minutes to respond.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LAUTENBERG. I thank our leader, the Democrat leader, for the kind comments, and my colleagues, some of whom are more accustomed to differing with me than applauding for me, but I respect their views when they register a vote and I am sure the feeling would be returned.

I thank all of my colleagues for their many indulgences and their encouragement and willingness to take me back because here I stand in probably another record, maybe the oldest freshman who ever served in the Senate. I feel fresh, and I am glad to be here. I thank all of my colleagues for their friendship.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. I compliment my colleague from New Jersey and am very proud of him for having cast those many votes.

I ask that my remarks be as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF ESTRADA NOMINATION

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I rise today to speak on the unfortunate