

Ms. LANDRIEU. Madam President, I understand the schedule has the potential of finishing up on the Interior bill on Tuesday. Does the leadership have options after Tuesday in terms of what appropriations bills we might go to after Tuesday?

Mr. FRIST. I will be happy to talk. We have been talking several days in advance each time. As the Democratic leader said, our intention is to go to appropriations and stay on appropriations. There is other business as we worked out to address partial-birth abortion and the judges. But the intention is to go to an appropriations bill. The specific one we don't know now. This is Wednesday. We are talking about a week from now. But we will stay in constant touch.

Ms. LANDRIEU. I thank the Chair.

NOMINATION OF RICHARD J. HOLWELL, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Richard J. Holwell, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. All time is yielded back. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Richard J. Holwell of New York to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York?

Without objection, the nomination is confirmed.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I am pleased today to speak in support of Richard J. Holwell, who has been nominated to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. Holwell is a 1970 cum laude graduate of Columbia Law School. The following year he earned his diploma in criminology from the Cambridge University Institute of Criminology. He then entered private practice with the New York law firm White & Case, first as an associate, then as a partner. Currently, he heads the firm's global litigation practice.

Mr. Holwell has spent most of his professional career litigating complex securities, antitrust, bankruptcy, and other financial market cases before both trial and appellate courts. He has extensive experience in both civil and criminal investigations conducted by the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and other Federal agencies.

Mr. Holwell has also been a zealous advocate for the underserved. In 1987, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund awarded him its Pro Bono Award for his successful litigation of *Capers v. Long Island Rail Road*, a 10-year protracted title VII case in which he fought to protect the

rights of black employees. In addition to title VII suits, he has represented indigent clients in landlord-tenant and custody disputes.

Mr. Holwell is an extremely well-qualified nominee. He brings compassion as well as more than 30 years of legal experience to the Federal bench. I am confident that he will be a fine addition to the bench and urge my colleagues to join me in supporting his confirmation.

NOMINATION OF STEPHEN C. ROBINSON, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Stephen C. Robinson, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I rise today in support of the confirmation of Stephen Robinson to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. Robinson has had a diverse and distinguished legal career. After graduating from the prestigious Cornell Law School, he worked for two corporate law firms, concentrating almost exclusively on civil matters. In 1987, he shifted gears and joined the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, where he represented the United States primarily in criminal trials.

In 1991, Mr. Robinson joined Kroll Associates, an international risk consulting company, serving as an advisor to the company on legal matters and conducting investigations for governments, corporations and law firms.

From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Robinson worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, providing advice and counsel to the FBI regarding various policy issues in both civil and criminal matters. Then in 1995, Mr. Robinson became counsel for Aetna U.S. Healthcare, where he provided advice to the internal audit, compliance and investigative services departments and was ultimately promoted to chief compliance officer.

In 1998, Mr. Robinson returned to public service as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut. He supervised over 50 lawyers in three offices and set policy and prosecution guidelines for all civil and criminal matters. Additionally, he coordinated the investigative strategy for Federal law enforcement agencies, while managing all aspects of the office's operations, including budget, personnel and press issues. For the past 2 years, he has worked with Empower New Haven, Inc., a nonprofit corporation.

Mr. Robinson's extensive experience in both the public and private sectors makes him amply qualified for judicial service. He possesses the qualifica-

tions, the capacity, and the temperament a judge needs to serve on the Federal bench.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If all time is yielded, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Stephen C. Robinson, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York?

Without objection, the nomination is confirmed.

NOMINATION OF P. KEVIN CASTEL, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of P. Kevin Castel, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. HATCH. Madam President, I am pleased today to speak in support of P. Kevin Castel, who has been nominated to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Mr. Castel is a highly regarded litigator. Upon graduating from St. John's University School of Law in 1975, he clerked for Judge Kevin Duffy on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Following his clerkship, he worked as an associate for Cahill Gordon & Reindel until 1983, when he was elevated to partner and where he remains today.

Mr. Castel has focused much of his professional career on complex commercial litigation, including securities, antitrust, intellectual property, employment and products liability cases. Furthermore, as president of the Federal Bar Council, he has written extensively on corporate litigation issues.

In addition to the Federal Bar Council, Mr. Castel holds leadership positions in other notable organizations, including the New York State Bar Association and the Legal Aid Society.

Mr. Castel will bring 20 years of legal experience and sharp acumen to the Federal bench. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting his nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If all time is yielded, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of P. Kevin Castel, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York?

Without objection, the nomination is confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motions to reconsider these votes are laid on the table.

Under the previous order, the President will be immediately notified of the confirmation of these nominations.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.