

Leahy amendment, but I want the Senate to be on notice following this amendment there will be a vote on a Federal judge. That will be announced during the period right after this vote.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE
CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent following the scheduled vote, the Senate immediately proceed to executive session and to consecutive votes on the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 382, 383, 385, and 386.

I further ask unanimous consent that there be 2 minutes equally divided between the two leaders or their designees prior to each vote; further, that following the votes, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

Mr. DASCHLE. Reserving the right to object, I take just a moment to thank the distinguished ranking member of the Judiciary Committee. I know how strongly he feels—and I understand the reasons he feels this way because I share them—that these are very important matters that should not be relegated necessarily to voice votes. But he has, once again, demonstrated a real appreciation of Senators' schedules and his understanding of the need for other Senators to offer amendments on this very critical bill we are dealing with. And in order to accommodate Senators who have amendments to offer, once again, he has agreed with my request that we do a rollcall on the first vote and then voice votes on the other ones.

So I just want to publicly acknowledge his cooperation and his assistance on this matter and thank him since he is currently in the Chamber. But I appreciate that.

I have no objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, with the indulgence of the two leaders, I appreciate very much what the Democratic leader has said. He and I, and the distinguished majority leader, and Senator HATCH, and others, want to move judges whenever we have consensus. And I think we have shown we have.

In the 17 months we were in charge of the Senate, when we were the majority, we confirmed 100 of President Bush's nominees to the Federal judiciary. In the 16 months the Republicans have been in control, this will make another 64 we have confirmed. So it is around 164 between the 2 parties. It is a record that has not been matched for years and years.

But I am happy to accommodate the two leaders. I know the problems the two leaders have. I would not wish them on anybody else. The two leaders have been trying to schedule things, so I am happy to try to accommodate them and all Members.

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

The majority leader.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, just for clarification, we will have the vote on the Leahy amendment now, followed by a rollcall vote on one of the judicial nominees, followed by a voice vote on the next three judicial nominees.

In the meantime, we will be discussing the schedule for later this evening. Amendments will be in order tonight. They will be laid down. We will talk about the voting schedule here shortly.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, before we go to the vote, I know our colleagues will be coming to the floor to vote on these two matters.

The distinguished majority leader and I have been talking about the schedule tomorrow. And without in any way preempting him and the decisions he will make about the schedule, there is a possibility that we will not be in session tomorrow but that we will have a window for Senators to offer amendments.

The only reason I say that now is if Senators would contemplate the offering of an amendment tomorrow, I would like them, at least on the Democratic side, to consult with Senator REID and myself during these votes so that we have an understanding of how many of those amendments might be offered. We would only have about a 2-hour window. But if Senators are interested, during these votes I hope they will come to either Senator REID or myself to discuss the queuing of those amendments and whether or not we will have an opportunity to consider them all.

So I hope we will use the time available to us for discussion of that. And we will have more to say about that sequencing once those votes have been completed.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT NO. 1803

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion to table amendment No. 1803. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 56, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 374 Leg.]

YEAS—56

Alexander	Cochran	Enzi
Allard	Coleman	Fitzgerald
Allen	Collins	Frist
Bennett	Cornyn	Graham (SC)
Bond	Craig	Grassley
Brownback	Crapo	Gregg
Bunning	Dayton	Hagel
Burns	DeWine	Hatch
Campbell	Dole	Hollings
Chafee	Domenici	Hutchinson
Chambliss	Ensign	Inhofe

Kyl	Nelson (NE)	Specter
Landrieu	Nickles	Stevens
Lott	Roberts	Sununu
Lugar	Santorum	Talent
McCain	Sessions	Thomas
McConnell	Shelby	Voinovich
Miller	Smith	Warner
Murkowski	Snowe	

NAYS—42

Akaka	Dodd	Leahy
Baucus	Dorgan	Levin
Bayh	Durbin	Lincoln
Biden	Edwards	Mikulski
Bingaman	Feingold	Murray
Boxer	Feinstein	Nelson (FL)
Breaux	Harkin	Pryor
Byrd	Inouye	Reed
Cantwell	Jeffords	Reid
Carper	Johnson	Rockefeller
Clinton	Kennedy	Sarbanes
Conrad	Kerry	Schumer
Corzine	Kohl	Stabenow
Daschle	Lautenberg	Wyden

NOT VOTING—2

Graham (FL)	Lieberman
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The motion was agreed to.

Mr. WARNER. I move to reconsider the vote.

Mr. STEVENS. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF WILLIAM Q. HAYES, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now proceed to executive session to consider Executive Calendar No. 382, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of William Q. Hayes, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Utah.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, William Q. Hayes is certainly qualified to be a Federal district court judge for the Southern District of California. I recommend to all our colleagues they support him. I believe everybody will be pleased with the service he will give.

I yield back the remainder of my time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I yield my time to the Senator from California.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I thank Senator LEAHY and Senator HATCH. This is an excellent nominee for the Southern District Court of California, William Hayes.

I want to emphasize the excellent process that we have in place to select District Court nominees in California.

In a truly bipartisan fashion, the White House Counsel, Senator FEINSTEIN and I worked together to create four judicial advisory committees for

the State of California, one in each Federal judicial district in the State.

Each committee has a membership of six individuals: three appointed by the White House and three appointed jointly by Senator FEINSTEIN and me. Each member's vote counts equally, and a majority is necessary for recommendation of a candidate.

Mr. Hayes was reviewed by the Southern District Committee and strongly recommended for this position. I continue to support this bipartisan selection process and the high quality nominees it has produced.

Mr. Hayes had extensive civil experience as a private attorney before becoming a Federal prosecutor, rising to the position of head of the criminal division in the U.S. attorney's office in San Diego.

The southern district will benefit greatly from the exemplary services of Mr. Hayes, and I fully support confirmation of this nominee.

I wish to emphasize, once again, to my colleagues that we have a wonderful process in place in California to come up with these nominees for the district court. Senator FEINSTEIN and I have three members on the committee. The Bush administration has three members on the committee. It takes a majority vote. This means we are working together, and we have proven that we can come up with mainstream nominees for the district court. I urge an "aye" vote.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased today to speak in support of William Q. Hayes, who has been nominated to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

Mr. Hayes received both his J.D. and M.B.A. from Syracuse University in 1983. Following his graduation, he spent a year in private practice until 1987, at which time he went to work for the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California. He was eventually elevated to chief of the criminal division of that office in recognition of his exceptional legal abilities. Despite the demands of his career in public service, he has nevertheless found the time to teach at both the undergraduate and law school levels.

Mr. Hayes is an exceptional nominee who will be a fine addition to the Federal bench, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting his nomination. I yield the floor.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

Mr. STEVENS. There is one amendment that might still require a vote tonight. We think it will be worked out. So many people want to start this

vote, I suggest we start it. If that amendment is worked out, there will be more votes tonight, but we should know before the rollcall is over. So I suggest we start the rollcall now.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of William Q. Hayes, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California?

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll. The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Florida (Mr. GRAHAM) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 98, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 375 Ex.]

YEAS—98

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

NOT VOTING—2

Graham (FL) Lieberman

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

NOMINATION OF JOHN A. HOUSTON, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of John A. Houston, of California, to be United States District

Judge for the Southern District of California.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there are 2 minutes of debate equally divided prior to the vote on the nomination.

Who yields time?

Mr. STEVENS. I yield all time on our side.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is anyone seeking time?

All time has expired.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of John A. Houston, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California?

The nomination was confirmed.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote, and I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased today to speak in support of John Houston, who has been confirmed to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

Judge Houston, a graduate of the University of Miami School of Law, has used his outstanding legal skills in public service. He first served in the United States Army Judge Advocate General Corps and then in various positions at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California before his appointment in 1998 as a Federal magistrate judge, the position in which he currently serves.

Judge Houston has won many accolades for his legal skills, including awards from the National Association of Black Customs Enforcement Officers and from the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force for Outstanding Contributions. He was also presented with the Director's Award for Superior Performance in Asset Forfeiture by then-Attorney General Janet Reno.

In addition to his judicial responsibilities, Judge Houston finds time to participate in community programs that assist children in meeting educational and economic challenges. He has, for example, opened his courtroom to public school students to give them hands-on lessons in the judicial process. And he has served as a mentor to young African-American men who have excelled in high school to prepare them for college and beyond.

I applaud President Bush for his nomination of Judge Houston and am confident that he will serve on the bench with compassion, integrity and fairness.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I am pleased today to speak in support of Robert Clive Jones, who has been confirmed to the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.

Before I go any further, I must tell you that Judge Jones is a fellow Cougar—a graduate of my alma mater, Brigham Young University. He then attended UCLA School of Law, where he graduated in the top 10 percent of his