Moreover, he has authored and published several scholarly articles, and he has devoted countless hours in pro bono work for low-income and indigent clients. Judge O'Grady was unanimously rated ''well-qualified'' by the American Bar Association.

Judge O'Grady is married to Grace McPhearson O'Grady and has four children. He resides in McLean, VA. Judge O'Grady received a B.A. from Franklin & Marshall College, 1973, and a J.D. from George Mason University School of Law, 1977.

As I have previously noted, the Constitution assigns a pivotal role to the Senate in the advice and consent process related to Federal judges. These judgeships are lifetime appointments, and Virginians expect me to take very seriously my constitutional duties. In my mind, it matters not whether a nominee is a Republican or a Democrat, but rather whether the nominee will be respectful of the Constitution, and impartial, balanced, and fair-minded to those appearing before him. After careful deliberation, including conferring with Senator Warner, I believe that Judge O'Grady meets these high standards.

I thank the Chair for the opportunity to make these remarks about Judge O'Grady and for the expeditious way the Senate has moved his nomination through the process during the 110th Congress. Again, it is with pride that I join Senator WARNER in recommending Judge O'Grady to each of my colleagues in the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Liam O'Grady, of Virginia, to be U.S. district judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

On this question, the yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant journal clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. LOTT. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH).

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 88, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 239 Ex.]

YEAS—88

Akaka	Dole	Menendez
Alexander	Domenici	Mikulski
Barrasso	Durbin	Murkowski
Baucus	Enzi	Murray
Bayh	Feingold	Nelson (FL)
Bennett	Feinstein	Nelson (NE)
Biden	Graham	Pryor
Bingaman	Grassley	Reed
Bond	Gregg	Reid
Boxer	Hagel	Roberts
Brown	Harkin	Rockefeller
Brownback	Hatch	Salazar
Bunning	Hutchison	Sanders
Byrd	Inhofe	Schumer
Cantwell	Isakson	Sessions
Cardin	Kennedy	Shelby
Carper	Kerry	Smith
Casey	Klobuchar	Snowe
Clinton	Kohl	Specter
Coburn	Kyl	Stabenow
Cochran	Landrieu	Stevens
Coleman	Lautenberg	Sununu
Collins	Leahy	Tester
Conrad	Levin	Vitter
Corker	Lieberman	Warner
Cornyn	Lott	Webb
Craig	Lugar	Whitehouse
Crapo	Martinez	Wyden
DeMint	McCaskill	
Dodd	McConnell	

NOT VOTING—12

Allard	Ensign	McCain
Burr	Inouye	Obama
Chambliss	Johnson	Thune
Dorgan	Lincoln	Voinovich

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF JANET T. NEFF TO BE U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to Executive Calendar No. 140, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Janet T. Neff, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. I am about to yield momentarily to the Senator from Michigan. I know the Senator from Pennsylvania has assured, as I have, the Senator from Kansas that he will have a minute. Then I will yield back whatever time remains so we can go to a rollcall vote on this nomination. Neither the Senator from Pennsylvania nor I will ask for rollcall votes on the remaining nominations. They would then have a voice vote, assuming this one is confirmed.

I yield such time as the Senator from Michigan needs.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Michigan.

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I thank Judiciary Chairman LEAHY and Ranking Member SPECTER for their assistance in moving forward the nominations of Judge Paul Maloney and Judge Janet Neff and Robert Jonker to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

Judge Paul Maloney has served as a circuit judge on the Berrien County Trial Court for over 10 years. Judge Maloney also brings a wealth of public service experience to the bench, including: working as a Berrien County prosecutor, a deputy assistant attorney general in the Department of Justice and as chairman of the Michigan Sentencing Commission.

Judge Janet Neff has served as a judge on the Court of Appeals for the Third District of Michigan for nearly 20 years. In addition to her distinguished career on the bench, Judge Neff has been an active leader in Grand Rapids, including serving as the first woman president of the Grand Rapids Bar Association.

Robert Jonker has been a partner at Warner, Norcross & Judd in Grand Rapids for over 12 years. A life-long Michiganian, Robert Jonker is a graduate of Calvin College and the University of Michigan Law School, and has served as a law clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Robert Feikens in the Eastern District.

This situation is critical for my State. Currently, the Western District has only one full-time judge hearing cases, and the Judicial Conference has declared it a judicial emergency. Even when the bench is full, this district presents logistical challenges because it covers Michigan cities all the way from Marquette to Benton Harbor—St. Joe.

I was deeply disappointed that in the last Congress, the Senate failed to act on these three nominees despite a bipartisan agreement between myself and Senator LEVIN and the administration.

I am pleased the full Senate will be voting to confirm the three nominees, who will all bring distinguished legal careers to the Federal bench.

This is an important example of how we can work together. I hope the administration sees the value of working together in a bipartisan fashion with the Senate to ensure an independent and impartial judiciary that is accessible to all.

Senator LEVIN and I have worked closely with the White House. While it has taken longer than we would have liked to come to this point, we are extremely pleased and grateful to our distinguished chairman, who has worked very hard on our behalf, Senator LEAHY, and the ranking member, Senator SPECTER. Both Senators have worked hard to bring these nominees forward. These are three very distinguished people from Michigan with tremendous credentials for the bench. They will serve ably, and I am proud to support them.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Kansas.

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. President, I urge my colleagues to vote against Judge Neff going onto the bench for a lifetime appointment. I have met directly with her. I have been present for two hearings where she has spoken on the controversial issue of same-sex marriage, which we all agree should be decided by legislative bodies and by the people, not by the courts. She has an

activist view on this issue. She participated in a ceremony herself. Then, when asked about her view toward same-sex unions, she said she considers it a continuing legal controversy. Her words: I really don't have an understanding of it, concerning the Michigan law. In Michigan, the State has defined marriage as the union of a man and a woman, both by the legislature and the people. She says it is not entirely settled. Here is an activist on a core issue, a difficult issue, one I think we all believe should be decided by legislative bodies and not by the courts. She would be one who would have a tendency to rule from the bench.

I urge my colleagues to vote against Judge Neff.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, Judge Neff was voted out of the committee with strong bipartisan support and was on the agenda to be confirmed under Republican control of the Senate last year when we had the snag on judges. She has my strong support and the support of the committee. I urge that she be confirmed.

If nobody else is seeking recognition, I yield back the remainder of my time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Janet T. Neff, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan?

The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUYE), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. OBAMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. LOTT. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. VITTER), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH).

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 83, nays 4, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 240 Ex.]

YEAS—83

Akaka	Cantwell	Craig
Alexander	Cardin	Crapo
Barrasso	Carper	DeMint
Baucus	Casey	Dodd
Bayh	Clinton	Dole
Bennett	Coburn	Domenici
Biden	Cochran	Durbin
Bingaman	Coleman	Enzi
Bond	Collins	Feingold
Boxer	Conrad	Feinstein
Brown	Corker	Graham
Byrd	Cornyn	Grassley
Gregg	Lott	Sanders
Hagel	Lugar	Schumer
Harkin	McCaskill	Sessions
Hatch	McConnell	Shelby
Hutchison	Menendez	Smith
Inhofe	Mikulski	Snowe
Isakson	Murkowski	Specter
Kennedy	Murray	Stabenow
Kerry	Nelson (FL)	Stevens
Klobuchar	Nelson (NE)	Sununu
Kohl	Pryor	Tester
Landrieu	Reed	Warner
Lautenberg	Reid	Webb
Leahy	Roberts	Whitehouse
Levin	Rockefeller	Wyden
Lieberman	Salazar	

NAYS—4

Brownback	Kyl
Bunning	Martinez

NOT VOTING—13

Allard	Inouye	Thune
Burr	Johnson	Vitter
Chambliss	Lincoln	Voinovich
Dorgan	McCain	
Ensign	Obama	

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF PAUL LEWIS MALONEY TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to Executive Calendar No. 139, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Paul Lewis Maloney, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Paul Lewis Maloney, of Michigan, to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan?

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF ROBERT JAMES JONKER TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to Executive Calendar No. 154, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Robert James Jonker to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Robert James Jonker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan?

The nomination was confirmed.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Motions to reconsider are laid on the table.

The President will be notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senate will return to legislative session.

The Senator from Oklahoma is recognized.

TERRORISM

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, during the last week that we were not here during the Fourth of July recess, there was a lot of misinformation floating around about things that may or may not be happening concerning the war on terrorism. I would like to make some clarifications, if I could.

I think it is very significant that we understand what is really going on, not what some of the media tell us is going on. I have found through my experience—and I say this: I come to the floor with probably having made more trips to the Iraqi AOR, 14 in total, than any other Member, so I have been there quite a few times. I have watched the changes as the changes have taken place.

Let me share with my colleagues, first of all, a little background. The United States Code defines terrorism as premeditated, politically motivated violence perpetrated against noncombatant targets by subnational groups or clandestine agents. Their goal is to inflict the maximum amount of damage and pain to civilians irrespective of age, race, gender, or religion. It will remain a global threat for the foreseeable future. It is global. I think a lot of people don't realize how global this is but, if we just look at the things that have happened recently, including terrorist attacks in Somalia, Kenya, and Tanzania. We remember in those places the Embassies being blown up. The United States, France, Morocco, Turkey, Spain, Indonesia, Great Britain, Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Philippines, Algeria, Yemen, and Tunisia are just a partial list of some of the places where there have been terrorist attacks.

The National Counterterrorism Center reported approximately 14,000 terrorist attacks occurred in various countries during 2006. Over 50 percent of the attacks occurred in Iraq or Afghanistan. Reported incidents decreased for Europe, Eurasia, South Asia, and the Western Hemisphere.

Now, the following terrorist-related attacks occurred within the past 30 days outside of Iraq and Afghanistan. The mentality that somehow it is all happening in Iraq is false. There were some statements made in declaring certain areas in Iraq to potentially be the terrorism capital, but we will talk about that in a minute.

A car bomb exploded outside of the Somalian Prime Minister's residence killing six people. This is all in the last 30 days. A bomb exploded in front of a crowded tea shop in Thailand killing 1 woman and wounding 28 others. That was on June 8. An explosion outside the