

needed and thank you for your service to America.

Mr. President, I yield the floor.
The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Pennsylvania.

NOMINATION OF KENT A. JORDAN

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, we are due to vote in 2 minutes on the cloture motion to cut off debate so we can proceed to a vote on the nomination of Kent A. Jordan to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Kent Jordan now is Judge Jordan on the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. He has an outstanding academic and professional record. He graduated cum laude from the Georgetown Law Center.

Judge Jordan was nominated to serve on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit on June 28, 2006. A hearing was held for his nomination on September 6, 2006. His nomination reported out of the Judiciary Committee with a favorable recommendation on September 26, 2006.

In 1981, Judge Jordan received his BA from Brigham Young University, where he graduated with high honors. In 1984, he received his JD from the Georgetown Law Center, where he graduated cum laude.

Following law school Judge Jordan served as a law clerk to the Honorable James L. Latchum, U.S. District Judge for the District of Delaware. After his clerkship, he entered private practice as an associate at Potter Anderson & Corroon. From 1987 to 1992, he served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware, where he became the office's lead attorney on civil matters and served as lead and cocounsel on a variety of criminal matters.

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Judge Jordan is also a scholar who teaches as an adjunct professor at three law schools: the University of Pennsylvania, Vanderbilt, and Widener. Judge Jordan has spoken and published articles on intellectual property, civil procedure, advocacy, and professional responsibility. He has also contributed chapters to several legal titles, including two manuals used in the Third Circuit: "Federal Appellate Procedure" and "Federal Civil Procedure Before Trial."

Judge Jordan has received a unanimous "well qualified" rating from the American Bar Association.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that his resume and a full statement of his accomplishments be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

KENT A. JORDAN, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

Birth:

Oct. 24, 1957, West Point, New York

Legal Residence:

Delaware

Education:

B.A., Brigham Young University, with high honors, 1981

J.D., Georgetown Law Center, cum laude, 1984

Employment:

Law Clerk, James L. Latchum, U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, 1984-1985

Associate, Potter Anderson & Corroon, 1985-1987

Assistant United States Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware, 1987-1992

Associate, Morris James Hitchens & Williams, 1992-1993; Partner, 1994-1997

Vice-President and General Counsel, Corporation Service Company, 1998-2002

United States District Judge, District of Delaware, 2002-present

Selected Activities:

Member of the Board of Directors, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc., 1994-1997

Member, Delaware State Bar Association, 1984-present

Member, District of Columbia Bar Association, 1996-present

Member, American Bar Association, 1984 to early 1990s

Member, Federalist Society, 1995-1997

Adjunct professor at: Widener University School of Law, 1995-1996; 2006-present; Vanderbilt University School of Law, 2003-present; University of Pennsylvania Law School, 2005-present.

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Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, in the 30 seconds remaining, I urge my colleagues to proceed to vote on the nomination of Judge Jordan and also on the pending nominations of some 13 district court judges, all of whom have been reported out favorably by the Judiciary Committee. Regrettably, the Senate does not focus as much attention on these judge-ships as I think it should. The distinguished Presiding Officer has a judge on the docket from the State of Georgia. And with the enormous business pressures we have—on Iraq and on taxes and on appropriations—there is too little attention on judges. When a judge is not present on the Third Circuit, and currently there are four vacancies on that circuit, they have a judicial emergency situation. Their docket is clogged and people have to wait a long time to have their cases heard.

Similarly, if there is not a judge sitting in Georgia or in Ohio, where Senator DEWINE and Senator VOINOVICH want a nominee confirmed, people are prejudiced and disadvantaged. And from the Western District of Michigan, a Congressman was over yesterday, urging Senators to move ahead on the three pending nominations in that district. I ask that every step be taken at every level of the Senate to confirm these judges.

I yield the floor.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF KENT A. JORDAN TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the hour of 10:30 a.m. having arrived, the Senate will proceed to executive session for a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kent Jordan, which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Kent A. Jordan, of