

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much.

Now, although we have questions, we can submit them to you in writing. I know you have a very difficult scheduling problem, so as far as the Chair is concerned, you are excused or you can stay. It is totally up to you.

Mr. RUIZ. I will stay, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

Mr. DUNFEY, how are you?

Mr. DUNFEY. I am fine, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. It is good to see you.

Mr. DUNFEY. It is nice to see you again.

The CHAIRMAN. Welcome and please proceed with whatever testimony you would like to give.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM L. DUNFEY

Mr. DUNFEY. Thank you, Senator.

The most recent census will probably reveal that we have slightly over 1 million in the State of New Hampshire. However, if you live in the Granite State and become involved in local or State affairs, you more often think of it as a small community, wherein at one time or another you meet just about every man and woman who is active in community affairs.

I am not an attorney. My profession has been the hotel business, with New Hampshire and New England forming the base for what has developed into an international hotel company. In the process of trying to repay New Hampshire for the many good things that it has provided me and my family, I have accepted service on various organizations devoted to maintaining and improving the quality of life in my State.

It was in 1980 that I was asked to serve on the board of overseers of the Dartmouth Medical School. In 1981, Judge David Souter was also appointed a member of the board of overseers at Dartmouth. Our service on the board overlapped about 5 years, 1981-86.

As a former Democratic State chairman and party activist, I was aware that David Souter was an appointee of Republican State officials to positions in the attorney general's office and the judiciary.

In our work together, David Souter won my complete respect, just as his distinguished career as a judge has won the respect of the people of New Hampshire, whatever their political and philosophical views.

Judge Souter brings the unusual combination of serious attention to his responsibilities, along with individual accountability for one's actions.

This approach is not unique to New Hampshire or New England. It is a trait that is fundamental to the fairness of the American system of justice that has produced outstanding members of the Supreme Court.

Judge Souter's reputation for guarding his privacy and devoting his personal time to activities that physically and mentally recharge his batteries should provide a good perspective for the many challenges that the Supreme Court will face in the 1990's.

In New Hampshire, almost without exception, we are very proud of the nomination of Judge Souter, and I am especially honored to have been asked to support and endorse that nomination.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Mr. Dunfey.

Mr. Martin.

STATEMENT OF R. EDEN MARTIN

Mr. MARTIN. Thank you very much, Senator.

I am here primarily as a character witness. I must say at the outset that I am probably unable to be strictly neutral about it. David Souter is a close personal friend of mine and has been for many years.

I got to know David Souter when I was in law school. We were proctors together at Harvard College. We were next door neighbors in a dormitory for 2 years. It was his second and third year in law school and my first and second, and we became very close personal friends at that time, and I feel that I knew him very well then, and I have continued to be a friend of his over the years.

I think the reason I am here is because that appeared in the Chicago Tribune on August 21, 1990. It was a commentary on the human quality of David Souter. I believe the committee has been provided with copies, and I do not have any separate written statement.

The CHAIRMAN. That is correct, we do.

Mr. MARTIN. I wrote that article, because it seemed to me that the initial news commentaries that were coming out about David Souter were somewhat misleading. They were accurate in the sense that they reflected his intelligence, but they suggested that he was an excessively bookish individual, somewhat antisocial, somewhat monkish, somewhat ascetic, and not very much fun, or at least some of the articles suggested that, and it seemed to me that that gave quite an unfair and misleading portrait of the man and I wanted to set it straight, which was the reason that I wrote the article.

As I indicated there, he is sociable, he is sensitive to the feelings and concerns of others. I quoted one of the Harvard deans who indicated that he showed compassion and understanding in dealing with the freshmen who were his charges at Harvard, and I have submitted the article and I would be happy to answer any questions that you have.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. I thank you very much. The article will also be placed in the record.

[The article referred to follows:]