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SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

OVERVIEW

Republicans

Thurmond -supportive, but will reserve comment until hearings complete Mathias -- generally supports Laxalt -- generally supports Hatch -- generally supports Dole -- generally supports Simpson -- publicly strong support East -- uncommitted Grassley -- uncommitted Denton -- uncommitted Specter -- supportive, but will reserve comment until record complete

Democrats

Biden -- generally supports Kennedy -- generally supports

Byrd -- uncommitted

Metzenbaum - publicly supports DeConcini - strongly supports

Leahy -- uncommitted

Baucus -- generally supportive - uncommitted

Heflin -- strong support

MAX BAUCUS -- Montana, Democrat

OFFICE NO.:

DSOB 1107

STAFF CONTACT:

Ken Kay (224-3861)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Sheila O'Laughan

(224 - 2651)

BIOGRAPHY:

MAX BAUCUS, Democrat, of Missoula, Mont.; born in Helena, Mont., December 11, 1941; graduated, Helena High School, 1959; B.A. in economics, Stanford University, 1964; LL.B., Stanford University Law School, 1967; attorney, Civil Aeronautics Board, 1967-68; attorney and legal assistant to chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, 1968-71; attorney, George & Baucus law firm, Missoula, Mont.; married Ann Geracimos, 1975; one child: Zeno; member: Kiwanis Club, Montana and District of Columbia Bar Associations; served in Montana House of Representatives, 1973-74; elected to the 94th Congress, November 5, 1974; reelected to the 95th Congress; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 7, 1978, for a 6-year term beginning January 3, 1979; subsequently appointed December 15, 1978, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Paul Hatfield.

COMMENT:

Senator Max Baucus of Montana was elected to the Senate in 1978 after four years of service in the House of Representatives. He is a pleasant, affable person and has an even younger appearance than his forty years. His political success in Montana is said to be largely attributable to his strong emphasis on constituent service.

He is the ranking minority member of the Separation of Powers Subcommittee, which recently considered the East anti-abortion legislation. This legislation would declare that human life begins at conception and would limit the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Courts to hear challenges to any anti-abortion legislation. Baucus opposed this measure and based this opposition on his belief that the jurisdiction of Federal courts should not be restricted in this manner.

He is generally regarded as a Senate liberal and takes pro-environmental and pro-consumer positions.

HOWARD D. METZENBAUM -- Ohio, Democrat

OFFICE NO.:

RSOB 347

STAFF CONTACT:

Herman Schwartz (224-7481)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Sherri Clapp

(224 - 8907)

BIOGRAPHY:

HOWARD M. METZENBAUM, Democrat, of Cleveland, Ohio; born in Cleveland, Ohio, June 4, 1917; B.A., Ohio State University, 1939; LL.D., Ohio State University School of Law, 1941; Ohio House of Representatives, 1943–46; Ohio State Senate, 1947–50; campaign manager for Senator Stephen M. Young (D.-Ohio) in 1958 and 1964; founder, Metzenbaum, Gaines, Finley & Stern Co., L.P.A.; cofounder and chairman of the board, Airport Parking Co. of America, (APCOA) which merged with International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. and became ITT Consumer Services Corp.; chairman of the board, ComCorp, Inc., a chain of suburban newspapers; married to the former Shirley Turoff, August 8, 1946; four daughters: Barbara Bonner, Susan (Mrs. Joel Hyatt), Shelley (Mrs. Steven Kelman), and Amy; board member, American Cancer Society (Cleveland); Cystic Fibrosis; Northern Ohio Children's Performing Music Foundation, Inc. (The Singing Angels); fellow, Brandeis University; Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate, 1970; appointed U.S. Senator, January 4, 1974, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of William B. Saxbe, and served until December 23, 1974; unsuccessful candidate for renomination in 1974; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 2, 1976, for the 6-year term beginning January 3, 1977.

COMMENT:

Senator Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio was appointed to the Senate in 1974 to fill the vacancy left by the appointment of William Saxbe to be Attorney General. However he lost the primary that year to his current colleague, Senator John Glenn. He was elected in 1976 and faces reelection next year.

Although he made a lot of money in the airport parking business, he is anti-business, pro-labor and pro-consumer. He has attacked the energy companies on virtually every front. He is a skilled manipulator of the media and is usually well prepared on issues in which be becomes involved.

He has indicated his support for your nomination.

EDWARD M. KENNEDY -- Massachusetts, Democrat

OFFICE NO.:

RSOB 109

STAFF CONTACT:

Burt Wides (224-2616)

APPT. SECRETARY:

(Mr.) Chris Doherty (224-4571)

BIOGRAPHY:

EDWARD MOORE KENNEDY, Democrat, of Boston, Mass.; born in Boston, Mass., February 22, 1932, son of Joseph P. and Rose Kennedy; Milton Academy, 1950; Harvard College, A.B., 1956; International Law School, The Hague, Holland, 1958; University of Virginia Law School, LL.B., 1959; married Virginia Joan Bennett of Bronxville, N.Y., November 29, 1958; three children: Kara, Edward M., Jr., and Patrick Joseph; enlisted in the U.S. Army as a private and served in France and Germany from June 1951 to March 1953; president of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Foundation; trustee of: Children's Hospital Medical Center, Boston; Museum of Science, Boston; John F. Kennedy Library; trustee: John F. Kennedy Center and Robert F. Kennedy Memorial; assistant district attorney of Suffolk County; elected to the U.S. Senate November 6, 1962, to fill unexpired term of his brother, John F. Kennedy; reelected November 3, 1964, November 3, 1970, and November 2, 1976; assistant majority leader from 1968 to 1971; first chairman of the Congressional Technology Assessment Board during 1973 and 1974; member: Labor and Human Resources, Judiciary, and Joint Economic Committees.

COMMENT:

Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts is the leading spokesman for liberal causes in the Senate. He has been on the Senate Judiciary Committee since he became a Senator in 1961 and served as its Chairman in 1979 and 1980, following the retirement of Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi and prior to Republican control of the Senate. As a member of the Committee, he was active in opposing the confirmations of Haynsworth, Carswell and Rehnquist. He has a particular interest in civil rights, gun control, and anti-trust issues, including divestiture of the integrated oil companies. He passed up the opportunity to be ranking minority member of the Senate Judiciary Committee in order to become ranking minority member of the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources, where he could concentrate on his interest in health issues.

He has indicated a favorable position toward your nomination.



STROM THURMOND -- South Carolina, Republican

President Pro-Tempore Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee

OFFICE NO.:

RSOB 209

STAFF CONTACT:

Duke Short (224-8248)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Holly Johnston (224-7722)

BIOGRAPHY:

STROM THURMOND, Republican, of Aiken, S.C.; President pro tempore; chairman, Judiciary Committee; senior Republican: Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committees; attorney and farmer; born December 5, 1902, in Edgefield, S.C., son of John William and Eleanor Gertrude (Strom) Thurmond; married Jean Crouch of Elko, S.C., November 7, 1947 (dec. Jan. 6, 1960); married Nancy Moore of Aiken, S.C., December 22, 1968; four children: Nancy Moore, J. Strom Jr., Juliana Gertrude, and Paul Reynolds; 1923 graduate of Clemson College; studied law at night under his father and admitted to South Carolina Bar 1930, and admitted to practice in all Federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court; 14 honorary degrees; served as teacher and athletic coach, county superintendent of education, city attorney and county attorney, State senator, circuit judge, Governor of South Carolina, 1947–51; serving as chairman of Southern Governors' Conference; practiced law in Aiken, S.C., 1951–55; volunteered for service in World War II the day war was declared against Germany, served with Headquarters First Army 1942–46, European and Pacific Theaters, participated in Normandy invasions with 82d Airborne Division; awarded 5 battle stars and 18 decorations, medals, and awards, including the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with "V", Purple Heart, etc., also Belgian Order of the Crown, and French Croix de Guerre; recipient of Congressional Medal of Honor Society National Patriot's Award, 1974; major general, U.S. Army Reserve, past national president Reserve Officers Association and Military Government Association; February 19, 1971, became first past president of the Reserve Officers Association to receive the "Minuteman of the Year Award"; recipient, NCOA L. Mendel Rivers Award for Legislative Action, 1971; American Legion Distinguished Public Service Award, 1975; VFW Dwight D. Eisenhower Distinguished Service Award, 1977; Amvets Silver Helmet Congressional Award, 1977; Baptist; American Bar Association, and numerous

COMMENT:

Senator Strom Thurmond is Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and within two years of becoming 80 years old. The most important aspect of his life is his relationship with his wife, who is some forty years his junior, and his four pre-teenage children. He is a former Circuit Court Judge in South Carolina, a former Governor, and has been in the Senate since 1954. He ran as a Dixiecrat for President in 1948 and has been elected in South Carolina as an Independent on a write-in, as a Democrat, and as a Republican. He became a Republican in 1964 during the presidential campaign of Senator Barry Goldwater.

He has been active on the Senate Judiciary Committee for a number of years and is a strong advocate on the conservative side of such issues before his committee



as the death penalty, abortion, busing, and gun control. He is a reliable supporter of the Administration and will be cooperative in expediting consideration of your nomination, but believes that he should be open and objective until the record has been presented in hearings before his committee.

ALAN K. SIMPSON -- Wyoming, Republican

OFFICE NO.:

DSOB 6205

STAFF CONTACT:

Dick Day

(224 - 7959)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Gigi Taggart

(224 - 0107)

BIOGRAPHY:

ALAN K. SIMPSON, Republican, of Cody, Wyo.; born in Denver, Colo., September 2, 1931; attended the public schools of Cody, Wyo.; graduated Cody High School, 1949; B.S.L., University of Wyoming, Laramie, 1954, and LL.B., 1958; served in the U.S. Army, 1954-56; lawyer; admitted to the Wyoming State Bar in 1958 and commenced practice in Cody, Wyo.; partner, law firm of Simpson, Kepler, Simpson & Cozzens; assistant attorney general of Wyoming, 1958-59; city attorney, Cody, Wyo., and U.S. Commissioner, 1959-69; member, Wyoming House of Representatives, 1964-77; member, American Bar Association, Association of Trial Lawyers of America; admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, 1964; member, boards of trustees: Buffalo Bill Historical Center (Cody, Wyo.), Gottsche Foundation Rehabilitation Center (Thermopolis, Wyo.); member: Episcopal Church, VFW, Rotary Club, Eagles, BPOE, various Masonic bodies and the Shrine, also active in various other civic and community organizations; married to the former Ann Schroll, 1954; three children: William Lloyd, Colin Mackenzie, and Susan Lorna; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 7, 1978, for the 6-year term beginning January 3, 1979; subsequently appointed by the Governor January 1, 1979, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Clifford P. Hansen.

COMMENT:

Senator Alan Simpson of Wyoming is an affable, well liked member of the Senate. He is a former state legislator and attorney, and has expressed public support for your nomination. His primary interest on the Senate Judiciary Committee is refugee and immigration policy and he is Chairman of a subcommittee dealing with this subject.

He is Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, although it is highly unusual for someone to be chairman of a committee after only two years in the Senate. Senator Simpson also has an interest in nuclear power, stemming from his chairmanship of the Nuclear Regulation Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.



JOSEPH BIDEN -- Delaware, Democrat

OFFICE NO.:

RSOB 431

STAFF CONTACT:

Mark Gitenstein

(224 - 5701)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Patty Mink

(224 - 5042)

BIOGRAPHY:

JOSEPH ROBINETTE BIDEN, Jr., Democrat, Wilmington, Del.; born in Scranton, Pa., November 20, 1942; educated at St. Helena's School, Wilmington, Del., Archmere Academy, Claymont, Del.; A.B. degree in history and political science, University of Delaware; J.D., Syracuse University College of Law; married to Jill Tracy Biden; two children: Joseph R. Biden III, born February 3, 1969, Robert Hunter Biden, born February 4, 1970; admitted to the bar, December 1968, Wilmington, Del.; engaged in private practice until November 1972; served on New Castle County Council 1970–72; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 1972, for the term ending January 3, 1979; reelected to U.S. Senate, November 1978; committee assignments: Democratic Steering; Budget; Foreign Relations; Judiciary; and Select Committee on Intelligence.

COMMENT:

Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware is the ranking minority member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He came to the Senate ten years ago as its youngest member at the age of 29. Although he generally votes with the Senate liberals, he has been active in anti-busing legislation.

He has indicated that he intends to be generally supportive of your nomination.

ARLEN SPECTER -- Pennsylvania, Republican

OFFICE NO.:

RSOB 342

STAFF CONTACT:

Bruce Cohen

(224 - 8178)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Sylvia Lieverman Nolde

(224 - 9012)

BIOGRAPHY:

ARLEN SPECTER, Republican, of Philadelphia, Pa.; born in Wichita, Kans., February 12, 1930; attended College Hill elementary school, Wichita; graduated, Russell High School, Russell, Kans., 1947; University of Pennsylvania, 1951, B.A., international relations, Phi Beta Kappa; Yale Law School, LL.B., 1956; board of editors, Law Journal; served in U.S. Air Force, 1951–53, attaining rank of first lieutenant; member, law firm of Dechert, Price & Rhoads before and after serving two terms as district attorney of Philadelphia, 1966–74; married the former Joan Levy, who was elected to the city council of Philadelphia in 1979; two sons: Shanin and Stephen; served as assistant counsel to the Warren Commission, 1964; served on Pennsylvania's State Planning Board, The White House Conference on Youth, The National Commission on Criminal Justice, and the Peace Corps National Advisory Council; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 4, 1980, for the 6-year term beginning January 5, 1981; member: Senate Appropriations and Judiciary Committees, Appropriations Subcommittees on Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, District of Columbia, Labor, Health, Human Services and Education, and Judiciary Subcommittees on Juvenile Justice (chairman), Criminal Law and Criminal Administration.

COMMENT:

Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania was elected to the Senate last fall and is number 100 in the Senate in terms of seniority. He served for two terms as a District Attorney in Philadelphia and has a strong interest in criminal justice issues as a result of this experience. He served as Assistant Counsel to the Presidential Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, chaired by former Chief Justice Earl Warren. He also served on the National Commission on Criminal Justice. Senator Specter is Chairman of the Criminal Justice Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

He has expressed a favorable attitude toward you as a nominee, but believes he should reserve final judgement until the record has been presented.

CHARLES E. GRASSLEY --Iowa, Republican

OFFICE NO.:

RSOB 232

STAFF CONTACT:

John Maxwell

(224 - 7703)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Tom Synhorst (224-0487)

BIOGRAPHY:

CHARLES ERNEST GRASSLEY, Republican, of New Hartford, Iowa; born in New Hartford, September 17, 1933; graduated, New Hartford Community High School, 1951; B.A., University of Northern Iowa, 1955; M.A., University of Northern Iowa, 1956; additional graduate work University of Iowa, 1957-58; farmer, member Iowa State Legislature 1959-74; Farm Bureau, State, and County Historical Society, Masons, Baptist Church, and International Association of Machinists, 1962-71; married to the former Barbara Ann Speicher, 1954; five children: Lee, Wendy, Robin Lynn, Michele Marie, and Jay Charles; elected to the 94th Congress, November 5, 1974; reelected to the 95th and 96th Congresses; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 4, 1980, for the 6-year term beginning January 3, 1981.

COMMENT:

Senator Charles Grassley is a freshman from Iowa. He defeated liberal incumbent John Culver last fall, depending heavily on the support of conservative groups like the pro-life movement. He is a strong proponent of the legislative veto and he is a staunch supporter of federal spending restraints.

He was under heavy pressure to come out early against your nomination, but agreed to defer judgement until the record has been presented. He is not an attorney.

PAUL LAXALT -- Nevada, Republican

OFFICE NO.:

RSOB 315

STAFF CONTACT:

Jock Nash

(224 - 3980)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Eileen DeLatour

(224 - 1057)

BIOGRAPHY:

PAUL LAXALT, Republican, of Carson City, Nev.; born in Reno, August 2, 1922; attended Carson City High School, Santa Clara University, University of Denver Law School; served in U.S. Army, World War II; district attorney, Ormsby County, 1951–54; entered into private practice of law, engaged mainly in trial work, 1954–66; Nevada Lieutenant Governor, 1963–66, Governor, 1966–70; retired as Governor to reenter private life, 1970; served as senior partner of legal firm, Laxalt, Berry & Allison, with offices in Carson City, Nev., 1970–74; involved with family and associates in construction and opening of Ormsby House, a hotel-casino in Carson City, together with other land developments; married Carol Wilson; seven children: Gail, Sheila, John Paul, Kevin, Michelle, Kathleen, and Denise; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 5, 1974; reelected November 4, 1980; served on Labor and Public Welfare Committee, Select Committee on Small Business, and Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee during 94th Congress; Finance, Energy and Natural Resources, and Judiciary Committees during 95th Congress; appointed to Appropriations and Judiciary for the 96th Congress; led Senate opposition to common situs picketing bill in 94th Congress; also headed opposition to Panama Canal Treaties during 95th Congress.

COMMENT:

Senator Paul Laxalt from Nevada is the President's closest personal friend in the Senate. As you undoubtedly know, he was the President's campaign chairman in 1976 and 1980, having developed a close personal friendship with him when both of them were Governors of western states. early career, he was a District Attorney in Ormsby County, Nevada. He has strong alliances with the conservative groups that have an interest in social issues before the Senate Judiciary Committee such as busing, abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment. His primary current interests are regulatory reform and pro-family legislation. He is Chairman of the Regulatory Reform Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Because of his unusually close relationship with the President, he is a de-facto member of the Senate Leadership. He is generally supportive of your nomination.

ROBERT C. BYRD -- West Virginia, Democrat

Minority Leader

OFFICE NO.:

RSOB 133

STAFF CONTACT:

Mike Epstein

(224 - 5701)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Barbara Videnieks

(224 - 5556)

BIOGRAPHY:

ROBERT C. BYRD, Democrat; of Sophia, Raleigh County, W. Va.; born in North Wilkesboro, N.C.; Baptist; J.D., cum laude, American University; married Erma Ora James; two daughters: Mrs. Mohammad (Mona Byrd) Fatemi and Mrs. John (Marjorie Byrd) Moore; six grandchildren: Erik, Darius, and Fredrik Fatemi, and Michael, Mona, and Mary Anne Moore; 33° Mason, and awarded "Grand Cross of the Court of Honour" (the highest individual decoration bestowed by the Supreme Council—as of 1978, there were only 18 living members who had received this honor); received the Father Thomas L. Kerrigan General Assembly (Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree) "Citizenship Award"; recipient of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Medal of Commendation ("in recognition of his dedicated and illustrious career of service to the citizens of West Virginia and especially for his efforts in behalf of war veterans"); has held more legislative elective offices than has any other individual in the history of West Virginia; elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1946 and reelected in 1948; elected to the West Virginia Senate in 1950; elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1952, and reelected in 1954 and 1956; elected to U.S. Senate in 1958; elected delegate-at-large to the 1960 Democratic National Convention; reelected to the U.S. Senate in 1964 by the greatest numerical majority ever accorded a West Virginia candidate in any election; won the 1970 U.S. Senate Democratic primary with 89 percent of the vote; carried all 55 counties in the 1970 general election for the first time in the State's history and received the highest percentage (78 percent of the votes ever received by a candidate in a West Virginia statewide contested general election; was reelected in 1976 to the U.S. Senate and became the only individual in the history of West Virginia (since the enactment of the U.S. Senate in a statewide general election; member of the Committee on Appropriations, Committee on the Judiciary, and Committee on Rules and Administration; elected Se

COMMENT:

Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia has been the Democratic Leader of the Senate since 1977 and part of the Democratic leadership in lesser roles since 1967. He has had to undergo a difficult adjustment since last January from being Majority Leader of the Senate to being the Minority Leader. He pays meticulous attention to detail and is an expert on parlimentary procedure. He faces reelection in West Virginia in 1982 and this is absorbing a substantial part of his attention.

Although his primary committee interest is the Senate Appropriations Committee, he devotes considerable attention to Supreme Court nominations when one is before the Senate Judiciary Committee. He was once considered as a nomineee to the Supreme Court by President Nixon and considers himself well qualified for membership on the

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Supreme Court.

He is an orphan who came from extremely deprived circumstances in West Virginia. He obtained his law degree from American University after becoming a United States Senator. He is a very serious and sensitive man.

ORRIN G. HATCH -- Utah, Republican

OFFICE NO.:

RSOB 125

STAFF CONTACT:

Tom Parry (224-5251)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Marie Abramo (224-9847)

BIOGRAPHY:

ORRIN GRANT-HATCH, Republican, of Salt Lake City, Utah; born in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 22, 1934; B.S., Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 1959; LL.B., University of Pittsburgh, 1962; practiced law in Salt Lake City and Pittsburgh, Pa.; senior partner, Hatch & Plumb Law Firm, Salt Lake City; worked his way through high school, college, and law school at the metal lathing building trade; member, AFL-CIO; holds "av" rating in Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory; member, Salt Lake County Bar Association, Utah Bar Association, American Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Allegheny County Bar Association, numerous other professional and fraternal organizations; member, Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints; bishop; board of directors, Ballet West; honorary National Ski Patroller; Help Eliminate Litter and Pollution (HELP) Association; author of numerous national publications; married to Elaine Hansen of Newton, Utah; six children: Brent, Marcia, Scott, Kimberly, Alysa, Jesse; elected to the U.S. Senate November 2, 1976, for the 6-year term beginning January 3, 1977; author: "The Equal Rights Amendment Extension: A Critical Analysis" in the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy, and "Should the Capital Vote in Congress? A Critical Analysis of the D.C. Representation Amendment" in the Fordham Urban Law Journal.

COMMENT:

Senator Orrin Hatch of Utah confides to close friends that his primary ambition is to someday serve as a member of the United States Supreme Court. His current interests include being reelected to his second term in Utah and providing effective leadership to the truculent Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources. He finds himself in the unusual position of being Chairman of this committee during his first six-year term in the Senate. He is encountering substantial difficulties in leading the committee in the direction of his general political philosophy as this committee has tended to attract liberals and repell conservatives making it balanced against him.

He has been very active on social issues and has intorduced a pro-family bill, which, he says, you oppose. A primary interest of his, among the issues before the Labor and Human Resources Committee, is the funding of abortions, to which he is opposed.

As a member of the Separation of Powers Subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, he voted to report Senator East's bill, which states that life begins at conception and precludes the lower Federal courts from considering challenges to anti-abortion legislation. However he has serious reservations about the constitutionality of such legislation and will hold hearings this fall in his Subcommittee on the Constitution on a constitutional amendment to ban abortions.

Senator Hatch has indicated that he intends to question you sternly and carefully when your confirmation hearings occur, but has indicated his intention to vote for you.

JOHN PORTER EAST -- North Carolina, Republican

OFFICE NO.:

DSOB 5313

STAFF CONTACT:

Richard Miller (224-3154)

APPT. SECRETARY

Susie Fleming (224-7404)

BIOGRAPHY:

JOHN PORTER EAST, Republican, of Greenville, N.C.; born in Springfield, Ill., May 5, 1931; B.A., Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., 1953; LL.B., University of Illinois, 1959; M.A., Ph. D., University of Florida, 1962, 1964; lieutenant, U.S. Marines, 1953-55; professor, East Carolina University; attorney; delegate, Republican National Convention, 1968 and 1976; member: Phi Beta Kappa, editorial boards, Modern Age and Political Science Reviewer; married to the former Priscilla Sherk; two daughters: Kathryn and Martha; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 4, 1980, for the 6-year term beginning January 3, 1981.

COMMENT:

Senator John East of North Carolina is Senator Jesse Helms' closest ally in the Senate. His upset victory over incumbent Senator Robert Morgan of North Carolina last year is considered to be largely attributable to the support of Senator Helms, as well as the coattail strings of the President. He is also the closest ally on the Committee of the so-called "pro-life" groups. He is Chairman of the Separation of Powers Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. After several days of highly publicized hearings, this subcommittee recently reported legislation that states that human life begins at conception and prohibits the lower Federal courts from considering challenges to anti-abortion legislation.

Senator East contracted polio in the early 1950's while serving as a Marine officer at Cherry Point, North Carolina, and is now confined to a wheelchair. When he was elected to the Senate, he was a professor of constitutional law at East Carolina University in Greenville; and he is regarded by some as a constitutional scholar.



CHARLES McC. MATHIAS -- Maryland, Republican

OFFICE NO.:

RSOB 358

STAFF CONTACT:

Mike Klipper (224-8168)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Ashby Beal (224-3982)

BIOGRAPHY:

CHARLES McC. MATHIAS, Jr., Republican, of Frederick, Md.; born in Frederick on July 24, 1922; educated in public schools of Frederick; Haverford College, B.A. degree 1944; Yale University (V-12); University of Maryland, LL.B. degree in 1949; captain, USNR (ret.); assistant attorney general of Maryland in 1953 and 1954; city attorney of Frederick, Md., 1954-59; elected to Maryland House of Delegates 1958; married Ann Hickling Bradford of Cambridge, Mass., November 8, 1958; two sons, Charles Bradford and Robert Fiske; elected to the 87th Congress November 8, 1960; reelected to the 88th, 89th, and 90th Congresses; elected to the U.S. Senate November 5, 1968; reelected 1974 and 1980; chairman, Rules and Administration Committee; chairman, Joint Committee on Printing; vice chairman, Joint Committee on the Library; member: Governmental Affairs, Judiciary, and Foreign Relations Committees; Episcopalian.

COMMENT:

Senator Charles McC. Mathias of Maryland has been in the Senate since 1968. He is considered to be one of the more liberal Republicans in the Senate. One reason Senator Strom Thurmond is Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, when he could be Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, is that Republican Conservatives are interested in precluding Mathias from running this important committee. He has been on the liberal side of such issues before the Judiciary Committee as busing and the Equal Rights Amendment. He has a strong interest in drug abuse and is Chairman of the Criminal Law Subcommittee. He is highly regarded for his integrity and affability and generally supports your nomination.



JEREMIAH A. DENTON -- Alabama, Republican

OFFICE NO.:

RSOB 110

STAFF CONTACT:

Joel Lisker (224-6136)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Ann Rogers (224-6402)

BIOGRAPHY:

JEREMIAH A. DENTON, Jr., Republican, of Mobile, Ala.; born in Mobile, Ala., July 15, 1924; graduated, McGill Institute (preparatory), 1942; attended Spring Hill College, Mobile, 1942–43; graduated (with honors), U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., 1946; M.A., George Washington University, Washington, D.C., 1964; D.H. (honorary), St. Leo's College; D.H.L. (honorary), Spring Hill College; served in the U.S. Navy, captured after being shot down while leading a group of 24 aircraft from the U.S. Independence, July 18, 1965, and held prisoner for 7½ years; held rank of commander when captured, promoted to captain while a POW, now rear admiral (ret.); Commandant, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va., 1973–77; recipient of: Navy Cross, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Navy Distinguished Service Medal, three Silver Stars, five Bronze Stars, Distinguished Flying Cross, two Air Medals, two Purple Hearts, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation; founded the Coalition for Decency (nonprofit organization), 1977; consultant to the president, Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc.; assistant to the president, Spring Hill College; life member: VFW, American Legion, and Reserve Officers Association; recipient of: Navy League's 1973 John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership; 1973 VFW Armed Forces Man of the Year and awarded the Gold Medal of the VFW; Silver Medal from Pope Paul VI in private audience; Court of Honor Award, Alabama District Exchange Clubs, 1973; Spanish Fort Civitan Club Man of the Year Award, 1978; Valley Forge Freedom Foundations Awards, 1974 and 1976; for God and Country Award, Capitol Hill First Friday Club, 1975; Catholic War Veterans Celtic Cross Award, 1975; Cross of Military Service, United Daughters of the Confederacy, 1975; Patriotic Award for exemplary dedication and devotion to his country, Knights of Columbus, 1975; Man of the Year Award, Morality in Media, 1977; Meritorious Service Award, Douglas MacArthur Chapter, association of the U.S. Army, 1977; Distinguished Service Award,

COMMENT:

Senator Jeremiah Denton of Alabama was elected in an upset victory last fall. He was the ranking officer among our prisoners of war in North Vietnam and first received national attention when he spoke for the returning POWs after their aircraft flight from North Vietnam in 1973. He was the subject of a movie about his experience in North Vietnam, "When Hell Was In Session." When he returned from sevenand-a-half years in an enemy prison camp, he was appalled by the deterioration of America's moral values. This concern is reflected in his intense interest in such issues as youth morality, alcoholism, and the preservation of traditional family values.

He is Chairman of the Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism of the Senate Judiciary Committee and also serves with Senator Hatch on the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.



DENNIS DeCONCINI -- Arizona, Democrat

OFFICE NO.:

DSOB 3230

STAFF CONTACT:

Romano Romani (224 - 6736)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Marilyn Washington (224-2203)

BIOGRAPHY:

DENNIS DECONCINI, Democrat, of Tucson, Ariz.; born in Tucson, May 8, 1937; attended the public schools of Tucson and Phoenix; graduated, Tucson Senior High School, 1955; University of Arizona, B.A., political science, 1959, LL.B., 1963; admitted to the bar in 1963 and commenced practice in Tucson; served in U.S. Army, 1959-60; Army Reserves, 1960-67; served as special council to Arizona Governor, 1965; administrative assistant to Governor, 1965-67; Pima County (Ariz.) attorney, 1973-76; appointed administrator, Arizona Drug Control District, 1975; member, numerous political, professional, and fraternal organizations; member, Roman Catholic Church; married to the former Susan Hurley; three children: Denise, Christine, and Patrick; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 2, 1976, for the 6-year term beginning January 3, 1977.

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COMMENT:

You, of course, know Senator Dennis DeConcini of Arizona. He will be one of your leading advocates on the Senate Judiciary Committee and sees his role in your confirmation as boost to his reelection in Arizona.

PATRICK LEAHY -- Vermont, Democrat

OFFICE NO .:

RSOB 427

STAFF CONTACT:

Sam Kinzer (224-4242)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Patricia McLaughlin (224-4247)

BIOGRAPHY:

PATRICK J. LEAHY, Democrat, of Burlington, Vt.; born in Montpelier, Vt., March 31, 1940; son of Howard and Alba Leahy; graduate of St. Michael's High School, Montpelier, 1957; B.A., St. Michael's College, 1961; J.D., Georgetown University, 1964; lawyer, admitted to the Vermont Bar, 1964; admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, 1968; the Second Circuit Court of Appeals in New York, 1966; the Federal District Court of Vermont, 1965, and the Vermont Supreme Court, 1964; State's attorney, Chittenden County, 1966-74; vice president, National District Attorneys Association, 1971-74; married to the former Marcelle Pomerleau, 1962; three children: Kevin, Alicia, Mark; first Democrat in Vermont to be elected to the U.S. Senate, November 5, 1974, reelected November 5, 1980 for the term ending January 3, 1987; committee assignments: Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry—Subcommittee on Nutrition; ranking member, Subcommittee on Agricultural Production, Marketing and Stabilization of Prices; Subcommittee on Rural Development, Oversight and Investigations; Appropriations—Subcommittee on the District of Columbia; ranking member, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations; Subcommittee on HUD-Independent Agencies, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations; Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform; ranking member, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism; Senate Select Committee on Intelligence—Subcommittee on Legislation and Rights of Americans; vice chairman, Subcommittee on Budget; also serves on: Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe; Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group; board of trustees, Gallaudet College.

COMMENT:

Senator Patrick Leahy of Vermont is the only Democrat his state has ever sent to the Senate. He was a county prosecutor in Vermont from 1966 to 1974 when he was elected to the Senate, and was Vice President of the National District Attorneys Association for three years. In spite of this background in the criminal justice field, his duties on the Senate Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Agriculture Committee receive most of his attention.

He is generally a strong supporter of environmental causes and a pro-consumer advocate except when it comes to dairy products, where he places the interest of the dairy farmers in Vermont first.



HOWELL T. HEFLIN -- Alabama, Democrat

OFFICE NO.:

DSOB 3107

STAFF CONTACT:

Art Briskman (224-4022)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Marie Allen (224-6610

BIOGRAPHY:

HOWELL THOMAS HEFLIN, Democrat, of Tuscumbia, Ala.; born June 19, 1921; son of Reverend Marvin R. Heflin and Louise D. Strudwick Heflin; graduated Colbert County High School, Leighton, Ala.; B.A., Birmingham Southern College; J.D., University of Alabama School of Law; six honorary degrees; major, U.S. Marine Corps, 1942-46, wounded twice and awarded the Silver Star Medal; lawyer; Heflin, Rosser & Munsey, Tuscumbia, Ala.; admitted to the Alabama Bar in 1948 and commenced practice in Tuscumbia, Ala. until 1971, returned to the law practice in his hometown following the completion of his term as chief justice; chairman, Alabama Ethics Commission, 1969-71; chief justice, Alabama Supreme Court, 1971-77; president, Alabama State Bar Association, 1965-66; president, Alabama Trial Lawyers Association; International Academy of Trial Lawyers; International Society of Barristers; International Academy of Law & Science; American Bar Foundation; Alabama Citizen of the Year, 1973 and 1975; selected Most Outstanding Appellate Judge in the United States by Association, 1975; chairman, National Conference of Chief Justices, 1976-77; Tazewell Taylor Visiting Professor at William & Mary College; member of faculty, University of Alabama and University of North Alabama; corecipient of James Madison Award with Eric Severeid by National Broadcast Editorial Association; elected to the U.S. Senate, November 7, 1978, for the 6-year term beginning January 3, 1979.

COMMENT:

Senator Howell Heflin of Alabama came to the Senate in 1978 after six years as Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. With this legal background, his primary interest is in the work of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He is also on the Senate Commerce Committee and is Vice Chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee.

He has said that he has known you for a number of years and was with you in London for two weeks last summer in connection with an Anglo-American judicial exchange.

He indicates a very high regard for you and a willingness to be one of your leading advocates.



ROBERT DOLE -- Kansas, Republican

OFFICE NO.:

DSOB 2213

STAFF CONTACT:

Pete Velde (224-4465)

APPT. SECRETARY:

Betty Myer

(224 - 8943)

BIOGRAPHY:

ROBERT J. DOLE, Republican, of Russell, Kans.; born in Russell, Kans., July 22, 1923, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doran R. Dole; married Mary Elizabeth Hanford, member, Federal Trade Commission, December 6, 1975; one daughter, Robin; graduate of Russell public schools; attended University of Kansas, Lawrence; A.B., Washburn Municipal University, Topeka, 1952; LL.B., Washburn, 1952; enlisted U.S. Army, 1943; served 5½ years in World War II as 10th Mountain Division platoon leader in Italy; twice wounded and twice decorated for "heroic achievement"; discharged with rank of captain, 1948; at age 26, elected to Kansas Legislature, 1951–53; elected four terms as Russell County attorney, 1953–61; elected to U.S. House of Representatives, 1960; reelected 1962, 1964, and 1966; elected to U.S. Senate 1968; reelected 1974 and 1980; Republican candidate for Vice President of the United States, 1976; Republican National Committee chairman, 1971–73; adviser, U.S. delegation to United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization Conference, Rome, Italy, 1975; member, Congressional delegation to survey food crisis in India at request of President Johnson, 1966; Congressional delegation to study Arab refugee problem, Middle East, 1967; past president, Washburn Alumni Association and Kansas County Attorneys Association; past lieutenant governor, Kiwanis; chairman of Russell County Red Cross; member, county, State, and American Bar Associations, 4–H Fair Association, B.P.O.E., Masons, Isis Shrine, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans; National Board of Sponsors of the American Medical Center, Denver, Colo.; member of the board for National Society of Autistic Children; member, Advisory Committee of the National Association for Retarded Children; Medical Center, Denver, Colo.; member of the National Association for Retarded Children; Advisory Council on Scouting for the Handicapped; Board of Directors, Rehabilitation International, U.S.A.; Advisory Committee, Kansas Kiwanis Foundatio

COMMENT:

The primary interest in the Senate of Senator Robert Dole of Kansas is his service as Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and as a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, leaving him little time for attention to the Senate Judiciary Committee. He is known for his acid humor and his acerbic wit, and you should be prepared for it during your courtesy calls. He has a strong interest in issues relating to the handicapped stemming from his permanently disabling wounds during W.W. II. His wife, Elizabeth Hanford Dole, is Assistant to the President for Public Liaison and in this role will undoubtedly be providing us with some assistance during the confirmation process. There was speculation in the media that she would be appointed as the first woman to the Supreme Court.

