

So don't try and change the Supreme Court in the sense of politicizing it and electing people who will be prolife. I think that we have got to do is elect people who—by the way, I think you could have started with the President of the United States last time. We now have a President who believes this way and he has picked a person who believes this way, and he has a right to do so and that is the point.

Well, we could argue about it all day. All I can say is the place to change it is in the Congress of the United States, not the Court.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator, and I want reiterate what Senator Feinstein said. It is important that your viewpoint be represented, and it is important that the American people hear a different perspective on this issue, and we thank you for being here to do that, and you have all delivered your point of view concisely and well. So thank you very much for being here.

Mr. PHILLIPS. Thank you for your courtesy. We appreciate it.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, our last, but certainly not our least panel is comprised of the presidents of three additional bar associations: California Women Lawyers, Hispanic National Bar Association, and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. We all know New York is an independent, standing nation in and of itself. That is kind of a joke.

At any rate, every time I say this to Mr.—is it pronounced Feerick?

Mr. FEERICK. Yes, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Feerick, I am always reminded of that poster of one of the leading political figures in American politics of the day, and probably the most dynamic—Mr. Wiesenfeld is here, too? Would he come forward, too? He was on the last panel, but would he come forward as well?

I am reminded of that poster that they sell in New York, which is my favorite city in the country, a picture of this very significant American politician, one of the dynamic forces in American politics today, standing on Seventh Avenue and astride Seventh Avenue. It is a map of the United States, and Seventh Avenue is in stark relief and California is minuscule as he looks out over the Nation, which has always sort of been my view of how most New Yorkers view the world and the Nation. There is New York and then there is the rest. The New York City Bar Association is one of the only city bar associations that asks to testify, and I know its members are clear that from their perspective, it is more important than the New York State Bar Association.

Thank you for your good humor. It is getting late in the process, and I apologize for my digression here.

Angela M. Bradstreet is the current president of California Women Lawyers, which probably has more members than the constituents in my entire State.

Ms. BRADSTREET. That is correct, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. How many members, Angela?

Ms. BRADSTREET. 30,000, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. No; our State is bigger than that.

It is the largest women's bar association in America. She is also a partner at Carroll, Burdick and McDonough in San Francisco. Is that correct?

Ms. BRADSTREET. That is correct, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Carlos Ortiz is the national president of the Hispanic National Bar and has been before this committee—the bar has been represented here and is one of the premier organizations in the country, and we are delighted to have you here to testify.

John Feerick is the president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He is also the dean of one of the fine law schools in the country, Fordham Law School.

Also from a previous panel—and we apologize if we have confused you, Mr. Wiesenfeld, as to when we were going to ask you to be here, but thank you for being here. I am looking for your bio here as I go through my—anyway, you were a client of the soon-to-be-Justice.

Mr. WIESENFELD. Stephen Wiesenfeld from *Weinberger v. Wiesenfeld*.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, but we had more information about you as well I was going to read in the record, but if you are satisfied with that description and that introduction we'll let it stand.

Why don't we begin in the order that I have asked you to testify and, Ms. Bradstreet, why don't you begin your testimony. Thank you for coming across the country to be here.

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STATEMENT OF ANGELA M. BRADSTREET

Ms. BRADSTREET. Thank you, Senator. It has been the thrill of a lifetime.

Chairman Biden, distinguished members of this committee, I am deeply honored to be here on behalf of California Women Lawyers to express our strong support of President Clinton's nomination of Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

California Women Lawyers is, in fact, the largest women's bar association in the Nation, representing the interests of over 30,000 women attorneys in the State of California.

The CHAIRMAN. Excuse me for interrupting. When you say represent the interests, does that mean there are 30,000 women who are dues-paying members of the bar association?

Ms. BRADSTREET. We have about 10,000 who are actually dues-paying members of our organization, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much.

Ms. BRADSTREET. By the way, I did get the statistics for your State, if you are interested.

The CHAIRMAN. I am.

Ms. BRADSTREET. Well, I got them from the American Bar Association yesterday, and there are 495 women attorneys out of a total of 2,150.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, 25 percent; we are getting there.

Ms. BRADSTREET. Yes.