

**NOMINATIONS OF CONSUELO MARIA CAL-
LAHAN, OF CALIFORNIA, NOMINEE TO BE
CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT;
MICHAEL CHERTOFF, OF NEW JERSEY,
NOMINEE TO BE CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE
THIRD CIRCUIT; AND L. SCOTT COOGLER,
OF ALABAMA, NOMINEE TO BE DISTRICT
JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
ALABAMA**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003

UNITED STATES SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, DC.

The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 9:39 a.m., in room SD-226, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Hon. Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman of the Committee, presiding.

Present: Senators Hatch, Kyl, Sessions, Craig, Chambliss, Cornyn, Leahy, Kennedy, Feinstein, Feingold, and Durbin.

Chairman HATCH. We will call this Committee to order, and rather than give our opening statements at this time, we will wait for Senator Leahy, but I understand the distinguish Chairman of the Banking Committee has a hearing this morning, and we are going to turn to you first, Senator Shelby, and then we will go right across.

**PRESENTATION OF L. SCOTT COOGLER, NOMINEE TO BE DIS-
TRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA,
BY HON. RICHARD SHELBY, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE
STATE OF ALABAMA**

Senator SHELBY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate this.

I would ask that my entire statement regarding the nomination of Scott Coogler to be the United States District Court Judge for the Northern District of Alabama be made part of the record in its entirety.

Chairman HATCH. Without objection.

Senator SHELBY. And, Mr. Chairman, I will be brief.

I am honored to be here before the Committee, and I appreciate your consideration, realizing we have a very important Banking Committee starting at 10 o'clock.

Scott Coogler is a sitting circuit judge, a trial judge, in my home town of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he has distinguished himself

as a judge. But before that, he distinguished himself as an attorney and a community leader. He is here today with his wife, Mitzi, and his three children Carlson, Hannah, and Allie. I wish they would stand.

Chairman HATCH. We welcome all of you.

Senator SHELBY. We are proud of him. We are proud of the work he has done. And, Mr. Chairman, I believe he will make an outstanding Federal district judge for the Northern District of Alabama. I endorse his nomination without any reservation, and I hope that the Committee will hold an expeditious markup and reporting to the floor of the Senate.

I appreciate your consideration today, and I know you will do this. And if you will excuse me, I have got to go to the other committee.

Chairman HATCH. Thank you, Senator. You are excused, and we appreciate you taking the time.

Senator SHELBY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman HATCH. And I think it is great for you to take time to come and support the judge.

[The prepared statement of Senator Shelby appears as a submission for the record.]

Chairman HATCH. Senator Boxer, we will turn to you next, and then we will go to Senator Corzine, then to Senator Lautenberg.

PRESENTATION OF CONSUELO MARIA CALLAHAN, NOMINEE TO BE CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, BY HON. BARBARA BOXER, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Senator BOXER. Thank you, Chairman Hatch and members of the Committee, for allowing me this honor of introducing to you Judge Consuelo "Connie" Callahan, the nominee for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal. I would ask her to stand so you can see here.

Judge Callahan is a native of California, born in Palo Alto. She is a graduate of Stanford University and the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific. She was the first female and the first Hispanic judge to sit on the San Joaquin County Superior Court. Judge Callahan is joined today by her husband, Randy, and, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, I would ask Judge Callahan's husband, Randy, to stand.

Chairman HATCH. We are happy to welcome you here.

Senator BOXER. And I wanted you to know that our nominee has two grown children, who I know are so proud of their mother. The children couldn't be here, but Connie's best friend's son, Will, is here to lend his support, if he would like to stand.

Chairman HATCH. Happy to have you here.

Senator BOXER. I enjoyed very much my visit with Judge Callahan yesterday in my office. We talked at length about her life, her accomplishments, her extensive community involvement in California.

I would ask unanimous consent that the remainder of my statement be placed in the record, but I would like to just tell you a little bit about our conversation.

I think what I was most pleased with is that Judge Callahan understands what a role model she is and that she has taken so much