

time out of her busy schedule to spend time with young people in schools. And she goes to those schools often, and what they have done there is to conduct trials in the schools and encourage the students to study the details of the court cases. She is reaching out to generations of Americans, and I always think for our democracy that is very, very key. We need to encourage participation and interest in civic life, including the judicial process.

She has worked hard to protect children in the area of child abuse, and she has received public recognition, and as you know, Mr. Chairman—you have worked with me on this, Senator Biden has as well—protecting children is very important to me.

She is a former board member and president of the San Joaquin County Child Abuse Prevention Center, so I applaud her involvement in all of these community issues. I am pleased to introduce her to you, and I am really looking forward to reading the record, hearing her answer the questions, but I am very optimistic about this fine choice.

Chairman HATCH. Well, thank you, Senator Boxer. We are pleased to have you here and honored to have you here and very pleased that you have given such good recommendations here today.

Senator BOXER. Thank you.

Chairman HATCH. Thank you for coming.

Senator Corzine, we will go to you and then Senator Lautenberg.

Senator CORZINE. Mr. Chairman, if you wouldn't object, I would defer to Senator Lautenberg. We have this tit-for-tat question about senior Senator.

Chairman HATCH. Well, I worried about that, too, because he actually has more years than you do.

Senator CORZINE. Respect is far more important.

Chairman HATCH. Well, that will be fine, and I think it is very gracious, and, Senator Lautenberg, you should remember that.

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Senator LAUTENBERG. Thank you very much. That is a very gracious thing for one Senator to give another his time. Wow, we don't usually see that around here.

Chairman HATCH. That is right. I remember the old days.

Senator LAUTENBERG. There was constant deference, Mr. Chairman. That is why it was a little hard to get some things done.

[Laughter.]

Senator LAUTENBERG. In any event, Senator Corzine is a good friend and I really appreciate it. I have a hearing now that I have got to go to, and I want to thank you and our ranking member, Pat Leahy, for holding this hearing on the nomination of Michael Chertoff to be the circuit court judge for the Third Circuit, and he is here with his wife, Meryl, and his son and daughter. And if they would all stand up, you can see what a nice family back-up Michael Chertoff has.

Chairman HATCH. Really happy to have you all here.

Senator LAUTENBERG. Thank you very much. It is hard to understand that Michael can be so aggressive in his pursuit of the law with such a beautiful family.

Chairman HATCH. It is kind of amazing, isn't it?

Senator LAUTENBERG. But I am pleased that President Bush has selected a distinguished New Jerseyan for this important seat on the court of appeals.

Michael Chertoff is a highly intelligent, competent lawyer. I have known him for a long time. As a matter of fact, we shared space in the same building in my first term in the Senate. He has compiled a long and impressive record of accomplishments in both the public and private sector. He distinguished himself academically as an undergraduate at Harvard University and also as a law student at Harvard.

From 1979 to 1980, he clerked for the U.S. Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, Jr., before taking a job as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in New York. As U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey from 1990 to 1994, Michael Chertoff aggressively tackled organized crime, public corruption, health care and bank fraud, and he also played a critical role in helping the New Jersey State Legislature investigate something called racial profiling, an ugly episode that came about. And I introduced the first bill in the Senate to ban racial profiling, and I am grateful to Mr. Chertoff for the interest he took in this matter at the State level.

The Third Circuit is one of the most impressive courts in the country, and based on past performance, I am confident that Mr. Chertoff will fit right in.

As you know, Mr. Chairman, sometimes I have a question about a nominee, but the fact is that there are so many qualified lawyers that President Bush can and has nominated for different circuits who enjoy broad support in the Senate, and Mr. Chertoff certainly is one such candidate.

So I thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I look forward to working with you, the other Committee members, and the rest of the Senate to get Michael Chertoff confirmed as quickly as possible. We need him. He is ready to do the job.

Chairman HATCH. Well, thank you, Senator Lautenberg. That is high praise indeed, and we are so glad to have you back in the Senate.

Senator LAUTENBERG. Thank you.

Chairman HATCH. We look forward to continuing to work with you on these issues, and we are very proud of your colleague as well. We will excuse you. We know you have a Committee meeting.

Senator LAUTENBERG. Thank you.

Chairman HATCH. Senator Corzine, we are going to go to you, and then I am going to go to Senator Feinstein afterwards, after Senator Corzine. Then I will make my statement.

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Senator CORZINE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Members of the Committee, it is a pleasure for me to be here, as Senator Lauten-