

He comes highly reputed. I will not go through his achievements, other than to say one of the best things that I can say to the Judiciary Committee, when they look at one of our nominees, is what kind of lawyer do we have and, frankly, I am here to tell you we have a superb lawyer. This man tried lawsuits of all types. From the very smallest to the very largest of class action lawsuits, he tried them. He won them, and he lost them, but he tried them with great distinction, and had a fabulous reputation, when he did the next thing, which permits us to be certain that he will be a good judge. He took the bench.

A district bench is the bench of general jurisdiction in our State. Everything is tried there, all the felony cases, all of the civil cases, and he sat there for a number of years and was distinguished as one of the best district judges in the State of New Mexico.

Frankly, with the extreme lists that you have to hear from today, and the tremendous witnesses that you have, I know that what I have said is more than ample, and with that, I will stop and ask that you hear from my colleague and put the rest of my statement in the record where it can be looked at, if necessary, and eventually get the judge before you as soon as possible.

Thank you very much.

Senator GRAHAM. Thank you, Senator. Without objection, your statement will be entered.

Senator Bingaman?

PRESENTATION OF ROBERT C. BRACK, NOMINEE TO BE DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO, BY HON. JEFF BINGAMAN, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

Senator BINGAMAN. Thank you, very much, Mr. Chairman. I am very pleased to support the nomination of Judge Brack to the U.S. District Court. I particularly want to thank Senator Domenici and the President both for giving me an opportunity to visit with Judge Brack before his nomination was made.

I had not personally visited with him before that, but I had heard of him and heard of his great reputation as a lawyer for nearly 20 years in Clovis, practicing some of that time with a very good friend of mine, Ted Hartley. But I think his reputation preceded him, as far as I was concerned, and then his reputation as a District Judge in our State court system has been excellent as well.

So I think he is a very good choice for this position. He will do a good job on our Federal court in New Mexico, and I again commend Senator Domenici for recommending him and the President for choosing him for this important position. I urge the Committee to act swiftly to confirm his recommendation and to recommend that the full Senate confirm his nomination.

Thank you.

Senator EDWARDS. Thank you, Senator, for your statement. Thank you very much.

At this time, Senator Chambliss from Georgia and Senator Miller, if you would like to come up.