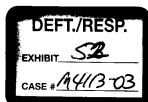
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2	STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT; J. RONNIE
3	GREER, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR
4	THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE; THOMAS M. HARDIMAN, OF
5	PENNSYLVANIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE
6	WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA; MARK R. KRAVITZ, OF
7	CONNECTICUT, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE
8	DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT; AND JOHN A. WOODCOCK, OF MAINE, TO
9	BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE
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11	THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2003
12	United States Senate,
13	Committee on the Judiciary,
14	Washington, D.C.
15	The Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:02 p.m., in
. 16	room SD-226, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Hon. Saxby
17	Chambliss, presiding.
18	Present: Senators Chambliss, Specter, and Schumer.
19	OPENING STATEMENT OF HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS,
20	A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA
_ 21	Senator Chambliss. [presiding.] The Committee will
22	come to order.
23	We are pleased to see so many of our colleagues here.
24	It looks like we almost have a quorum. This is great.
25	We want to issue a special welcome to all of our
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ah 64 1 coaching. 2 Since I had that same experience of coaching my son, I 3 used to always get asked the question: Were you tougher on them than all the other team members? Maybe I ought to ask 4 5 them that. 6 [Laughter.] 7 Mr. Woodcock. I have a great respect for the Fifth 8 Amendment, and I will take the Fifth on that. 9 [Laughter.] 10 Senator Chambliss. I understand. You have spent over 25 years as a successful advocate 11 12 for your clients. What do you think is the biggest challenge you will face in your new role if you are 13 confirmed as a district court judge? 14 Mr. Woodcock. I think making the transition from 15 advocacy to judicial bearing is always a challenge. Over 16 the course of practicing law for numerous years, 26 years, 17 one of the benefits I have had the opportunity to engage 18 in, along with many other practicing lawyers, is that we go 19 from judge to judge to judge, and we see different judges, 20 and we are able to try to determine what characteristics of 21 22 a judge we feel would be appropriate. 23 Those three characteristics that I feel most appropriate for a judge are legal competence, which we take 24 as a given, common sense, and temperament. And those things 25

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65 I hope to bring to the bench if confirmed by the Senate. 1 Senator Chambliss. Gentlemen, let me say to each of you individually and collectively that it is pretty obvious 2 why you have been nominated for your respective judgeships. 3 You all possess, obviously, great legal experience and 4 competence, or you would not be here, but you touched on 5 something there, Mr. Woodcock, and that is temperament, and б just from your response here today, I think each of you 7 possesses that necessary judicial temperance that we need to 8 see more often from the bench than we sometimes do. 9 I will tell you that you may receive written questions 10 from other members of the Committee--they have until 5 p.m. 11 on Wednesday, May 28 to submit written questions, and if 12 there are any, they will be submitted to you in short order 13 following that. 14 15 That being said, if there are no further questions or participation from anyone on the Committee, we will stand 16 17 adjourned. 18 Thank you very much. [Voice of unidentified woman in audience:] 19 Voice. Mr. Chairman, we are in opposition to Judge 20 Wesley based on his documented corruption at the New York 21 22 Court of Appeals. 23 Senator Chambliss. I will issue a warning that we will 24 have order. The Committee will stand in recess until the

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police can restore order. Everyone remain seated.

[Pause.]

Voice. Are you directing that I be arrested?

Are you directing that I be arrested?

Senator Chambliss. I am directing that the police restore order.

Voice. Are you directing that I be arrested? [Pause.]

9 Senator Chambliss. Outside witnesses are welcome to
10 submit letters supporting or opposing nominees for the
11 Committee's consideration, but it is not our usual procedure
12 to invite outside witnesses to testify either in support or
13 in opposition to the nomination.

I realize that this lady is disappointed that she is not able to make any statement this afternoon, but her disappointment in no way condones any disruption of this hearing.

Again, we will stand adjourned.

Thank you very much.

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[Whereupon, at 3:32 p.m., the Committee was adjourned.]

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