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housing units. First enacted in the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, the program languished until May after the rioting when Bush—with Kemp's urging—made it a key element in the administration's six-point urban agenda. On June 13, Kemp flew to Los Angeles to announce the first \$24 million in HOPE grants to 40 states.

The grants will not build any new units or change anyone's housing status, but they will allow 184 tenant groups nationwide to begin the lengthy planning process for eventually converting public housing into private homes.

Kimi Gray, president of the Kenilworth Parkside Resident Management Corp. in Northeast Washington, has said tenant management "gives residents back the responsibility of taking care of their community. It provides jobs. Maintenance calls are answered within 24

but experts estimate the need at more than \$18 billion.

Critics of the program question whether Kemp is really trying to divest the government of its housing stock and get the government out of the business of owning and managing properties. In fact, early this spring the president urged Congress to rescind \$500 million already pledged for the construction of public housing units.

Critics also warn that many public housing units are so dilapidated that an owner would have to be quite wealthy to take on the maintenance cost.

Besides, according to skeptics, many public housing tenants—including many elderly residents or single mothers—like renting and do not want to own. Others want to own their own homes someday but have no desire to own their units.

Stegman said he recently interviewed a group of single mothers in

"The tenants aren't stupid," said Apgar. "Many of them don't want to sink their last dime into these places."

Critics say, unlike in true home ownership, maintenance subsidies will keep tenants dependent on government handouts. On the other hand, they say that the limits on resale profits will undermine the new owners' motivation to improve their homes and spruce up their neighborhoods.

But even critics acknowledge there are success stories. They point to the extraordinary efforts of Betha Gilkey, who turned around the massive Cochran Gardens project in East St. Louis and the efforts of Gray at Kenilworth Parkside.

Lew Finfer, a housing activist with the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance in Boston, said he thought HOPE was essentially benign, but he said it ignored the vast unmet need for low-income housing.

4 Women Caught in Judgeship Fight

By John Wagner
Washington Post Staff Writer

Earlier this month, the all-male Senate Judiciary Committee was faced with a rare sight: four nominees for the federal bench, all of them women. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the four, and it appeared that the women were well on their way to winning confirmation from the full Senate.

But their fates have since become entangled in the controversy over another judgeship nomination, that of Alabama prosecutor Edward E. Carnes to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Questions about Carnes—dubbed "Mr. Death Penalty" by some critics—have effectively clogged the federal judicial confirmation process.

Carnes wrote Alabama's death penalty law in 1981 and has served as the state's assistant attorney general in charge of capital punishment litigation for the last decade. Carnes's supporters describe him as a skilled litigator who will make a very good federal judge. But his critics, among them several prominent civil rights leaders, maintain that he has been overzealous in his efforts to send defendants, in particular, poor black defendants with inadequate legal representation, to the state's electric chair. Carnes also has drawn fire for his contention that prosecutorial efforts to strike jurors based on race do not necessarily violate "fundamental fairness."

The Judiciary Committee voted 10 to 4 in favor of Carnes's nomination early last month, but the vote had been delayed for several weeks at the urging of Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum (D-Ohio). The delay prompted President Bush to charge that the Democrats on the committee were "playing politics" with his nominee.

Since the May 7 committee vote, several Democrats

have thrown procedural stumbling blocks in the way of the Carnes nomination's progress to the Senate floor. The senators have placed "holds" on the nomination, a technique by which any senator can delay the scheduling of a vote, at least temporarily, and remain anonymous. In the Carnes case, their hope is that opposition to the nomination will mount as time passes.

Last week, supporters of Carnes apparently decided that if the door was still shut on their man, then no one else was going to be allowed through. Holds have now been placed on the four women whose nominations were reported out of the Judiciary Committee June 11.

The battle isn't cleanly drawn along partisan lines. Sen. Richard C. Shelby (D-Ala.) is responsible for the hold on one of the women, Susan Black, a spokeswoman for the Alabama senator acknowledged yesterday. Black, now a U.S. District judge in Florida, has been nominated for a seat on the same federal appeals court as Carnes.

Shelby has "no problem with Ms. Black," the senator's spokeswoman said, but placed the hold out of "a sense of fairness." The nomination of fellow Alabamian Carnes, ready for floor consideration for some time, is being "held hostage" by death penalty opponents, she said.

The other three holds are presumed by many on the Hill to be coming from the Republican camp. Such a tactic would be understandable, according to a Judiciary Committee staff member on the GOP side. "Carnes should have gone through a long time ago," he said. "People are frustrated with his lack of movement." The other three nominees whose fates hang in the balance are: Irene Keeley, named to a U.S. District Court seat in West Virginia; and Lorretta Preska and Sonia Sotomayer, both chosen for District Court judgeships in New York.

Ed Carnes

From this morning's Washington Post 6/23

Sotomayer

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

November 27, 1991

NOMINATIONS SENT TO THE SENATE:

Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York vice John M. Walker, Jr., elevated.

David G. Trager, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York vice a new position created by Public Law 101-650, approved December 1, 1990.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

December 2, 1991

The President has nominated Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. She would succeed John M. Walker, Jr.

Ms. Sotomayor has served with the law firm of Pavia & Harcourt as a Partner, 1988-present; and as an Associate, 1984-1987. From 1979-1984, she served as an Assistant District Attorney with the New York County District Attorney's Office. In addition, she served part-time with the law firm of Sotomayor & Associates, 1983-1986.

Ms. Sotomayor was graduated from Princeton University (A.B., 1976) and Yale Law School (J.D., 1979). She was born June 25, 1954 in New York, New York. Ms. Sotomayor resides in Brooklyn, New York.

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01a. Memo	C. Boyden Gray to POTUS Re: Nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York [Personal Information Redacted] (1 pp.)	11/27/91	(b)(6)	

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WASHINGTON

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November 27, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: C. BOYDEN GRAY
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to be United States
District Judge for the Southern District of
New York

The Attorney General, Governor John H. Sununu, C. Boyden Gray, Constance Horner and Frederick D. McClure recommend that you nominate Sonia Sotomayor to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York. Since 1984, Ms. Sotomayor has been in the practice of law with the firm of Pavia & Harcourt as an associate, 1984-1987, and a partner, 1988-present. Before that, she was an Assistant District Attorney for the New York County District Attorney's Office, 1979-1984; and part-time with the firm of Sotomayor & Associates, 1983-1986. She received an A.B. degree summa cum laude (1976) from Princeton University and a J.D. degree (1979) from Yale Law School.

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The

American Bar Association has reviewed Ms. Sotomayor's qualifications and found her to be qualified for this position.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That you call Ms. Sotomayor (Telephone recommendation attached at Tab A).
2. That you sign the nomination at Tab B.

Attachments

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01b. Note	From Boyden Gray to President Bush Re: Judicial Nominations (1 pp.)	11/27/91	P-2, P-5	

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THE WHITE HOUSE ,
WASHINGTON

November 27, 1991.

Mr. President:

We have been holding onto these nominations in which Senator Moynihan has an interest because he has had a hold on two circuit court nominations (including Hal deMoss) which he has been trying to use to extract a district court judge from us. If Senator Moynihan lifts his hold and the two circuit court nominees are confirmed, which seems likely to happen this morning, we would be able to nominate these two people immediately. Therefore, I would appreciate it if you could sign these two nominations but hold off on the phone calls for now. Then when Legislative Affairs notifies us that the two circuit court nominees are confirmed, we could immediately send these forward, and let Phil Brady's office know so that you can make the phone calls.

Boyden

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01c. Letter	William P. Barr to President Bush Re: Nomination of Sonia Sotomayor [Personal Information Redacted] (1 pp.)	11/15/91	(b)(6)	

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Office of the Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

November 15, 1991

The Honorable George Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to enclose the nomination of Sonia Sotomayor, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York vice John M. Walker, Jr., elevated.

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She received an A.B. degree, summa cum laude, in 1976 from Princeton University and a J.D. degree in 1979 from Yale Law School. She was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1980.

Since 1984, Ms. Sotomayor has been in the practice of law with the firm of Pavia & Harcourt as an associate (1984-1987) and as a partner (1988-present). Prior to joining the above firm, she was an Assistant District Attorney for the New York County District Attorney's Office, 1979-1984; and with the firm Sotomayor & Associates, 1983-1986.

The Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary of the American Bar Association has submitted a formal report which states the Committee's opinion that Ms. Sotomayor is qualified for appointment to this position. She bears an excellent reputation as to character and integrity, has judicial temperament and is, I believe, worthy of appointment as a United States District Judge.

I recommend the nomination.

Respectfully,

William P. Barr
Acting Attorney General

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SONIA SOTOMAYOR

Birth: [REDACTED]

Legal Residence: (b)(6)

Marital Status: [REDACTED]

Education: 1972 - 1976 Princeton University
A.B. degree, summa cum laude

1976 - 1979 Yale Law School
J.D. degree

Bar: 1980 New York

Experience: 1979 - 1984 New York County DA's Office
Assistant District Attorney

1983 - 1986 Sotomayor & Associates
(part-time)

1984 - present Pavia & Harcourt
Associate, 1984-1987
Partner, 1988-present

Office: 600 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022
212 980-3500

Home: [REDACTED]
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Ethnic Group: Hispanic

Salary: [REDACTED]
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Recommended Telephone Call

TO: Sonia Sotomayor

TELEPHONE:

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Office: (212) 980-3500

DATE TO CALL: November 27, 1991

RECOMMENDED BY:

The Attorney General, Governor John H. Sununu, C. Boyden Gray, Constance Horner and Frederick D. McClure

PURPOSE:

To ask her to serve as United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

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2. She received an A.B. degree summa cum laude (1976) from Princeton University and a J.D. degree (1979) from Yale Law School.

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DATE OF SUBMISSION: November 27, 1991

ACTION

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The White House,

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Senate of the United States.

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SONIA SOTOMAYOR

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Business: (212) 980-3500

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EDUCATION:

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, Connecticut
J.D., June 1979
Editor, Yale Law Journal
Managing Editor, Yale Studies in World Public Order
Semi-finalist, Barristers Union

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, New Jersey
B.A., summa cum laude, June 1976
Member, Phi Beta Kappa
Co-winner, M. Taylor Honor Prize - prize awarded annually to the senior(s) who has most clearly manifested excellent scholarship and effective support of the best interests of Princeton University
Honorable Mention, Senior Thesis, Latin American Studies

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

PAVIA & HARCOURT
600 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

Partner January 1, 1988 to present
Associate April, 1984 - December, 1987

International commercial litigation, including the drafting of pleadings, all phases of pre-trial discovery, depositions, motion practice, trials, and appellate briefs and arguments. Extensive experience in the arbitration of commercial and commodity export trading cases.

NEW YORK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
New York, New York

Assistant District Attorney September, 1979 to March, 1984

Responsibilities included investigation and evaluation of felony cases, grand jury presentations, pre-trial motion practice, bench and jury trials, appellate briefs and arguments.

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON
New York, New York

Summer Associate June to August, 1978

YALE UNIVERSITY, GENERAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE
New Haven, Connecticut

Law Clerk June to August, 1978

OFFICE OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
Equitable Life Assurance Society
New York, New York

Research Assistant June to August, 1976

PUBLICATIONS:

STATEHOOD AND THE EQUAL FOOTING DOCTRINE: THE CASE FOR
PUERTO RICAN SEABED RIGHTS

88 Yale Law Journal 826 (1979)

ASSOCIATIONS:

Member, Board of Directors, Puerto Rican Legal Defense
and Education Fund

Member, Board of Directors, State of New York Mortgage
Agency (Governor's Appointee)

Member, State Advisory Panel on Inter-Group Relations
(Governor's Appointee)

Member, New York City Campaign Public Finance Board
(Mayor's Appointee)

Member, American Bar Association (1980)

LANGUAGES:

English and Spanish

ADMISSIONS:

New York State Bar (1980)

United States District Court, S.D.N.Y. (1984)

United States District Court, E.D.N.Y. (1984)

REFERENCES:

Available upon request.