



ARTICLE III JUDICIAL VACANCIES/ NOMINATIONS/ CONFIRMATIONS

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111th CONGRESS

Current Vacancies – 109

- 21 – courts of appeals
- 88 – district courts

Total Nominations – 105*

- 2 – Supreme Court of the United States
- 25 – courts of appeals
- 78 – district courts

Pending Nominations – 62 (one for a future vacancy**)

- 24 – pending in committee
- 38 – pending on Senate floor (**30 with no recorded opposition**)

Nominations Returned and Renominated – 8***

- 2 – court of appeals
- 6 – district court

Total Confirmations – 43

- 2 – Supreme Court of the United States
- 11 – courts of appeals
- 30 – district courts

* A nomination that has been returned and renominated is counted as one nomination in this tally.

**James K. Breder was nominated for a future vacancy (USDC: D MD).

*** Susan Myerscough's nomination was returned on June 17 and resubmitted on the same day for a different seat on the USDC Central District of Ill. The nominations of Edward Chen (USDC: ND CA) and Louis Bennett Butler, Jr. (USDC: WD of WI) were returned at the close of the 1st Session and they were renominated on January 20. They again were returned, along with the nominations of Robert Neil Chatigny (2nd Circuit), Goodwin Liu (9th Circuit) and John J. McConnell, Jr. (USDC: D of RI), on August 5, and all five were renominated on September 13.

110TH CONGRESS: Summary Statistics

Total Nominations – 102*

23 – courts of appeals
79 – district courts

Total Confirmations – 68

10 – courts of appeals
58 – district courts

Vacancies at Adjournment --53

13 – courts of appeals
40 – district courts

Nominations Withdrawn – 4***

3 – courts of appeals (Getchell, 4th Cir., Murphy, 6th Cir. and Pratter, 3rd Cir.)
1 – district court (Donohue, ND N.Y)

** The nominations of Norman Randy Smith and Carolyn P. Short are included only once in this tally even though their original nominations were withdrawn and resubmitted on the same day. The nomination of Stephen Joseph Murphy, III, is included twice because he was first nominated to the 6th Circuit and then re-nominated to a lower court.*

****This tally does not include the withdrawal of the nominations of Norman Randy Smith or Carolyn P. Short since they were re-nominated the same day to fill the same seats.*

109TH CONGRESS: Summary Statistics

Total Nominations -- 110

4 – Supreme Court
40 -- courts of appeals
65 -- district courts
1 -- Court of International Trade

Confirmations – 54*

2 – Supreme Court
16 -- courts of appeals
35 -- district courts
1 -- Court of International Trade

Vacancies at Adjournment -- 51

16 -- courts of appeals
35 -- districts courts

Recess Appointments -- 2

2 – courts of appeals (Charles Pickering, 5th Circuit; and William Pryor, 11th Circuit)

**There was one additional confirmation to the Article IV District of Court of Guam.*

108TH CONGRESS: Summary Statistics

Vacancies at Adjournment -- 28

13 -- courts of appeals
17 -- districts courts

Total Nominations -- 129

34 -- courts of appeals
94-- district courts
1 -- Court of International Trade

Filibustered Nominations -- 10

10 --courts of appeals

Confirmations -- 104 *

18 -- courts of appeals
85 -- district courts
1 -- Court of International Trade

Recess Appointments -- 2

2 -- courts of appeals (Charles Pickering, 5th Circuit; and William Pryor, 11th Circuit)

**There were two additional confirmations to the District Court of the Virgin Islands, an Article IV court.*

107th CONGRESS: Summary Statistics

Nominations: 131

32 -- courts of appeals
98 -- district courts
1 -- Court of International Trade

Confirmations: 100

17 -- courts of appeals
83 -- district courts

Vacancies:

80 -- Start of 1st Session:
110 -- As of 7/10/01 (date of Senate Reorganization)
60 -- End of 2nd Session:

106TH CONGRESS: Summary Statistics

Nominations: 116

Confirmations: 73

Nominees Rejected by Senate: 1

Vacancies

74 -- Start of 1st Session
67 -- End of 2nd Session
(77 vacancies if include 10 judgeships signed into law after adjournment)

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