

 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**
**SUPREME COURT
NOMINATION BATTLE:
LOOK FOR THE
HYPOCRITES!**



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Here's what provoked me:

Hey SB! Did you read what Senator Chuck Schumer said about Republican "obstructionism" coming from Mitch McConnell's declaration that no confirmation should be made this close to a Presidential election? "Me-thinks" I've heard all this before. Go back and find out what Schumer said in July, 2007, 19 months before Bush would be leaving office. That's hypocrisy! Tell me what you think! – Stefano Bachovich – obscure curmudgeon and wise political pundit – a prolific purveyor of opinions on just about everything – SB's primary "go-to guy."

Here's my response:

Supreme Court Nomination Battle: Look for the Hypocrites!

The headline story from February 15 set up the "epic battle" to follow the death of Supreme Court Justice Scalia. The main combatants are identified as Obama who stated he will make an appointment "in due time," Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and "the No. 3 Democrat in the Senate," Chuck Schumer.

The report includes McConnell's immediate declaration that Obama shouldn't try to fill the vacancy, because less than a year remains in the President's second term. The news report refers to Senator Schumer's prediction that there is an even chance that pressure from Senate Republicans will still result in hearings and a vote.

The report should have included Senator Schumer's specific comments referring to McConnell's declaration, as well as Schumer's "history" in a similar situation. Reacting to McConnell, Schumer stated: "You know, the kind of obstructionism that Mitch McConnell's talking about, he's hearkening back to his old days.....when you go right off the bat and say, 'I don't care who he nominates, I am going to oppose him,' that's not going to fly."

Compare that to what Schumer said in July 2007 regarding potential nominations by President Bush: "We should not confirm any Bush nominee to the Supreme Court, except in extraordinary circumstances.....They must prove by actions, not words, that they are in the mainstream rather than we have to prove that they are not."

Schumer's comment was made 19 months before President Bush was to leave office, compared to only 11 months for McConnell's comments. That's hypocrisy!

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