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## **Judicial vacancies exist because President Bush ignores remarkable compromises offered by Senators**

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Two 4th Circuit Court seats lack nominees because Bush refuses even to discuss five joint recommendations by Senators John Warner (R-VA) and Jim Webb (D-VA). In three states, Bush rejected offers to elevate his trial judges to Circuit Courts.

Bush chose pending nominees to inflame his right-wing base with artificial vacancies.

Steve Matthews was an officer and director of Mark Levin's Landmark Legal Foundation when it endorsed Rush Limbaugh for a Nobel Peace Prize. Levin ridicules global warming as "nonsense" and Sens. John McCain (R.-Ariz.) and Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.) as "liberal idiots." In "Men in Black: How the Supreme Court Is Destroying America," Levin thanked Matthews for having "supported me in all I do."

Robert Conrad Jr. denounced Sister Helen Prejean as a "church-hating nun" and her book *Dead Man Walking* as "liberal drivel." He allowed corporations to bury streams with mine waste; which three dissenting judges said "eviscerates" key Clean Water Act language.

President Bush should withdraw controversial nominees and listen to Senators' "advice and consent."