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Judicial Nominees

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The Nov. 16 Associated Press article, "Bush: Review of judges is mean-spirited," described President Bush's Federalist Society speech.

Earlier the same day, Bush announced a 4th Circuit Appeals Court nomination he knew Maryland's Senators would block because of inadequate legal experience in the state. He previously ignored five joint recommendations by Sens. John Warner, R-Va., and Jim Webb, D-Va., for a Virginia 4th Circuit seat. After New Jersey's senators agreed to the president's initial 3rd Circuit choice, the actual nominee was selected before they were even informed.

President Bush is trying to reignite his right-wing base by blaming the Senate for not rubber-stamping nominees whom he chose precisely because they will not be confirmed.

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