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SCR1611
Proponent
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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee on Federal and State Affairs

I am submitting my proponent testimony for SCR1611.

I support this bill as we, the people, get to elect our governor, our legislators, and our local judges. Government is supposed to be of, by, and for the people and this primary edict of a good government is thwarted when we do not get to elect Supreme Court justices but instead they are chosen by a commission that we, the people, did not elect.

There are lawyers on the Nominating Committee whose desire is not to serve the people in truth and righteousness but whose vested interest is in securing justices who will cater to their whims and fancies. Besides, when there is a governor whose vision is slanted in one direction rather than the other and this person gets to be the final selection agent from among three candidates, there is only a 33% chance that the best qualified person will be selected.

As an informed patriot in our country who invests time in researching the best possible candidates to serve us, it is paramount in my estimation that we be able to elect those who will serve our justice system fairly and with integrity.

The reasons above are why I support SCR1611.

Respectfully,

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