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Republican Senate Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky - "Fulfilling our duty to advise and consent on a nomination to this office requires a thorough process, not a rush to judgment." (Politico)

v.

"This nomination will not be taken up by Senate Judiciary Committee." (Senator Sweeny Press Release) - **Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, D-Gloucester/Cumberland/Salem**

House Republican Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio - "Solicitor General Kagan deserves a fair hearing on her qualifications." (Cong. Boehner Press Release)

v.

"I hope what the Senate does is actually leave it vacant..." (Daily Record) - **Assembly Majority Leader Joseph Cryan, D-Union**

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah - "I...look forward to actively participating in the confirmation process." (The Washington Post)

v.

"Regardless of her qualifications, she's not going to get a hearing." (NJ.com) - **Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Nicholas Scutari, D-Union**

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa - "I expect Elena Kagan to receive fair, respectful and deliberative consideration. The Constitution gives the Senate a tremendous responsibility to carefully review the President's nominees to the Supreme Court." (CNN)

v.

"There is absolutely no way we're going to have a hearing, and no reason we should." (Associated Press) - **Sen. Raymond Lesniak, D-Union**

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Alabama - "I look forward to learning more about Ms. Kagan through this process." (CNN)

v.

Sarlo said he fully supports Senate President Stephen Sweeney's position on not granting a hearing to the Governor's nominee. (Senator Sarlo Press Release) - **Senator Paul Sarlo, D-Bergen/Essex/Passaic**

Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Arizona - "I congratulate Ms. Kagan on her nomination to the United States Supreme Court." (CNN)

v.

Said Patterson should withdraw her name. (NJ.com) - **Sen. Raymond Lesniak, D-Union**

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-South Carolina - "I intend to be fair and firm in my questioning of the nominee. The hearings can be a valuable public service as they give us a window into the nominee's judicial philosophy and disposition." (CNN)

v.

Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney today said he will not authorize confirmation hearings for Governor Christie's nominee to replace Associate Supreme Court Justice John Wallace. (Senator Sweeny Press Release) - **Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, D-Gloucester/Cumberland/Salem**

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