Governor Christie: The Senate Needs To Stop The Games With The Judicial Nomination Process

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**Governor Christie:** We need to stop the games with the judicial nomination process. The fact is that there are three Republicans, two Democrats, and one independent on the Court. That's indisputable. No matter how many times the Senate President says something differently, either he can't read or he's not telling the truth, because Jaynee LaVecchia has been an independent her entire life. Governor Kean talked about that yesterday, that when he put her in his administration she was an independent. She was an independent in Governor Whitman's administration. The fact is that she's been an independent in her time on the Court, and so the Democrats never complained about having four Democrats on the Court. For 48 years they had four Democrats on the Court. You never heard about packing the Court during that period of time, and so I think the people of this state have voted for a Republican governor twice. Those vacancies come up, I have a right to have up to four Republicans on that Court, not more, but up to four Republicans on the Court, so let's take the games out of the confirmation process, and I will tell you this: I will do everything that I need to do to make the judicial confirmation process fair, everything within the power of the governorship to make the judicial confirmation process fair.

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