

President Nixon names William H. Rehnquist and Lewis F. Powell, Jr. for nomination to Supreme Court, making the announcement barely 24 hours after the Judicial Fitness Committee of the American Bar Association had declined to endorse his reported tentative choices for the two vacancies (Mrs. Mildred L. Lillie and Herschel C. Friday.) Had submitted six names to the A.B.A. . . .
Sen. Edward Kennedy^{says} of the six, "Surely the compilation and submission of this list will rank as one of the great insults to the Supreme Court" (SFChronicle 16 Oct 71.)

The same evening the Nixon Administration abruptly terminates its agreement to check the judicial qualifications of potential Supreme Court nominees with the A.B.A. before formally appointing them to the Court. (Fred P. Graham, NYTimes 22 Oct 71.)

With the confirmation of Rehnquist and Powell, Nixon has placed four conservatives on the Court.

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