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Proverbs

- Proverbs 6**
 6 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend, if thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,
 2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
 3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.
 4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, nor slumber to thine eyelids.
 5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter, and as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
 6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:
 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
 8 Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.
 9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
 10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
 11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.
 12 A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.
 13 He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;
 14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.
 15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.
 16 These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him:
 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

- 19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.
 20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
 21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.
 22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
 23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:
 24 To keep thee from the evil woman, from the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.
 25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids.
 26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.
 27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?
 28 Can one go upon hot coals, and his feet not be burned?
 29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.
 30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry;
 31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.
 32 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.
 33 A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away.
 34 For jealousy is the rage of a man: therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
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Trump's judge nominee, who would add diversity to SC's federal bench, headed to final Senate vote

By: Tiffany Tan

COLUMBIA — A Greenville attorney is one step closer to filling a federal judge vacancy — and becoming the sixth racial minority in a half century seated on the U.S. District bench in South Carolina.

The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee voted 15-7 Thursday to advance President Donald Trump's nomination of Sheria Clarke to the full Senate.

"With extraordinary credentials, an impeccable character and a deep commitment to the rule of law, Ms. Clarke is exactly the kind of person who should be a federal judge," U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, a committee member, said in a statement after the vote.

She also has the support of fellow South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, who met with Clarke last October and asked if she

was interested, according to her written responses to the committee's questionnaire about her selection. She then met with Graham's staff and White House attorneys before Trump called her Feb. 9 to say he'd chosen her, she wrote.

The Senate floor vote has not yet been scheduled, but Clarke is expected to get confirmed.

Clarke, however, encountered some bumps during her March 25 confirmation hearing. Two Democratic senators criticized her for not giving straight answers to the question of who won the 2020 and 2024 presidential elections.

Echoing the response of Trump's other judicial nominees at the hearing, Clarke attempted instead to explain the process, saying the Electoral College certifies the winner. Sens. Richard Blumenthal, of Connecticut, and Sheldon Whitehouse, of Rhode Island, described the nominees'

answers as canned and fed by their White House handlers.

"They're Orwellian in their denial of reality, and they are a subversion of this process," Blumenthal said last month about the responses. "They also fundamentally show a complete lack of independence and backbone and impartiality, which are the fundamental requirements of a United States District Court judge."

Sheria Clarke and three other judicial nominees appear before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee for their confirmation hearing on Wednesday, March 25, in Washington, D.C. (Screenshot from committee webcast) Whitehouse added that judicial independence is important, because judges might see the administration that nominated them "bearing down" on them in difficult court cases.

But on Thursday, he voted "yes" to advancing Clarke's nomination.

Blumenthal was among the "no" votes.

The bipartisan vote shows her confirmation is likely a given, said Lee Holmes, a Washington attorney who was the top staff lawyer on the Senate Judiciary Committee when Graham was chairman.

"She will sail through Senate confirmation," Holmes told the SC Daily Gazette. "The full Senate will vote on her nomination, where Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott will make sure she's confirmed."

Trump nominated Clarke to replace Judge Bryan Harwell, who went into semi-retirement (called "senior status") in June 2024, 20 years after senators confirmed his nomination by President George W. Bush. That created a vacancy among active

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