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Confirm Her

Senate panel should approve Priscilla Owen

The president has nominated. The Senate Judiciary Committee has reviewed. And the moment has arrived for a vote. The committee should confirm Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen's nomination to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals when it reconvenes Thursday. The panel should move speedily to send her nomination to the Senate floor.

Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Joseph Biden will feel pressure to join the panel's Democrats in opposing Justice Owen. But we urge the pair to support the justice in light of her strong credentials. Both senators enjoy a reputation for fair-mindedness, and they could lead by rising above the gamesmanship that has gripped both parties in approving judicial appointments lately.

Priscilla Owen is not a judicial lightweight. Sens. Feinstein and Biden may disagree with some of her conclusions, but the Baylor Law School graduate is not outside the norms of American jurisprudence. Indeed, the American Bar Association has given her a unanimous "well-qualified" rating. And the ABA has never been accused of being a hideout for conservative extremists.

What's more, Ms. Owen scored higher than

any other applicant when she took the Texas bar exam. She served 17 years as a lawyer for Andrews & Kurth, one of Texas' premier law firms. These credentials and her personal integrity explain why a bipartisan group of Texas bar leaders — including former Texas Supreme Court member and Attorney General John Hill, a prominent Democrat — went to Washington in July to support her nomination.

Though her opponents have tried to paint Ms. Owen as someone tainted by campaign contributions, her record shows that, to the contrary, she has been a staunch supporter of judicial reform who has placed voluntary limits on donations to her campaigns.

The judicial nomination process has become a raw game of power. The party that does not control the presidency tries to block nominations until the next election. We would understand why Democrats would not want to appoint Ms. Owen if she were unfit. But she has the brainpower, experience and temperament to serve ably on an appellate court.

By recognizing those qualities, Sens. Biden and Feinstein could make sure that the Owen nomination moves to the Senate floor when the Judiciary Committee reconvenes Thursday. The gamesmanship needs to end.