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Schumer Said to Be Preparing Nuclear Option, Plus Cato Commentary About Sotomayor

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The Weekly Standard blog has a post titled, "Schumer Preparing for Nuclear Option to Ram Through Health-Care Bill." That blog post seems somewhat speculative, and Schumer hasn't explicity threatened it.

Meanwhile, Ilya Shapiro of the Cato Institute has some comments about the Sotomayor confirmation hearings. Here are some excerpts, with which I tend to agree:

All Americans should take pride in seeing our first Hispanic Supreme Court justice (not counting Benjamin Cardozo). While this moment should have belonged to Miguel Estrada-who was denied even a vote by an unprecedented Democratic filibuster-we should nevertheless celebrate Sonia Sotomayor's rise from very humble beginnings to reach the highest court in the land....In walking away from so many controversial positions, Sonia Sotomayor established a new standard to which all future nominees will at least have to pay lip service. While confirmation was almost a foregone conclusion from the start because of the Democrats' strong Senate majority, the Republicans played well the cards they had been dealt by engaging in a serious discussion about constitutional interpretation and jurisprudential philosophy.

Judicial opinions to follow.



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