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### Monday round-up

On Friday, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit held that President Obama's recent appointments to the National Labor Relations Board violated the Constitution. Because of the political consequences of this decision, as well as the split among the circuit that this decision creates, there is a strong possibility that this case will ultimately reach the Court. Lyle reports on the decision for [this blog](#), and additional coverage discussing the likelihood of review by the Court comes from Tom Schoenberg of Bloomberg News ([here](#) and [here](#)), David Savage and Jim Ptaszchynski of the [Los Angeles Times](#), Melissa Tencza, Jess Bruna, and Michael Critchfield of [The Wall Street Journal](#), David Jacobson of [USA Today](#), Brad Kanderbrock of [The Christian Science Monitor](#), Rick Wager of [Forbes](#), Josh Gerstein of [Politico](#), Emily Bazelon of [Bloomberg](#), Charlie Savage and Steven Greenhouse of [The New York Times](#), Robert Barnes and Steven Mufson of [The Washington Post](#), and Gerrit Eppel of [The Atlantic](#).



Although the Court's oral arguments are several weeks away, the weekend's diggings also feature continuing coverage of cases that are scheduled for argument later this Term. At [Reuters](#), Jesse Brubaker reports on the efforts of the parties in [Hollingsworth v. Perry](#), the challenge to California's Proposition 8, to influence the Department of Justice, while at the [Los Angeles Times](#), David Savage covers the arguments advanced in the briefs defending DOMA and Proposition 8. In [The New York Times](#), the [Round for Debate](#) discusses [Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl](#), in which the Court will consider the interpretation of the Indian Child Welfare Act, finally, also at [The New York Times](#), Don French discusses the case in the context of a shortage of Indian foster parents.

Briefly:

- Erika Brown of [The New York Times](#) and Rachel Zell of the [Associated Press](#) report on the legal challenges to the Affordable Care Act's birth control mandate and the likelihood that one of these cases may be heard by the Court.
- At her [On the Case](#) blog for Reuters, Alison Frueh discusses the possibility that the Justice Department has changed its view on whether state-law product liability claims against generic drugmakers are barred because generics are required by federal law to carry warning labels approved by the FDA, a question at issue in this Term's [Mutual Pharmaceutical Co. v. Bartelt](#).
- David Gervais of [The New York Times](#) reports on the closing of Justice Sonia Sotomayor's elementary school in the Bronx and the Justice's reaction to this news.
- [Case @ Liberty's](#) Ilya Shapiro discusses the Court's denial of cert. in [Hall v. Sebelius](#), a challenge to government policies that deny otherwise eligible citizens their Social Security benefits if they choose not to enroll in Medicare.
- At [Salon](#), law professor Paul Cassano criticizes Chief Justice John Roberts for reaching in Europe to the success, arguing that these courts are effectively paid for by law students who "are financially washing themselves by borrowing those dollars to pay for useless degrees."
- [The Washington Post](#) publishes an obituary for Frank Lorenz, the Court's former chief deputy clerk, who passed away on January 11.

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