



## Flags in Pa. to fly at half-staff in Scalia's honor

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"We owe it to him, & the Nation, for the Senate to ensure that the next President names his replacement".

At issue is whether Obama, in his last year in office, should make a nomination and the Republican-led Senate should confirm that choice in an election year.

Privately, senior Democrats tell *CNN* there's little chance of Obama's nominee winning confirmation unless these swing-state Republicans break ranks. Ted Cruz said in the latest GOP debate, held in SC just hours after word filtered out Saturday about Scalia's death in Texas.

The manager of a West Texas funeral home says the body of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia has been taken to an El Paso airport and will be flown to Virginia.

Given that the president has already said during his immediate speech following Antonin Scalia's death that he would uphold his constitutional duty to appoint one of the justices to the Supreme Court, the act of blocking them is not just a matter of saber rattling, as now Rubio already has blocked a ambassador to Mexico that the president had tried to appoint recently.

Ilya Shapiro, the editor-in-chief of the Cato Institute's "Cato **Supreme Court Review**", told CBS News that Garland would be "the most moderate Democratic" possibility - and therefore the "least controversial" appointment the president could make. Some Democrats respond the American people elected the president and the Senate for that objective.

The political calculation underscores the high-stakes nature of the 2016 campaign.

Insiders suggested the president might try to *nominate* a member of an ethnic minority not previously represented on the nine-judge court, or even its first gay justice.

Srinivasan is considered to have a bipartisan support in the Congress and is popular among both Democrats and Republican lawmakers. Republicans hope to preserve their majority in the Senate in the same election.

Senate Democrats made clear that they would work vigorously to keep Republicans from trying to run out the clock. "I wanted to do yellow roses because for him dying in Texas".

The ESA, the industry group that lobbied for the decision, said that "it was a momentous day for our industry and those who love the entertainment we create and we are indebted to Justice Scalia for so eloquently defending the rights of creators and consumer everywhere".

"I'm sure every Republican senator up for re-election would give anything not to have to cast a vote about a **Supreme Court** nominee", said Russell Wheeler, a judicial expert with the Brookings Institution. Since 1975, no nominee has waited for a confirmation vote longer than **108 days** from the time he or she was selected.

Scalia's colleagues praised his brilliance and grieved his death. "The American people should have a voice in the selection of their next **Supreme Court** justice", McConnell (R-Ky.) said. The vacancy quickly became an issue in the 2016 presidential race.

Moments later, Obama promised that he would still choose someone to replace Scalia, but it remains uncertain who the president will *nominate* or when the nomination might be announced.

I would have said this not due to *any* electable qualities that I see in Mr. Trump - I don't see many.

Beth Levine, a Grassley spokeswoman, declined to comment beyond the statement, which did not address whether the Senate Judiciary Committee would have a *hearing* on the next nominee.

If the answer is yes, Obama would have to try to find a flawless candidate with enough appeal to Republicans to change their minds. Scalia (79) arrived at the resort on Friday. A spokeswoman for Kirk, the Illinois Republican, didn't respond to an inquiry seeking comment.

"Here's the bottom line, I don't trust Barack Obama on the appointment of **Supreme Court** justices".