

Travel ban, church-state case await action by Supreme Court

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A Kennedy retirement this week would also make good on Trump's to-date groundless boast that he has accomplished more in a few months than many presidents do in a few years. Yet one thing remains constant on a dynamic Supreme Court: corporations and business interests win.

In the meantime, the court will allow a limited version of the ban to take effect.

The announcement would give President Trump the opportunity to replace Kennedy - who leans right but serves as the ideological center of the court - with a more conservative justice. If adopted by the court, Gorsuch's theory would effectively bar state and local governments from passing nearly any kind of gun safety legislation. The senate replacement of Obamacare could there be a vote this week what's the latest you're hearing about that. The decision to hold an early reunion helped spark talk he might be leaving the court.

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas had stern words for his colleagues when the court declined to hear a case challenging California's handgun laws, saying that the jurists do not understand the importance of self-defense.

"Gorsuch is rapidly becoming my favorite justice", said Ilya Shapiro, a lawyer with the libertarian Cato Institute. Like Kennedy now, Powell was the ultimate swing justice; his was the key fifth vote for liberals on issues including abortion rights and affirmative action, topics as charged then as they are today.

"And that's exactly the, I'm not surprised at all that Neil Gorsuch is right in there with Thomas and Alito, in wanting to, pretty much tell the president, 'you go right ahead, impose a Muslim ban.' I'm glad that the other justices aren't there quite yet". The couple sued and won under a state anti discrimination law. She further anxious: "So what we're seeing is really the right's idea, the Republican ideals really being fortified by the Supreme Court that they handpicked and that they played the long game to get".

Meanwhile, capital punishment in America, which Kennedy slowly but steadily restricted, will be allowed again to expand. It's an issue Kennedy has been watching for years.

On the other hand, Kennedy is well aware of his role on the court and could be alarmed by how politicized the confirmation process has become. More than 70 years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed a "Second Bill of Rights" that focused on economic rights such as access to

housing, health care and a social safety net. Which advocates they get sick of the Republican could only lose two we'll both come this week most likely not before the July 4 recess.

"The court was really concerned here with the scope of the injunction that the lower courts had entered, not whether Trump was acting lawfully or not in entering the executive order", Rhodes says. In a 2004 case known as *Vieth v. Jubelirer*, Kennedy cast the pivotal vote to uphold a challenged map. But it terrifies people in the middle and on the left because it has the potential to swing the Court in a different direction.

Kennedy's possible retirement would mean a chance for the Trump administration to fill the vacancy with a Justice who might fill the shoes of Kennedy as the game-changing voice. I think that's part of the reason he wasn't chosen.

NICOLLE WALLACE: Well, there were even some Democrats that thought that the fight over Neil Gorsuch was a wasted one because the real fight is the next one.

In the meantime, a slow term is about to end and a brand new one is taking shape. And recall that the Trump Department of Education withdrew a 2015 guidance letter construing Title IX to require schools to treat transgender students consistent with their expressed gender identity, removing the most politically charged case from the Court's already muted docket.