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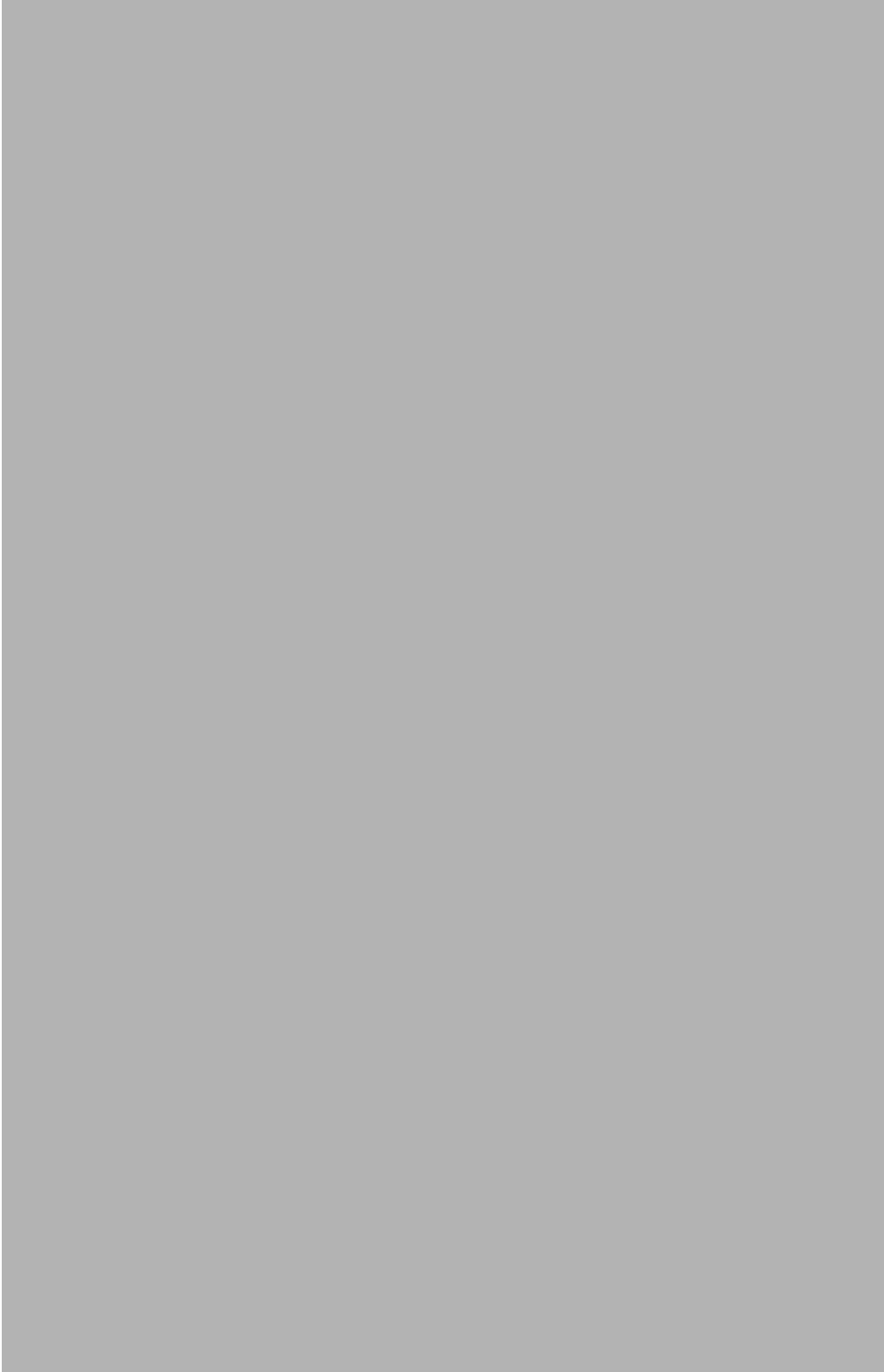
### **Irrecusable & Unconfirmable**

*Patrick Leahy, Joseph Lieberman, William Rehnquist,  
Edward Kennedy & John Cornyn*

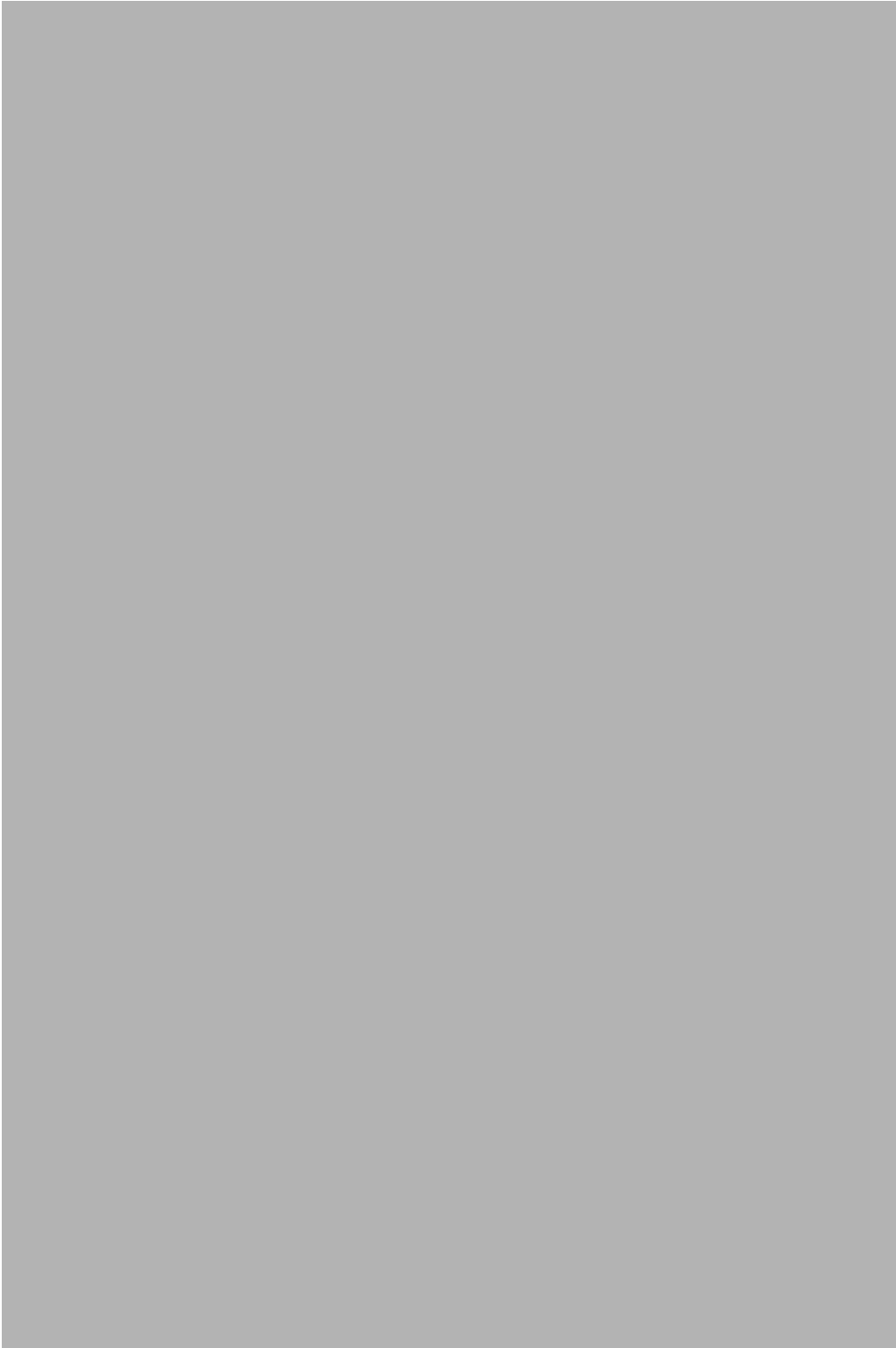
The inter-branch correspondence reproduced on the next few pages requires no introduction, but we will give you a short one anyway. The first two letters – an exchange between Senators Patrick Leahy and Joseph Lieberman and Chief Justice William Rehnquist – deal with questions relating to judicial recusal under 28 U.S.C. § 455. The third and fourth letters – addressed by Senators Edward Kennedy and John Cornyn to President George W. Bush – deal with the role of senators in the nomination of judges, as opposed to advice and consent, under Article II, Section 2, of the Constitution.

– *The Editors*

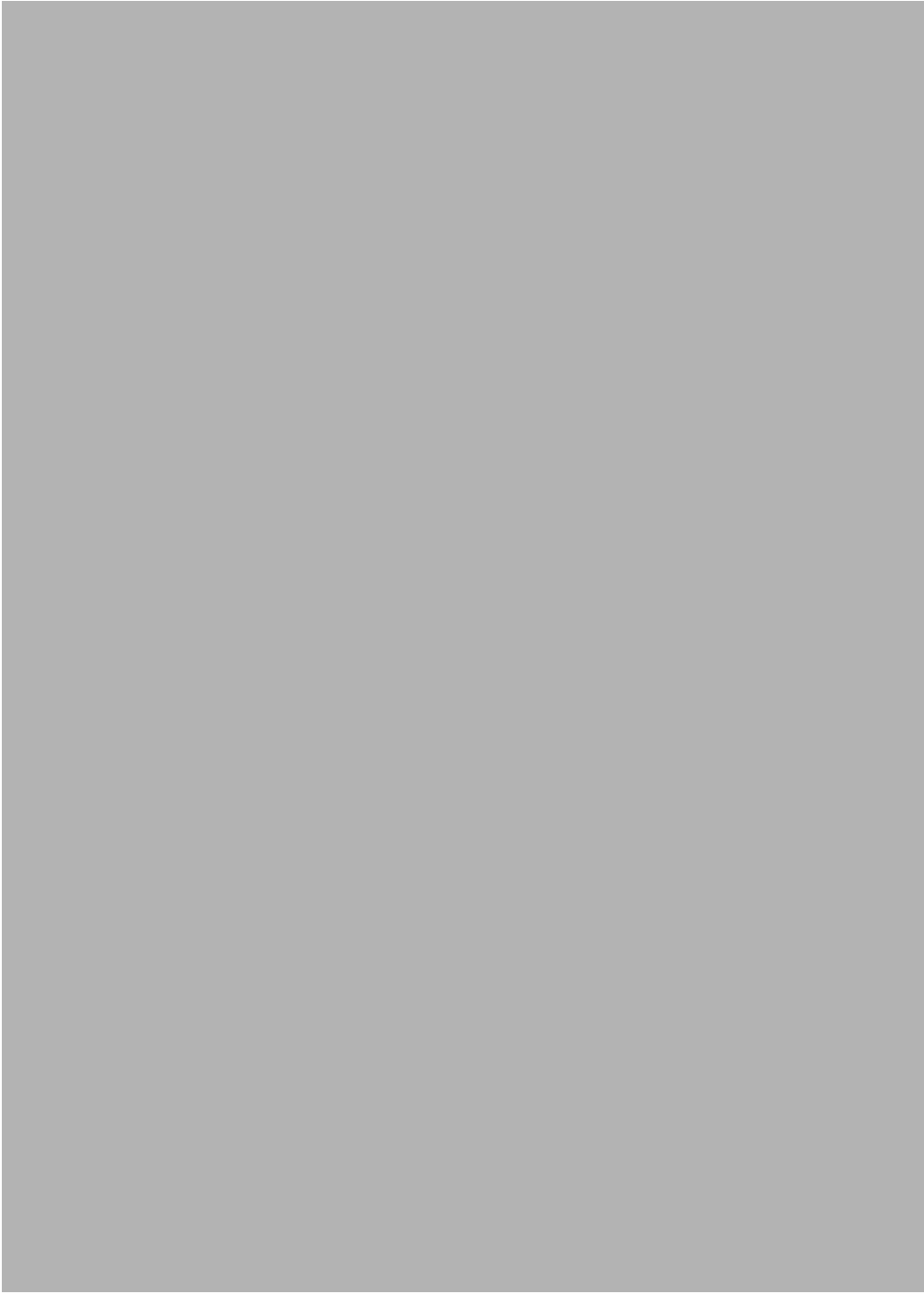














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