A PRESENTATION WITH

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‘DEAR SENATOR SIMON:’

Letters on the Clarence Thomas Nomination

The last Supreme Court nominee to come from a President whose party didn’t control the U.S. Senate was Clarence Thomas in 1991. Nominated by President George H.W. Bush, the Democrats held 55 seats in the Senate, compared to the Republicans’ 45. Eleven Democrats swung their votes to Thomas for his successful nomination after contentious confirmation hearings including allegations and sworn testimony of sexual harassment from Anita Hill.

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Paul Simon Public Policy Institute (Forestry Building)

Heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served.
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