

R.I.P. Supreme Court Phil A. Buster, 1806-2017

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The Supreme Court filibuster [died](#) on Thursday. He was 211 years old and succumbed amid the [battle over the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch](#).

A lifelong resident of Washington, D.C., Supreme Court filibuster was a chatty fellow. He was well known for his occasional, yet lengthy and loquacious appearances inside the US Senate Chamber.

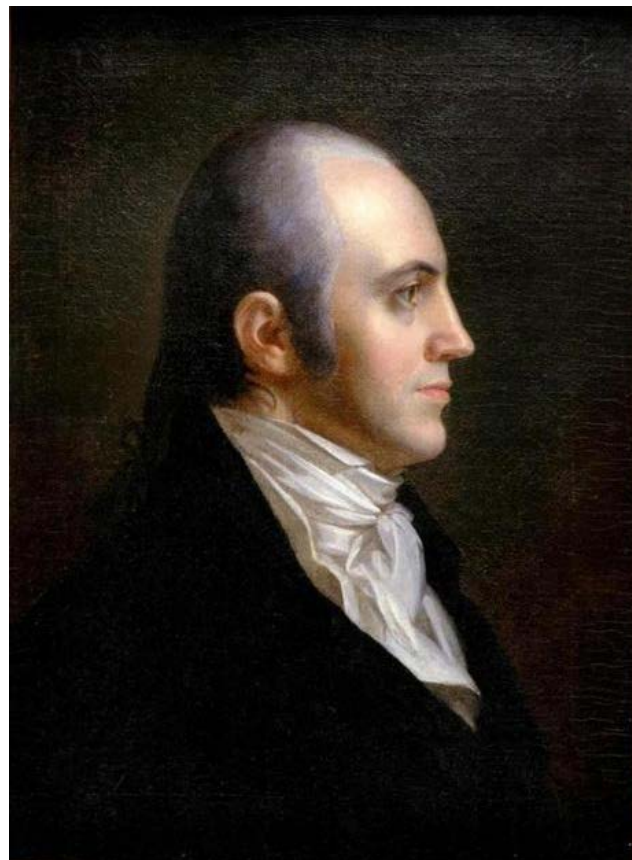
There is no debate that Supreme Court filibuster was, at various points in his life, a friend and foe to both Democrats and Republicans. He routinely defied cloture, a legislative procedure for ending a debate and taking a vote.

He lived life at a leisurely



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Aaron Burr, father of the filibuster.

pace, enjoyed parliamentary procedures, and never shied from using obstruction to try to get his way.

While his appearances in the Senate have been relatively rare over the years, he will be remembered for [his role](#) in derailing President Lyndon B. Johnson's effort to appoint Supreme Court Associate Justice Abe Fortas as chief justice in 1968.



How much longer can Trump really blame Obama for the 'mess?'

During a press conference Wednesday with the King of Jordan, President Trump employed an

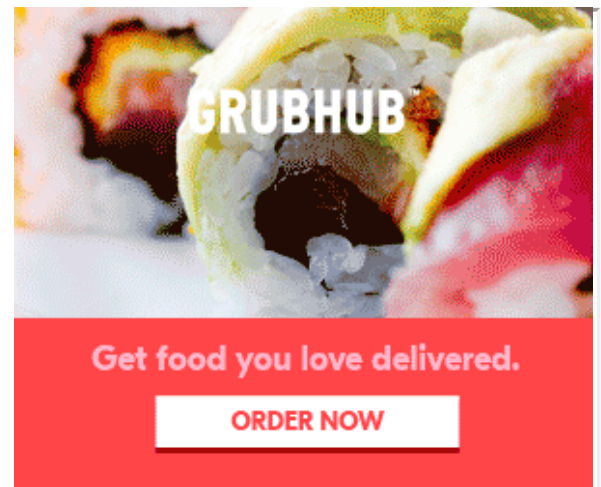
often-used presidential tactic: he blamed his predecessor.

Other [highlights](#) of Supreme Court filibuster's career came in 1971, 1986, and 2006, when he made notable, albeit unsuccessful appearances.

Supreme Court filibuster was [born](#) on March 26, 1806. In declining health of late, he died from a sudden invocation of the "nuclear option."

He is [survived](#) by his beloved brother, the legislative filibuster, who was known for his starring role in the 1939 film "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington." He was also the beloved brother of the late executive branch filibuster and lower-court judge nomination filibuster, who passed together in 2013.

They were all the beloved sons of the late [vice president Aaron Burr](#), who suggested in 1805 that a rule to cut off Senate debate was unnecessary.



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In lieu of flowers or donations, his family requests people speak about him monotonously for hours on end.

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