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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Supreme Court Nominee Faces Down Attacks]

ROBIN ROBERTS: Historic hearing. Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson facing down Republican attacks.

KETANJI BROWN JACKSON: I've taken every case seriously.

ROBERTS: Closing out the final day of questioning. The emotional moment that brought her to tears.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: New This Morning; Supreme Court Nominee in the Hot Seat; Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson Faces Down Republican Attacks]

T.J. HOLMES: We want to turn now, Robin, to those confirmation hearings of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson for the Supreme Court. Her testimony ended on an emotional note after 19 hours of intense questioning. Our congressional correspondent Rachel Scott is on Capitol Hill in that hearing room with the latest for us this morning. Hey there, Rachel.

RACHEL SCOTT: Hey, T.J., you said it. 19 hours of questioning, nearly 24 hours in the hot seat. These confirmation hearings have been bitter. They've been tense. They've been emotional but Judge Jackson still appears to be on a path to confirmation. This morning, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson clearing a major hurdle, closing out the final day of questioning facing down Republican attacks.

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SENATOR TED CRUZ (R-TX): So you're not going to answer that?

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JACKSON: Senator, no one case can stand in for a judge's entire sentencing record. I have sentenced more than 100 people. You have eight or nine cases in that chart.

SCOTT: Republicans aggressively going after Jackson's sentencing record for people convicted of possessing or sharing child pornography.

SENATOR JOSH HAWLEY (R-MO): Judge, you gave them three months. My question is do you regret it or not?

JACKSON: Senator, what I regret is that in a hearing about my qualifications to be a justice on the Supreme Court we've spent a lot of time focusing on this small subset of my sentences.

SCOTT: But Senator Josh Hawley himself voted for at least three judges who engaged in the same practice. According to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, just 30 percent of people convicted of viewing or sharing child pornography are sentenced within the federal guidelines. The majority have received lesser sentences by Judges nominated by both parties. And while Judge Jackson doesn't need Republican support to get confirmed, the White House hoping for bipartisanship.

SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS (R-ME): I need to do a lot more work.

SCOTT [TO COLLINS]: Are you still keeping an open mind?

JACKSON: Yes, of course.

SCOTT: After hours of intense and combative questioning Senator Cory Booker bringing Judge Jackson to tears, telling the nation she has earned her spot in history.

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SENATOR CORY BOOKER (D-NJ): And you did not get there because of some left-wing agenda. You didn't get here because of some dark money groups. You got here how every Black woman in America who's gotten anywhere has done, by being like Ginger Rogers said, I did everything Fred Astaire did but backwards in heels.

SCOTT: Senators, members of Jackson's family in this hearing room were visibly moved by those words from Senator Cory Booker, but that does wrap up the final day of questioning. Today, the committee will be hearing from outside experts teeing up a final confirmation vote by Easter. Whit.

WHIT JOHNSON: Some fiery moments there on the Hill, Rachel, thanks so much.

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ROBERTS: Now to the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson for the Supreme Court. Her testimony ending after 19 hours of questioning. Our congressional correspondent Rachel Scott is on Capitol Hill — has the latest. Welcome back, Rachel.

SCOTT: Robin, good morning to you again. Yes, 19 hours of questioning. Nearly 24 hours in the hot seat, but Judge Jackson appears to be on the path to confirmation. This morning, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson clearing a major hurdle closing out the final day of questioning facing down Republican attacks.

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SCOTT: So that emotional moment wrapping up the final day of questioning. Today the committee will hear from outside experts teeing up a final confirmation vote for Judge Jackson by Easter. Robin.

ROBERTS: Okay, Rachel. Thank you.