Roberts Refuses to be Drawn Into Controversy About Filling Supreme Court Vacancy

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. shrugged off any difficulty the Supreme Court might be having reaching consensus with an equal number of ideologically divided justices, reports ***The Washington Post***.

“Roberts seemed careful not to say anything that would aid either Democrats demanding that the Senate vote on President Obama’s nominee, Judge Merrick Garland, or Republicans who say the next president should name the replacement for Justice Antonin Scalia,” according to the report by Robert Barnes.

The eight-justice court already has said it was deadlocked on several cases. And while it is true that only a small percentage of the court’s cases are decided 5 to 4, the most important ones often are, Barnes writes.

Read the article.