

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Fred L. Foreman, president-elect, National District Attorneys Association. Mr. Larry Thompson, former U.S. Attorney of Atlanta, Georgia.

And Mr. Chairman, I believe you spoke of Mr. Thompson's statement going in the record. If any of those others who are not here, if you would not object to putting their statements in the record—

The CHAIRMAN. Yes. I thought I had already indicated that, but all their testimony will be placed in the record. I understand they do have testimony they wish to have entered in the record.

Senator THURMOND. Also, I see Mr. Don Baldwin out there. Mr. Don Baldwin is the executive director of the National Law Enforcement Council. He has given fine cooperation to our committee. I have conferred with him a number of times. I have great confidence in him and I appreciate his presence, although he did not testify here today.

So I just want you all to know that we deeply appreciate the interest you take in helping his committee in the matter of the judges. I think probably that ought to be the first consideration in selecting a judge, is whether or not he really believes in law enforcement; whether or not he will, without fail, favor, take steps to punish the criminal. And so I am very pleased that you are here to testify.

Now, from all the evidence that you have heard at the hearing of Judge Kennedy, and the American Bar Association recommendation that he does possess integrity, judicial temperament, and professional competence, are you confident—I assume from what you have said that you feel he should be confirmed by this committee and the Senate.

Is the correct, Mr. Stokes?

Mr. STOKES. That is correct, Senator. I see no reason why not.

Senator THURMOND. Is that correct, Mr. Vaughn?

Mr. VAUGHN. That is absolutely correct, Senator.

Senator THURMOND. Is that correct, Mr. Hughes?

Mr. HUGHES. Yes, sir, Senator Thurmond, and thank you for your fine comments.

Senator THURMOND. I think that is all I have to say. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator. The Senator from Alabama.

Senator HEFLIN. Well, I would like to concur in what Senator Thurmond has said about law enforcement, and include Mr. Don Bowen who is here, who does a great job of representing the various elements of the law-enforcement groups that are here, and over the country, and he represents them well here.

I, in regards to the criminal-law aspect of it, I was particularly struck by a speech that Judge Kennedy made on the rights of victims, that he made in March of this year to the South Pacific Judicial Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, and during my questioning I questioned him about that.

He goes into a great number of things that can be done to improve the victims' rights, and it is something that I think all law-enforcement officers would like to see, and maybe it can be made available to them, at least in a synopsis form, if not the full text.