

But the point is he says that he kept his personal life extremely private. You seem to indicate that it was sort of public.

Let me just ask—

Ms. BERRY. There is not an inconsistency in that or what—what he has said or what I am saying. In the professional contact that I had with this man I also got to know of his private life, his private travails and things. Because that was part of my job in preparing him for processes like this one.

Senator METZENBAUM. Let me just ask each of you a question which can be answered yes or no. Each of you has testified as to the qualities of Judge Clarence Thomas and with a great deal of respect, and one of the—a major issue in this matter relates to Anita Hill's testimony about certain claims of sexual harassment.

I ask you yes or no. Could Clarence Thomas have made such remarks to Anita Hill, whatever those remarks, absent your presence and you would never have known anything about it?

Ms. BERRY. Of course, Senator, if we weren't there we wouldn't know anything about it.

Senator METZENBAUM. Pardon?

Ms. BERRY. If we weren't present, we wouldn't know anything about it.

Senator METZENBAUM. Correct. Would each of you answer? Isn't that the fact for each of you? That you actually would—it would be normal if a man were making such remarks at the workplace or any other place that other workers would not be familiar with those remarks?

Ms. ALVAREZ. Senator, I don't think any of us could account for his time 24 hours a day, even in the office. But we know the man that he is and we know that he is not capable of making those remarks.

Ms. FITCH. Senator, I had said, I think carefully, that I was talking about probability in terms of the Judge, not possibility. Anything is possible, but the probability for me was nil.

Senator METZENBAUM. Thank you, Ms. Fitch.

Ms. Holt, do you care to comment?

Ms. HOLT. It is true that those comments could have been made in private, a private moment between he and Ms. Hill. However, I do feel that if this were going on I would have discerned something at some point, and I did not.

Senator METZENBAUM. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Senator Thurmond?

Senator THURMOND. Senator Grassley will inquire.

Senator GRASSLEY. Taking off on a point that Senator Metzbaum just raised, and following an axiom of politics—or maybe it's one that even ought to be practiced in every day life—if you always tell the truth, then you don't have to worry about what you told somebody else and you won't be in a mode of lying to cover up another lie. So always tell the truth and you won't get in trouble.

As a practical matter, if Mr. Thomas was doing all of the things that Professor Hill accuses him of, he wouldn't have been doing them just with her. It would be a weakness that would come out in conversations and with activities with other people that surely there is no way that this could have been covered up.