

Mr. GRAYSON. Senator, if I could comment. That particular afternoon was the first, and only time I have met Anita Hill and Mr. Stewart and Ms. Hill really spent a few moments sort of reminiscing, they both worked together. So, sort of as an observer, I clearly walked away from that meeting with the clear sense that Ms. Hill shared the excitement about Judge Thomas' nomination, and was, indeed, very supportive of it.

Senator SIMPSON. Well, and I am sure you found her testimony here incredible.

Mr. STEWART. Well, I think the reason we are here is incredible. It doesn't surprise me that she would say that after making all of these other allegations.

Mr. GRAYSON. I would have to say on my end, I was a bit surprised by it. I am not a student of people but I think to the extent of watching the interaction and the discussion, I was indeed surprised that the reaction was that she Carlton's enthusiasm for the Judge and didn't want to—I don't remember her exact words—but basically didn't want to ruin the mood of the little meeting that took place. If that is, in fact, the case, my response would be that she is very good because that was not clear in my perception of the conversation that took place.

Senator SIMPSON. Well, I thank you, very much for coming. And I realize the serious reason that you are both here. And Mr. Doggett, you have been dealing with the issue of what you saw of her and what she said to you. I accept your summary of your affidavit and your testimony as something you feel very strongly about. And apparently if someone else does not that is truly a difference of opinion.

But to you, from your background and the way you describe it, I understand your reaction and I believe it sounds like a natural reaction to you. And you, Professor, thank you. You have been very kind and very patient, and I would like to, if I were in law school, I would have loved to be under your tutelage. I had some rugged rascals that nearly drive me insane. I needed kindness, I needed kindness and sweetness that you could have given to me.

Senator LEAHY. They succeeded, Alan.

Senator SIMPSON. And as for Leahy—

Senator LEAHY. Alan, I think you succeeded in that insanity drive.

Senator SIMPSON. You see what happened to Leahy and I, we were in a hearing here one day and a courier came in and he said, I am looking for a bald-headed guy with gray hair and glasses and homely as hell and they said there are two of them, meaning myself and Leahy.

So I want to tell you if we all started to trot out what we did in law school that ought to be a riot for the American public. I don't know what Clarence Thomas did in law school, but I got a hunch about it. And I believe Playboy came out while I was in law school and I remember reading it for its articles and its editorial content. So maybe we can just drop all reflections of what we did in law school, what we watched. It is like doctors going to medical school and calling their cadaver certain names, you know, and lawyers doing all the black humor and the white humor and the ghostly

humor and the grotesque and the drinking. Well, some of you may have missed law school.

Anyway I thank you for coming and—

Mr. STEWART. Senator, may I make one comment?

Senator SIMPSON. Yes, sir.

Senator THURMOND. I believe we have six minutes left on this round.

Senator SIMPSON. Mr. Stewart had a comment.

Senator LEAHY. One thing I do want to say in fairness to the professor when I quoted from the New York Times Ms. Coleman's discussion of the x-rated films, the professor obviously had not seen that article. I am not going to go back to it—but out of fairness to him, could somebody from the staff just give that to the professor, please?

Senator SIMPSON. Mr. Stewart had a question.

Mr. STEWART. I would just like to make one comment. I understand the need for levity at this late hour but we are here for a very, very serious matter. I think we need not lose sight of the fact that separate and apart from Supreme Court confirmation, Clarence Thomas is a sitting Federal Judge. This process has treated him, in the last several days, like he is a foreman in a manufacturing plant. We are dealing with claims that are that's a nullity at law.

Allegations come in 10 years, eight years, whatever, way beyond the statute of limitation and I think we need to keep these things in focus and in vogue when we are trying to make a decision about who is telling what. We have two witnesses today for Ms. Hill who were told two different things. Two were told that she was being sexually harassed by her supervisor and two were told by her boss.

We still don't know who they are. There were giant leaps in logic to conclude that it was Clarence Thomas, but that is clearly not the case. Many were asked the question of why we are here? We are here because of a leak, not because of allegations, but because of a leak. This is publicized because of a leak by the committee, somebody on the committee.

Clarence should not be the person who receives the brunt of this. The very same rights that they accuse him of being against, they took from him by leaking this information.

That's all I have.

Senator THURMOND. I have propounded the question to Professor Kothe and I want to ask a second one and I just put one question to you three gentlemen.

Even though Anita Hill may believe what she said was true, in your opinion, is there any merit in the charges made by her against Clarence Thomas?

Mr. GRAYSON. In my judgment, Senator, absolutely not.

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Stewart?

Mr. STEWART. In my judgment, Senator, absolutely not. Whether they are lies or a product of fantasy, they should be dismissed.

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Doggett?

Mr. DOGGETT. Absolutely not. Clarence has been trying to do some things that are extremely important for this country and for any of the things that Anita said to have been true would have totally made it impossible for him to be successful.