

But I want to make it clear that Mr. Brudney was doing what he should have done, and had he done less he would have been irresponsible. And had this Senator and this committee done less, it would have been irresponsible. Sexual harassment is too important an issue to sweep under the rug.

Judge THOMAS. Senator, it was not swept under the rug. This issue was investigated by the FBI and then leaked to the press, and I do not share your view that this was not concocted. This has caused me great pain and my family great pain, and God is my judge, not you, Senator Metzenbaum.

Senator BROWN. Mr. Chairman, the Senator from Ohio has brought up the subject of his staffer and I understand his interest in defending him—

The CHAIRMAN. If I may—

Senator BROWN [continuing]. Why can't this committee hear from Mr. Brudney?

The CHAIRMAN. If you will just yield for just a second.

We are going a half hour and a half hour. The subject of Mr. Metzenbaum's staff was not brought up by Mr. Metzenbaum. It was brought up, appropriately, by Senator Specter. It was appropriate for Senator Specter to bring it up.

Now, on the half-hour time we have on this side, it was appropriate for the Senator to respond. When we go back, it will be appropriate for you to pursue it, if you would like.

It is true, Judge Thomas, that God is your judge and all our judges, we all know that. But in the meantime, under the rules, we have to make a vote, and we have to judge. We are not God and none of us thinks we are, and none of us like this. Some of us have been in a situation similar to yours, not many of us, but some of us, and it is not very comfortable, but, unfortunately, there is a question of judgment.

Now, before I yield the remainder of our time, which is probably only about 20 minutes. How much time is left? Fifteen minutes. Before I yield the remainder of the time to either Senator Heflin or Senator Leahy.

Senator HEFLIN. I believe it is Senator Leahy.

The CHAIRMAN. Before I yield to Senator Leahy, let me ask a question, if I may, and that is: Did you, when the nominee first moved into her apartment, help her and her roommate install a stereo and a turntable, her roommate is the basketball player whose name I don't remember? Did you—

Judge THOMAS. Sonia Jarvis is her name.

The CHAIRMAN [continuing]. Ms. Jarvis, her roommate. There is nothing wrong with this, but did you help her install a stereo and a turntable that took about a half hour or an hour or so? Did that occur? I'm just trying to find out where we agree.

Judge THOMAS. Senator, I don't recall that at all.

The CHAIRMAN. I thank you.

Now, I yield the remainder of the time to my friend from Vermont.

Senator LEAHY. Judge, you said that you remember seeing her housemate there. I understand you don't remember the name of her housemate?

Judge THOMAS. Sonia Jarvis.