

The CHAIRMAN. To go to Oral Roberts University. Were there anyone else at that party among the four of you?

Judge HOERCHNER. No, she did tell me about it later.

The CHAIRMAN. Do any of you know a Mr. Doggett, John Doggett?

Judge HOERCHNER. No.

Ms. WELLS. No.

Mr. CARR. I went to business school with John Doggett, and I would consider him a friend.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you know, did John Doggett ever indicate to you that he went out with, wanted to go out or thought that Ms. Hill wanted him to go out with her?

Mr. CARR. No, I don't.

The CHAIRMAN. I have no further questions now.

Senator THURMOND. On our side, I don't believe anyone else except Senator Grassley.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Brown?

Senator BROWN. Senator Specter had none and Senator Brown had none, and the rest of them have none, except Senator Grassley.

Senator GRASSLEY. Well, maybe it is more of a comment than a question.

The lawyers on the committee refer you to you folks as corroborating witnesses, and I guess, as I understand it, you are supposed to confirm what Professor Hill has alleged about Judge Thomas. There is no doubt in my mind that you folks are telling the truth, so I don't raise any fault with that, that you are telling us what Professor Hill told you.

But it seems to me that, in this role, you do not confirm any sexual harassment by Judge Thomas of Professor Hill. Of course, you couldn't give any details about what Professor Hill says happened to her, because she didn't give you any of these details. I have sat here and listened to you, I haven't heard of any details, so it would be very helpful to us, if you could provide confirmation of details that she discussed Friday.

I also find it surprising that you didn't really offer any advice to her, but Senator Simpson covered that point.

It seems to me that someone as forthright and independent as Professor Hill would have given some details, if they really had them. It just doesn't make sense that she simply told her friends or acquaintances that she was being harassed at work, and that's it, that's it. It just doesn't seem to fit.

I have one question, which does not follow up on that. Senator Specter asked—and I guess I would ask everybody but Mr. Carr this. Senator Specter asked if you would vote for Judge Thomas. I want to know if you want to see Judge Thomas on the Supreme Court. And I would start with you, Judge Hoerchner.

Judge HOERCHNER. Senator, I am only here to tell the truth about what I was told back in the early 1980's. You have heard the truth today, and it is up to you to decide what to do with it.

Senator GRASSLEY. Ellen Wells?

Ms. WELLS. I echo what the judge says. I am here to give you this information that I know to be the truth, and for me to sit here and to say what my personal opinions may be about Judge Thomas'

qualifications for the Supreme Court, I think would not be appropriate, it would not answer to what I am here for.

Senator GRASSLEY. Professor Paul?

Mr. PAUL. Senator, as a legal scholar and an attorney, I have been asked the question many times prior to these allegations, whether or not Judge Thomas should be confirmed. I did not take a position then, I am not taking a position now. I am simply here to tell the truth about what I was told by Professor Hill 4 years ago, that she was sexually harassed by her supervisor at the EEOC.

Senator GRASSLEY. Well, you said you didn't sign the letter. I am kind of puzzled. If you have reason to believe that Judge Thomas is a sexual harasser or guilty of sexual harassment, why wouldn't you sign a letter against him?

Mr. PAUL. First of all, Senator, I was asked to sign a letter prior to these allegations. Second of all, Senator, I believe that Professor Hill told me the truth in 1987, but I believe that you, Senator, and the other members of this committee sitting here trying to determine the facts should wait to hear all the evidence, before making a determination.

As I said in response to Senator Simpson's question, if Judge Thomas, in fact, committed the acts alleged, then I don't think he should be confirmed. If he did not commit the acts alleged, I have no position.

Senator GRASSLEY. I guess maybe I can't go any further and ask you further, if you don't want to answer my questions, but I can at least tell you why I asked. As I understand lawyers, you take an oath to uphold the Constitution in practicing your profession, Professor Paul. You are a student of the Constitution and of the Supreme Court decisions. It seems to me like people in your position ought to have a personal view of whether or not Judge Thomas ought to be on the Supreme Court and that you would welcome an opportunity to express it, and that you would think that, for a nonlawyer like me, it would be important for me to know it to determine whether or not you have got any bias.

Mr. PAUL. Senator, I didn't have the opportunity during the original round of hearings to review the record, but if you would like me to review the record, I will be happy to come back and present you with my opinion. [Laughter.]

Senator GRASSLEY. Mr. Chairman, I have no further questions.

Senator LEAHY. Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Leahy.

Senator LEAHY. Mr. Chairman, I would note, on the question of whether Mr. Paul, because he is a lawyer and has taken an oath as a lawyer, should be able to tell us how to vote on this. There are only 100 people in this country who have taken an oath that requires them to vote on this confirmation, and 14 of them are here. We are the only ones who must state an opinion. I don't want to leave any kind of impression out there that, simply because somebody is a lawyer, they must have an opinion on whether Judge Thomas goes on the Supreme Court or not. There are only 100 people who have taken the oath of office that requires them to vote on it.

Judge Hoerchner, without going into everybody's testimony, you said you came here to tell the truth and that we should use that