

result of that entire process, we ended up voting to oppose. I think it was a pretty thorough discussion, but the actual vote I don't believe was that very close.

Senator SIMON. OK. If I can ask the rest of you to be a little more brief, because I am trying to get a couple more questions in here.

Ms. Seymore.

Ms. SEYMORE. The annual conference of the National Black Police Association, our general assembly instructed the national board of directors to make a decision on the Clarence Thomas nomination, and it was a close vote.

Senator SIMON. Mr. Schulder.

Mr. SCHULDER. No, it was not a close vote. Our organization opposed his nomination to the court of appeals and it was easy to oppose this nomination.

Senator SIMON. Ms. Axford.

Ms. AXFORD. Ours was not a close vote, either. There were only several people who were not willing to oppose, and the central issues had to do with the future issues that were coming up, particularly waiver of constitutional and statutory rights, and our major concerns about his opposition to class actions.

Senator SIMON. Reverend Taylor.

Reverend TAYLOR. The majority of our organization voted against Clarence Thomas.

Senator SIMON. Was it a close vote?

Reverend TAYLOR. No, no.

Senator SIMON. OK. Mr. Hou. We have had how many witnesses, Mr. Chairman, or will have?

The CHAIRMAN. We are getting close to 90 when we finish—I am sorry, through today we will have had about 60 witnesses so far.

Senator SIMON. Sixty witnesses, and to my knowledge, you are the only Asian-American who will be testifying; is that correct?

The CHAIRMAN. I think that is true. I don't know that.

Senator SIMON. Are there any other Asian-American organizations that have taken a stand in this, do you know?

Mr. Hou. I am aware that the Organization of Chinese-Americans, which is a national organization, has taken a stand to oppose the nomination. I am also aware that Chinese for Affirmative Action, which has a long history as a civil rights organization, voted to oppose him.

Senator SIMON. Mr. Schulder, on page 9 of your testimony, you have something here that I don't believe I have read before, and it gets to the whole question of whether Judge Thomas sides on the side of privilege or with people who have great need. It talks about a closed session, where he is speaking. What is your source for this closed session?

Mr. SCHULDER. The transcript of closed sessions are made available to the public, they are public documents and that is the source of this, and what it does show is that Judge Thomas, indeed, was speaking from the vantage point of employers, rather than the workers in the Xerox case.

Senator SIMON. I thank you.