

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