

Senator SPECTER. Mr. Doggett, what page are you on, please?

Senator METZENBAUM. I don't have that.

Mr. DOGGETT. Page 6 of the unsworn telephone conversation that Ms. Graham had with some staffers.

The CHAIRMAN. Excuse me, let me interrupt for a minute.

Mr. DOGGETT. I'm pissed off, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. It is totally out of line with what the committee had agreed to—

Mr. DOGGETT. I'm sorry.

The CHAIRMAN [continuing]. For there to be entered into this record any unsworn statement by any witness who cannot be called before this committee, and I rule any such statement out of order.

Now, I apologize for being out of the room. Was there any—

Senator METZENBAUM. I was only reading from Mr. Doggett's own statement.

Mr. DOGGETT. My statement was not under oath, sir. That was a telephone conversation and they said we staffers would like to talk with you, we have a court reporter there. I'm a lawyer, sir, it was no deposition, it was not under oath, as Ms. Graham's comments were not under oath. And since you have brought this up, I demand the right to clear my name, sir.

Senator METZENBAUM. I was only reading from his statement, not from—

Mr. DOGGETT. I demand the right to clear my name, sir. I have been trashed for no reason by somebody who does not even have the basic facts right. This is what is going on with Clarence Thomas, and now I, another person coming up, has had a "witness" fabricated at the last moment to try to keep me from testifying.

Senator METZENBAUM. Well, Mr. Doggett—

Mr. DOGGETT. I am here, I don't care, she is wrong, and I would like to be able to clear my name, sir.

Senator METZENBAUM. Please do.

The CHAIRMAN. Sir, you will be permitted to say whatever you would like to with regard to, as you say, clearing your name. If there was no introduction of the transcript of Amy Louise Graham in the record, then that is a different story. I was under the impression that had been read from. That has not been read from.

Senator METZENBAUM. I did not read from that at all.

The CHAIRMAN. It has not been read from, and I don't know what else took place, but—

Senator METZENBAUM. I read from Mr. Doggett's questions asked of him—

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Doggett, please, as much time as you want to make—

Senator METZENBAUM [continuing]. By the staff of Senator Biden, Senators Heflin, Thurmond, Leahy and Specter. My staff was not even present. I am just asking you if you would please go ahead and respond in any manner that you want to clear your name.

Mr. DOGGETT. Yes, sir.

Senator SPECTER. Mr. Chairman, you were not here, but what happened is that Senator Metzenbaum was reading to Mr. Doggett from Mr. Doggett's unsworn statement of the telephone interview—

Senator METZENBAUM. That's correct.

Senator SPECTER [continuing]. And that statement involved questions from Ms. Graham, who was questioned similarly in an unsworn statement over the telephone, and for Mr. Doggett to reply to what Senator Metzenbaum had asked him, since Senator Metzenbaum was basing his questions on what Ms. Graham had said, it is indispensable that Mr. Doggett be able to refer to what Ms. Graham said—

The CHAIRMAN. It is appropriate for Mr. Doggett to refer to whatever he wishes to refer to at this point, in light of where we are at the moment.

Mr. DOGGETT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. So, Mr. Doggett, proceed.

Mr. DOGGETT. I will tell you, Senators, before I talk about the specifics, I debated, myself and with my wife, whether or not to start the process that resulted in me being here, because this is vicious, and I knew, since anything I said was going to raise the question about the credibility of Professor Anita Hill, as a lawyer, that meant my character was open season.

I have never been involved as a candidate, although I have always said you can't complain about the process, if you're not willing to put your ass on the line—pardon me, I am sorry. I am sorry about that.

Senator METZENBAUM. Mr. Chairman—

Mr. DOGGETT. But I have said if you don't like the way the political process is, then you have to get into it and you have to get into the fray.

So, I said, okay, if I submit this information to this committee, then I am open season and people are going to shoot at me, and I do not care. I have information I think the committee needs to hear. If they feel it is relevant enough for me to be here, I will be here and I will take whatever occurs.

But I will tell you, sir, I have had lawyers and professional people in Texas and around the country say that I was insane to subject myself to the opportunity to have something like this crawl out from under a rock. They have said I should have just stood on the sidelines and let it go by.

I am an attorney, sir—

Senator METZENBAUM. Mr. Doggett—

Mr. DOGGETT [continuing]. I am a businessman and I cannot allow this process of innuendo, unsworn statements and attacks on characters to continue, without saying it is unacceptable.

Now, specifically, page 6 of her unsworn telephone conversation with Senate staff, dated the 12th of October, 2 days ago, says, "I met John Doggett the first day I started there, which, if I remember correctly, was probably Monday, March 20, 1972. At that"—

The CHAIRMAN. I will let you continue, but you ought to seek your own counsel for a minute here. No one has read anything into the record, as I understand—

Mr. DOGGETT. Now—

The CHAIRMAN. No, wait, let me finish.

Mr. DOGGETT. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN [continuing]. That you may be about to read into the record. Let me say that anyone who asks you—that I think it is unfair—that you were in a telephonic interview, whether it is