

A couple of days after the election and the incident in Bethune, I stopped Justice Rehnquist in the street. I told Justice Rehnquist that I was a little disturbed because I felt that there was some deprivation of certain peoples' rights.

Justice Rehnquist—and I'm paraphrasing it—stated at that time that he agreed with me, that there should be something done in regards to protecting people's voting rights, that they were very important.

That's my statement, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much.

Mr. Cassidy, would you tell us what you know? All of you have been here during this hearing, haven't you?

Mr. CASSIDY. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. So you know the issues here. It is concerning Justice Rehnquist. Just as briefly as you can relate anything that pertains to that would be helpful.

#### STATEMENT OF EDWARD CASSIDY

Mr. CASSIDY. My name is Ed Cassidy. I retired last year from the Phoenix police department after 29 years. I spent November 6—

The CHAIRMAN. Speak into the microphone as close as you can.

Senator METZENBAUM. Could you start over again? I didn't hear what you said.

Senator LEAHY. Just pull the mike closer to you.

Mr. CASSIDY. My name is Ed Cassidy. I retired from the Phoenix police department last year, after 29 years.

I don't know the Justice, but I did spend all of November 6th, 1962, the election day, at Bethune School. I was called into the school twice over disturbances. Both times a Mr. Wayne Benson, the Republican challenger, was less than tactful—guess that would be the way to describe him. This resulted in arguments with the Democrats that were there. It was over the literacy test. He wanted them to read a portion of the Constitution.

By about 1:30, 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon, following the last disturbance, where he alleged he had been assaulted, he asked me for protection to his car. I took him to his car and followed him out of the area, and with him went the problem.

At no time did I ever hear the Justice's name mentioned. I heard no problems regarding anyone, no arguments down there with anyone, except Wayne Benson and the two Democratic challenges.

That's all, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Let me ask you, did you see him or know anything that he did that was improper?

Mr. CASSIDY. I wouldn't have known him, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And you had no complaint about him?

Mr. CASSIDY. None whatsoever.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Turner, would you please make your statement. Speak into the machine so we can all hear you.

Mr. TURNER. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Chairman, I have lived in Phoenix, or the Scottsdale area—

Senator METZENBAUM. What's your name, sir?

The CHAIRMAN. William Turner is his name.