

Senator THURMOND. He held the same position, I believe, Ms. McPAHIL, as you hold now; is that correct?

Ms. MCPAHIL. No, Senator, it is not correct.

Senator THURMOND. He was president. You are president now.

Ms. MCPAHIL. Yes. With all due respect—oh, you mean he had the same—yes, he held—

The CHAIRMAN. At one time he did.

Ms. MCPAHIL. He was in the position.

Senator THURMOND. Yes, of the National Bar Association.

Ms. MCPAHIL. But let me make clear for the record that only one person may speak for the National Bar Association and that is its current president.

Senator THURMOND. You are the president now of the National Bar Association, aren't you?

Ms. MCPAHIL. Yes, sir.

Senator THURMOND. Well, he was the president evidently several years ago.

Ms. MCPAHIL. Several years ago.

Senator THURMOND. So I just want to place that in showing there is a division in your association as to how you stand on this matter.

Ms. MCPAHIL. Yes, sir. Mr. Duckenfield is certainly free to express his opinion as a private citizen, but not as a representative of the National Bar Association.

The CHAIRMAN. I don't believe he purports to speak for the National Bar.

Ms. MCPAHIL. Thank you.

Senator THURMOND. The hour is late, and I have no questions. Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Senator Simon.

Senator SIMON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

If I could get real fast answers from each of you on this: Ms. McPAHIL has told about the National Bar Association and the division there, if I may ask each of you—Reverend Taylor, I don't know if you are speaking for your organization or not.

Reverend TAYLOR. Yes.

Senator SIMON. Was this a close vote, an easy vote, marginal in the authorization for you, Ms. Aiyetoro?

Ms. AIYETORO. Senator Simon, I have to answer it this way: It was a very difficult vote, because we had to deliberate and some of the questions I raised were questions to you all, we had to raise for ourselves, the importance of him being a black man, but our board voted unanimously to oppose.

Senator SIMON. OK. Mr. Hou.

Mr. HOU. Senator Simon, I think for the NAPABA's position, what had happened is that each of the local Asian bar associations that comprise NAPABA engaged in extensive debate and discussion at the local level, from there moved up to a regional level, and then ultimately up to the national board level, where the final vote was taken.

During the process, I think, as an organization, we did a very thorough review of all of Judge Thomas' decisions, his record at EEOC, at DOE, and through that process we also talked to various people who knew Judge Thomas in various capacities, and as a