

Ms. THOMAS. Senator, I am here in behalf of my sorority, and my sorority has endorsed Judge Thomas very highly on his, maybe, past contributions he has made to the Court and courts and what have you.

At this time I wouldn't want to say anything that my sorority wouldn't approve of me saying. But we are on record as being supportive of Judge Thomas and his works, and his contributions he has made to the courts.

Senator SPECTER. Thank you very much. Thank you both.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much. And, Chancellor, congratulations on your 100th year.

Mr. JENKINS. Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. I wish your institution 100 more. I imagine you will be seeing a fair amount of former Congressperson Bill Gray.

Mr. JENKINS. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. I know he will be knocking on our doors to make sure we are involved in—our doors, meaning us individually. He has not been disinclined to ask for contributions for black colleges.

Mr. JENKINS. Well, let it be noted, sir, that while we certainly are in support of what Congressman Gray would be doing with the United Negro College Fund, I represent a public black university and we do not benefit from the funds of the United Negro College Fund.

The CHAIRMAN. Oh, you don't? Is that right?

Mr. JENKINS. I think that that should be made very clear because I do believe that in a national sense people believe that such a contribution contributes to all of the historically black colleges and universities. That is not true, and that is not to create any confusion or to not continue to wish the United Negro College Fund well. It is simply to correct the record and let people know that we do not benefit.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, I am glad you told me that. I thought you were a private institution.

Mr. JENKINS. No, we are a public institution.

The CHAIRMAN. I see Senator Simon has come, and I hope he has no questions. [Laughter.]

Senator SIMON. Just one.

Ms. THOMAS. Mr. Chairman, excuse me. If I may interrupt you?

The CHAIRMAN. Surely.

Ms. THOMAS. I have a plane to catch.

The CHAIRMAN. Please go. Go.

Senator SIMON. You go right ahead.

The CHAIRMAN. We don't pay attention to Simon anyway. We don't.

I am only kidding, obviously. I hope we haven't kept you too long. And when you walk outside and you hear drums beating, what you are hearing is, I was asked permission by the distinguished Senator from Alaska whether or not a festivity that was being put on by the State of Alaska in the rotunda here in this building would be able to go forward, notwithstanding the fact this hearing was underway. It has been planned for sometime. I don't think it is in any way interfering with any of the witnesses or us. So, if you open the door, though, and you walk outside, it is not