

The CHAIRMAN. Professor, you went well beyond the 10 minutes. I did not cut you off, because, obviously, it was such a heartfelt statement you were making.

Ms. KING. Thank you, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. It was as moving statement. I understand the degree of difficulty, I think I understand—let me rephrase that, I appreciate how difficult it is for you, a proud woman who probably has been reluctant to talk about her past, not for lack of pride, but for concern that others may react like maybe many people did, black and white, with a sense of sympathy. And knowing of you and your reputation, that is the last thing you want or need or seek.

But I appreciate your testimony, and I hope you all appreciate—I know that your two colleagues, knowing this place as well as they do, will fully appreciate what is about to happen, and that is there is only about 2½ minutes left for me to go and vote. If I miss the vote, I assume, Professor, you will do what you would do for a student in class and write a note for me, indicating that you were the reason I was late.

With that, we will recess. I am told that we are going to have three votes back to back. We try to catch the very beginning of the third vote and get back to start, so we will recess for approximately 15 to 17 minutes. We will, I say to the last panel, we will in fact have the last panel, made up of Ms. Holyfield, Bryant, and Frazier, we will hear their testimony today, but keep in mind we are going to honor the fact that Yom Kippur is tomorrow and the observance begins late this afternoon, so we are going to try very hard to finish by 4.

Again, I will recess for 15 minutes—

Senator SPECTER. Senator Biden.

The CHAIRMAN. I am sorry, Senator Specter, I yield the gavel to you. I am going to go vote, and you can recess whenever you feel appropriate.

Senator SPECTER [presiding]. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

As Senator Biden noted, we are in the midst of a vote, so I have gone over to vote and I have come back and had to leave just as Professor King was testifying. I have tried to read your statements on the subway, but have not got too far on reading the statements.

I did get into Ms. Lichtman's statement and noted the concern on the issue of women's rights and I believe on the abortion issue. Let me ask a question of you women, generally, and that is, a central core of concern has been raised by a number of Senators about Judge Thomas not answering how he is going to rule on *Roe v. Wade*. Judge Souter, now Justice Souter, refused to answer that question, as well, and nine Senators voted against Judge Souter on that basis.

Do you think that—I am sorry, Ms. Lichtman and Ms. Greenberger have not made statements yet, so you—

Ms. LICHTMAN. I thought you were significantly advantaged, as no one else had had the opportunity to hear our statement, but we are prepared to answer your questions, if you would prefer to go on.