

Senator THURMOND. You are basing your testimony on your personal knowledge.

Ms. TALKIN. Yes, Senator.

Senator THURMOND. And, Dr. Shaw, you are basing your testimony on personal knowledge or writings of Clarence Thomas or what?

Mr. SHAW. His writings which I have read and from what I have heard. I do not know him personally, but I am basing my—

Senator THURMOND. His writings and reputation; is that it?

Mr. SHAW. Yes, sir.

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Clyburn, are you basing your recommendation on personal acquaintance, aren't you?

Mr. CLYBURN. Yes, sir.

Senator THURMOND. Personal knowledge as well as writings and other things, too?

Mr. CLYBURN. Yes, sir.

Senator THURMOND. Well, I want to thank you all for coming. I am not going to take a lot of time. I think we have taken too much time of some of these witnesses. It boils down to this: The same two questions I have asked these others witnesses I am going to ask you. And, Mr. Clyburn, I want to especially welcome you here.

Mr. CLYBURN. Thank you.

Senator THURMOND. You are the South Carolina Human Affairs commissioner in South Carolina.

Mr. CLYBURN. Right.

Senator THURMOND. We are very proud of your work. You have done a fine job there.

Mr. CLYBURN. Thank you very much.

Senator THURMOND. These are the questions I am going to ask all of you. We will start here with Dr. Shaw.

Is it your opinion that Judge Thomas is highly qualified and possesses the necessary integrity, professional competence, and judicial temperament to be an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court?

Mr. SHAW. Yes, sir. May I just read a last paragraph of my statement which is four lines in response to you?

Therefore, distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee, on such grounds as academic credentials, experience, symbolic significance, and intellectual honesty, I strongly recommend the confirmation of Judge Clarence Thomas for the U.S. Supreme Court.

So, yes, sir.

Senator THURMOND. So, your answer is yes?

Mr. SHAW. Yes.

Senator THURMOND. Ms. Talkin, I would ask you the same question.

Ms. TALKIN. I don't presume to substitute my judgment for this panel, but I would concur that he is well qualified.

Senator THURMOND. So, your answer is yes?

Ms. TALKIN. It is.

Senator THURMOND. Ms. King?

Ms. KING. Yes.

Senator THURMOND. The answer is yes. Mr. Clyburn?

Mr. CLYBURN. Yes.