

Senator SIMON. Thank you.
Mr. Rule.

STATEMENT OF CHARLES F. RULE

Mr. RULE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. My name is Charles F. Rule and I am a partner at the Washington law firm of Covington and Burling. It is an honor to appear here before you today on behalf of myself and for my colleagues—Tom Christina, Deborah Garza, Michael Socarras, and Jim Tennies.

At the request of the Washington Legal Foundation, the five of us prepared a report analyzing the professional background, judicial opinions, and published statements on natural law of Judge Clarence Thomas. Our report was completed before the commencement of this committee's current hearings and was published on September 10 of this year. The report concludes that Judge Thomas is eminently qualified to serve on the Supreme Court.

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Washington Legal Foundation, I ask that our report be included in its entirety in the record.

Senator SIMON. It will be included in the record.

Mr. RULE. Thank you.

[The information referred to follows:]