

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Kiehl, you have just proven that you need not be a lawyer to be eloquent in speaking about the law.

Ms. KIEHL. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. The Senator from Alabama.

Senator HEFLIN. Ms. Feinberg, would you give me a little more information on The Nation Institute. I am not familiar with it altogether. Would you give us some information on your membership, and various details about the organization.

Ms. FEINBERG. Well, The Nation Institute is funded solely from private contributions from foundations and individuals who wish to support civil liberties and civil rights.

It is primarily a research and educational organization. It sponsors research and conferences in the civil rights and civil liberties areas. Some of its recent projects include "Justice Watch," a newsletter that looks over Justice Department policies.

Recently there was a conference held for journalists on "The Journal of Critical Opinion." In addition The Nation Institute has the Supreme Court Watch Project which has studied, in a scholarly way, by lawyers, the records of Supreme Court nominees.

So, overall, its policy is to promote education and to inform the public on important issues of civil liberties.

Senator HEFLIN. And what is its membership, primarily? I mean where, in what locations?

Ms. FEINBERG. It is not a membership organization in the sense that we solicit members as opposed to funding. There is a board of directors of The Nation Institute. There is also an advisory board of the Supreme Court Watch Project, and the money that is collected is used to sponsor research.

And there is also a network of volunteers, such as myself, that volunteer our time to help out with these research projects.

Senator HEFLIN. Well, does the funding come from primarily foundations? Where does the funding come from?

Ms. FEINBERG. I know that it is from foundations and from individuals, but it is all private money.

Senator HEFLIN. I believe that is all.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Specter.

Senator SPECTER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much for your testimony. I would be interested to know if you would care to say how you would vote, if you had to on Judge Bork, if you had to say yes or no. Ms. Kiehl, what do you say?

Ms. KIEHL. Judge Bork? I assume you mean Judge Kennedy. You know how I feel about Judge Bork.

Senator SPECTER. I did mean Judge Kennedy.

Ms. KIEHL. Honestly, as I said I am not a lawyer. The Bork hearings were a real education for me, and it was really clear to me how I felt on that, for the first time we came out on that, for the first time ever.

Are you going to make me say in front of the public how I would vote if I were in your shoes—

Senator SPECTER. You do not have to say. I just ask you if you care to answer?

Ms. KIEHL. I think—

The CHAIRMAN. You can say you do not care to answer.