

Ms. WATTLETON. No.

Senator KOHL. I would like to ask you about the constitution of the committee and the constitution of our Senate. As you know, the committee is all male, and the Senate is 98-2 male. What would be the result of this deliberation if this committee were 14 women instead of 14 men?

Ms. MICHELMAN. I think obviously we would love to see more women in elective office, and I think women bring a particular sensitivity to and understanding about the issues. But men do also understand how important this issue is, and many of you sitting here before us have been important supporters in preventing the erosion of the right. And we expect you to continue in that mold. We would love to see half women on this panel.

Ms. KUNIN. I would like to see seven and seven.

Ms. MICHELMAN. Right.

Ms. WATTLETON. I think if this panel represented the American people in its diversity, not only among women but also among ethnic groups and African-Americans, we might have a very different conversation with respect to certain insights and understandings about the nexus of a constitutional law with everyday lives of Americans of all persuasions, including gender.

Ms. KUNIN. Let me just say also, Senator, that not all women obviously agree on this issue.

Ms. MICHELMAN. Right. That is right.

Ms. KUNIN. Not all men agree on this issue. I think the particular perspective that women bring is one that Kate Michelman described earlier; that there is still nothing like personal experience. And so I guess my hope would be that someday, regardless of this issue but on all issues, that we can look forward to a U.S. Congress that is truly representative in terms of both minorities and gender of the people of this country. But in the meanwhile, I certainly commend you for your efforts to be sensitive to these concerns.

Ms. WEDDINGTON. When the President said he had nominated "the best man" he could find for the job, I think that is somewhat questionable. But I thought to myself, he certainly didn't take the best person he could, and I hope he will widen his scope of consideration if there is another vacancy.

Senator KOHL. Thank you very much.

Senator SIMPSON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We have 44 witnesses today and bring a light lunch tonight.

[Laughter.]

Senator SIMPSON. I thank you. I don't even believe I will take the full time. But I think you know—you who work so hard for the cause of choice—that I agree with you on that issue and have all of my public life. And I vote rather faithfully on your side on most of those issues that arise in this area. Always have, and it has never been formed since I got here and wasn't formed because of political campaigns. It was formed from life.

But it has been interesting. We went back and did some research on all of us on this committee who have asked Court appointees of a different administration questions. And every single one of us has just stepped into the dark and said, Do you mean to tell me you won't answer this question on what you would do? Go look at what Eastland said and Ervin when they were trying desperately