

Senator THURMOND. The second question: Do you know of any reason why Clarence Thomas should not be made a member of the U.S. Supreme Court, since he has been appointed by the President?

Mr. SHAW. No, sir, I don't.

Senator THURMOND. The answer is no. Ms. Talkin?

Ms. TALKIN. No, Senator.

Senator THURMOND. Ms. King?

Ms. KING. No.

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Clyburn?

Mr. CLYBURN. No, sir.

Senator THURMOND. I think you have answered the questions that the committee wants to know. We have spent days here probing affirmative action, but it all boils down to this, whether you favor him or not, and you said you do support him and you have told us why, so that is all we need to know.

Thank you very much. We are pleased to have you here.

Mr. CLYBURN. Thank you.

Senator THURMOND. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator SIMON. Senator Grassley?

Senator GRASSLEY. Thank you very much for your testimony, and I won't take a lot of time, just a very general question.

Because you know and have studied Clarence Thomas well, and particularly those who have worked closely with him, and because so often other panels have questioned his commitment to civil rights and equal opportunity, I want to ask each of you in much the same way that Senator Thurmond did, for a short opinion or statement:

Due to your extensive exposure to Clarence Thomas, do you have any question at all of his commitment to equal opportunity and civil rights, and not only in regard to African-American civil rights, but do you have any question that he is committed to the advancement of the civil rights of all minorities, whether it be African-Americans, women, the elderly, Hispanics, Asians, or any other group?

Dr. Shaw first, and then Ms. Talkin.

Mr. SHAW. I did not get the essence of your question, sir.

Senator GRASSLEY. Do you have any doubt in your mind—

Mr. SHAW. I don't.

Senator GRASSLEY [continuing]. About his commitment to civil rights?

Mr. SHAW. I don't.

Senator GRASSLEY. Ms. Talkin?

Ms. TALKIN. In my experience, Judge Thomas has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to civil right.

Senator GRASSLEY. And for all groups?

Ms. TALKIN. For all groups, and I can give you numerous examples, if you want.

Senator GRASSLEY. Ms. King?

Ms. KING. Based on my 30 years of work in the civil rights movement and the work with Judge Thomas, I am positively convinced that he does not have any problems in the area that you just outlined of civil rights.

Senator GRASSLEY. Mr. Clyburn?