

Judge THOMAS. Right. That's right.

The CHAIRMAN. She was not an attorney advisor, but she was one who was in frequent contact.

Judge THOMAS. Exactly.

The CHAIRMAN. OK. Thank you for correcting the record.

I think we are pretty well ready to wind up here, Judge, but it is now the opportunity of Senator Hatch to question, and he says he would like to have 30 minutes and he is entitled to that.

Senator HATCH. I hope I don't have to take the whole 30 minutes, Judge, but I do want to cover just one or two other points before we are through here today.

Judge Thomas, yesterday, Senator Heflin repeatedly asked you to ascribe some motivation to Professor Hill's allegations, and I think, from the way I look at this record, there are some profound differences in political philosophy between you and her.

I am about to read an excerpt of one of her statements that I think is worth putting in the record:

Hill said that her initial impression of Thomas was very favorable and she respected him for his accomplishments and concern for others. She said that she also came from a poor family, so she related closely to his circumstances. She said that when she started working for Thomas, he supported quotas for minorities in employment and Federal sanctions against employers who did not comply with the quotas, and then went on.

That is the relevant part.

Later, Hill said that she has also seen Thomas change his political philosophy since 1981 to the present, from supporting quotas for minorities in employment with sanctions for non-compliance to no quotas. She is concerned that these may be changed for personal political expediency and may not represent his true philosophy. If that is the case, he may no longer be open-minded, which is essential for an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator, what are you reading from?

Senator HATCH. I am reading from her statements made to the FBI agents.

The CHAIRMAN. So, you are reading from the FBI report?

Senator HATCH. That's right.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator, we agreed that we would not violate the committee rules and read from the FBI report. You and I agreed with the remainder of the committee in the room across the hall 2 hours ago. It is incredible to me that you would walk in here and read from an FBI report, when we all know it is against the committee rules to read from FBI reports.

Senator HATCH. Now we are concerned with FBI reports. I didn't agree to that. If you will recall, I stepped out to use the men's room. [Laughter.]

Which I do with regularity at my age, I have to say. But to make a long story short, how does that hurt anything?

The CHAIRMAN. Senator, let me tell you how it hurts. It is beyond the issue related to here. I may be mistaken, but I thought you were one who said in the other room that having dealt with these reports as much as any of us have, that they are full of nothing but hearsay on most occasions. The reason why I have worked so hard to keep FBI reports totally secret is because they have little or no probative weight, because they are hearsay. The FBI does their interviews by walking up to person A and saying will