

Senator THURMOND. Senator Specter.

Senator DECONCINI. Wait a minute.

Senator THURMOND. I beg your pardon.

Senator DECONCINI. Thank you.

Senator KENNEDY [presiding]. He does have remaining time. We will go to Senator DeConcini.

Senator DECONCINI. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator KENNEDY. Is that OK?

Senator THURMOND. If he can pick that up, when Specter questions, just go ahead.

Senator KENNEDY. Senator DeConcini.

Senator DECONCINI. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I am sure that Senator Specter is going to have all the time.

I want to thank you, too, for coming forward. We all have some judgments that we all took here on Judge Thomas before we had to come back, so we all have staked out a position. The other 84 Senators, some have and some haven't. So all of us here, as you may know, have already taken a position, but our job is to listen, and I have listened, and I thank you for coming forward.

My questions I hope are really observations, first of all. Mr. Carr, it just really got to me when you said that—or did you say this?—that your appearance here, not only would you much rather be doing something else, but it was not going to enhance your career, and that your corporate clients wouldn't like this. Is that what you said, or did I misinterpret you?

Mr. CARR. I don't know the political views of my corporate clients, per se, Senator. What I meant was that I doubted that any of them would find it a positive thing.

Senator DECONCINI. They wouldn't?

Mr. CARR. I don't think so.

Senator DECONCINI. You don't think so?

Mr. CARR. Although I don't know whether they would find it a negative thing.

Senator DECONCINI. Just out of curiosity, and it has nothing to do with the proceedings, and you don't have to do this, I would like to know, just if you would call me sometime, if your corporate clients really do object to you coming forward and doing this, and you don't even have to tell me who they are. But it just struck me funny, I think any corporate client would be proud of you, that you are that kind of a man, but maybe I am wrong. I haven't practiced law for 15 years, and so maybe corporations and corporate clients are different than they were when I practiced.

The other thing is, Mr. Carr, did you say that no outside group or anybody contacted you, that you came forward on your own?

Mr. CARR. I saw the accusations on the television. I remembered them. I wrote a letter to Anita Hill, telling her that I remembered our conversation, and then I was contacted by people working with her and asked if I would testify.

Senator DECONCINI. If you would, and your lawyer is Janet Napolitano? Or is that—

Mr. CARR. No, she is, I assume she is Anita's lawyer.

Senator DECONCINI. She is Anita's lawyer. I didn't know if she also represented you. She is a very fine lawyer. I happen to know her.