

Professor Hill coming before this Committee in a very different capacity, as a judicial nominee herself. I think her opportunities for that now have been destroyed. I think she paid a big price for her conscience.

Senator SIMON. I thank you. And I thank all four of you for coming forward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator KENNEDY [presiding]. Senator Thurmond.

Senator KOHL. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. And thank you for being here today, folks.

Senator KENNEDY. I think it goes Senator Thurmond, and then, Senator Kohl, I will recognize you.

Senator KOHL. Oh, I am sorry.

Senator THURMOND. I would like to ask you this question. From your testimony, it appears that none of you four witnesses have any personal knowledge of the charges made by Professor Hill against Judge Thomas, and that all you know about the matter is what Professor Hill told you. Is that correct?

Judge HOERCHNER. I was not a precipitate witness, Senator.

Senator THURMOND. What was that?

Judge HOERCHNER. I was not a precipitate witness.

Senator THURMOND. What did she say?

Judge HOERCHNER. I said that is correct.

Senator THURMOND. Ms. Wells.

Ms. WELLS. That is correct, Senator.

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Carr.

Mr. CARR. It is correct. I was not in the room.

Senator THURMOND. Mr. Paul.

Mr. PAUL. That is true, Senator.

Senator THURMOND. That is all. Thank you very much.

I yield the rest of my time to Senator Specter.

Senator SPECTER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

When my time last expired, Judge Hoerchner, I was asking you to refer to page 5 of your prior testimony before the staff. A question where you said, at line 6, on page 5, "I did run into her very briefly at a professional conference in 1984, late December."

My question to you is did you, at that time, ask Professor Hill anything about these alleged statements made by Judge Thomas?

Judge HOERCHNER. I did not remember asking her that.

Senator SPECTER. Judge Hoerchner, can you be any more specific than you have been about where you were at the time this conversation occurred where you say Professor Hill made these statements about Judge Thomas' comments? We have been trying to fix the date. It would be helpful if you were able to at least say where you lived at that time, in an effort to try to pin that down. Can you help us on that?

Judge HOERCHNER. Unfortunately as I have explained to the FBI and here, I really cannot pin the date down. The one thing I can be absolutely certain about is the fact that she was working for Clarence Thomas at the time because she stated that she was experiencing sexual harassment from her boss, Clarence.

Senator SPECTER. Can you, at least, tell us whether you were living in Washington at the time you had that conversation with her?