

ing 30, 40 hours, whatever it is we have been here, I can't imagine anybody would want to spend 30 or 40 minutes in this movie, and I don't really see that as a motivation.

But you did say one thing, and you were very emphatic on this answer, and I want to make sure I understood you right. You said that Judge Thomas never talked about sex matters at work. You were very emphatic about that. Is that right?

Ms. ALVAREZ. That is right.

Senator LEAHY. Including pornography or anything else?

Ms. ALVAREZ. Right.

Senator LEAHY. What about outside of work?

Ms. ALVAREZ. Clarence and I were friends. We had been friends for many, many years, personal friends. Our kids went to the same school together. I knew his wife. We were going through a divorce at the same time and everything else. We had the kind of confidences, personal conversations, that friends have, that close friends have, and any more than that really is not relevant. I mean, at the office we were colleagues and the friendship part of it never—

Senator LEAHY. Did you talk about pornography outside the office?

Ms. ALVAREZ. No, sir, we never did.

Senator LEAHY. Well, I am not sure I understand your answer. I am not really trying to trick you or anything here, but you said you didn't talk about pornography, didn't talk about sex matters at work. I asked you about outside of work, and—

Ms. ALVAREZ. And I am trying to explain to you that Clarence and I knew each other very well, and that we had a personal friendship.

Senator LEAHY. You didn't date?

Ms. ALVAREZ. No, sir.

Senator LEAHY. Do you want to add to that? I am not sure I understand. Do you know of him talking to anybody outside of work?

Ms. ALVAREZ. I am sorry. Say this again.

Senator LEAHY. Other than yourself, do you know of Clarence Thomas talking to people outside of work about either sex or pornography? Outside of yourself?

Ms. ALVAREZ. No, sir. I just know that with me we, we had a friendship and that was it. I mean, we shared conversations that close friends share when you are going through divorce, when you are going through raising kids, all those sorts of things. The typical things that close friends talk about.

Senator LEAHY. Thank you. OK. I just wanted to clear that up. And, Ms. Holt, you have certainly cleared up a question that was left hanging out here and I appreciate that.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator KENNEDY. [presiding.] Senator Thurmond.

Senator THURMOND. I have one question I would like to ask Dr. Fitch.

Dr. Fitch, I believe you said that you visited Professor Hill in the hospital.

Ms. FITCH. Yes, I did.

Senator THURMOND. Do you know roughly when that was and why Professor Hill was there?

Ms. FITCH. Senator, I know, I believe it was in 1983. I believe it was in summer, sometime between spring and summer. I don't, I can't give you an exact date. I did go to see her. I think she was in the hospital for a week and I do not recall that the nature—I don't recall what she was suffering from. It rang a bell that it might have had something to do with a stomach ailment, but I don't remember what the diagnosis was. I don't know that I ever knew.

Senator THURMOND. What hospital was she in?

Ms. FITCH. I believe, Senator, it was Capitol Hill Hospital. It is a hospital on the Hill and I think that is the name of it.

Senator THURMOND. Thank you. Senator Brown.

Senator BROWN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Ms. Holt, occasionally, at least in our office, when people call in they will sometimes be given a home phone number. Occasionally, when we call back to other people we will have on file their home phone number as well as their office number.

I recognize it has been some time, but do you have any recollection as to whether or not Professor Hill had Clarence Thomas's home phone number or whether or not he had her home phone number?

Ms. HOLT. I have no way of knowing that. I can only say that I did not give Professor Hill Clarence Thomas's home phone number.

Senator BROWN. And you never referred her to his—to call him at home?

Ms. HOLT. I did not.

Senator BROWN. And you never got a feel for whether they chatted outside of office hours?

Ms. HOLT. No.

Senator BROWN. Thank you. A question to all of you. It may not be anything that we can add here, but I suspect most members are like I. You find the current divergence, or dramatic divergence in their testimony somewhat hard to explain.

In thinking about Clarence Thomas, was he the kind of person who would be different in the way he treated people, react to people, talk to people in private than he would be, let's say, when other people were present? Is there a significant difference in the way he behaved or talked or acted when you would be in an office setting along with him versus where others could see or hear?

Ms. HOLT. He always treated me with respect. He was a professional, and I had no problems whether there were 20 people around or whether we were alone.

Senator BROWN. No significant difference in the way—

Ms. HOLT. No difference at all.

Senator BROWN. What about the rest of you? Any observations in that area?

Ms. FITCH. I agree with what Ms. Holt just said. There was no difference.

Ms. BERRY. I agree.

Ms. ALVAREZ. I agree to a point. Because Clarence and I were friends outside of the office. I probably saw, I mean I would call him Clarence, you know. We talked about the kids and personal things that friends talk about that he would not have shared with people at the office.