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Anita Hill Calls High-Profile Sexual Harrassment Law Suits Useful

WASHINGTON (AP) — High-profile lawsuits accusing big names of sexual harassment aren't all bad because they force public discussion about the issue, Anita Hill says.

"These cases can serve a purpose. Because they are high-profile, they get people's attention, and people talk about them," Hill said Sunday on CBS' "Face The Nation."

Hill's allegations in 1991 that Clarence Thomas sexually harassed her when she worked for him nearly cost him the nomination to the Supreme Court and sparked a continuing national debate on the issue.

"These cases provide examples of the kind of behavior individuals find objectionable, and they give us a chance as a society to talk about things that happen in the workplace," Hill added.

Paula Corbin Jones filed a federal civil suit last week alleging that President Clinton sexually harassed her in 1991, when he was governor, during a meeting in an Arkansas hotel room. Clinton, through his attorney, has denied the incident occurred. Hill, a University of Oklahoma law professor, aired her allegations before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The staff had interviewed Hill about Thomas in preparation for his Supreme Court confirmation hearings. She came forward after details of her allegations were leaked to the news media.

Hill worked for Thomas when he was chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and as head of the civil rights division in the Department of Education. His nomination was eventu-



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ally confirmed.

Meanwhile, Sen. Bob Packwood of Oregon, who has been accused of multiple acts of sexual harassment and misconduct, said he

wished a statute of limitations existed for these types of cases.

Packwood, who has admitted kissing some of his accusers, said that behavior now considered offensive wasn't treated that way decades ago and that it has only become a problem because of changing values.

"It's funny, 20, 25 years ago, if you made an advance to a woman and she approved and was receptive, that was all right. And if you made an advance to a woman and she didn't and you were a gentleman, you didn't follow it up," he said Sunday on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley."

"But I don't think you thought of it then as sexual misconduct just by making an advance," Packwood said. "If 20 years ago, you made an

advance toward a woman and she said, 'Bob, don't do that,' and you didn't do it again, have you done something abnormal? Are you guilty of sexual misconduct if you, when rebuffed, let it go at that and that was the end of it?"

Suzanne Garment, author of a book about government scandals, said the cases weren't a sign that

people are misbehaving more. She said they are just learning more about how to expose and punish harassment.

"We've really broadened the scandal field and we're now living with the consequences," said Garment, who also appeared on the ABC program.

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Blacks Take Seats Where Apartheid Ruled

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Excitement, some nervous twinges and a bit of sorrow filled the minds of black lawmakers Monday as they filed in to take their seats in the parliament chamber from where their oppressors ruled.

Limpho Hani, the widow of slain African National Congress and Communist Party leader Chris Hani, said she was excited, "but at the same time a little sad."

She was included on the ANC list of candidates in place of her husband, who likely would have been part of the new Cabinet under

Nelson Mandela, set to become the nation's first black president.

Former political prisoner Steve Tshwete called the moment historic for himself and "for the biggest majority of people in the country, black and white."

"I always knew it was going to dawn and it has."

A new parliamentarian for the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party, the ANC's chief black rival, spoke of South Africa's violence in the years leading up to last month's first all-race election.

"To think of friends, com-

rades, and colleagues who died in the buildup to this day, one shudders," Themba Khoza said. "It was unnecessary, tragic and uncalled for. But we must look forward to bring about justice."

Outside the hall, groundskeepers and janitors, having picked up every leaf and cleaned every surface twice, burst into shouts of "Viva!"

when Mandela arrived. Some of the new legislators dropped their children off in a day-care center before taking their seats.

"I just feel great," said Mac Maharaj, an ANC member who spent 12 years in jail for fighting apartheid. "This is a wonderful day for our country. I can't contain my excitement, but I am also nervous."

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