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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

And is that an opinion you still hold?

[REDACTED]

JUDGE RICKOVER

To be honest with you, Senator, I'm not sure. The law has changed. And I've changed. I was 28 years old at the time. I thought I knew everything.

The SENATORS chuckle. Rickover is charming them. Monk continues to glare.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

You're aware, of course, that there are cases pending where the circumstances are similar. Some of them involve new advances in DNA evidence.

[REDACTED]

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (CONT'D)

Judge Rickover?

Rickover is distracted now. He keeps glancing back [REDACTED]

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JUDGE RICKOVER
(resuming, unnerved)
Senator, we can't rewrite the
Constitution every time there's a
scientific breakthrough.

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Rickover is off his game now. He keeps glancing [REDACTED]
EVERYONE exchanges puzzled looks. What's wrong with Rickover?

JUDGE RICKOVER (CONT'D)
The basic principals of common law
haven't changed. They never do.
The issue is simply application in a
new context.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Is context always the overriding
factor?

Rickover doesn't respond. He's distracted [REDACTED]

JUDGE RICKOVER
Excuse me?

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Is context always the overriding
factor?

JUDGE RICKOVER
(recovering somewhat)
Yes sir. In my opinion. These are
the same basic principals that have
animated the common law system since
the time of John Cook. But I'm not
here to teach you gentlemen high
school civics.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
Actually, I wish you would. Some of
us could use it.

The SENATORS chuckle.

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