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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Fiery Hearing; Failed Perjury Trap?]

GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS: Failed perjury trap.

SENATOR ERIC SCHMITT (R-MO): I'll give you a second to process it. So you don't, you know, perjure yourself.

STEPHANOPOULOS: What happened when former Special Counsel Jack Smith spent hours before a Senate committee defending the two cases he brought against President Trump? The moment everyone is talking.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Fiery Hearing as Jack Smith Testifies]

ROBIN ROBERTS: Now to the fiery hearing on Capitol Hill. Former Special Counsel Jack Smith spent hours before the Senate committee. Our chief Justice correspondent, Pierre Thomas, is tracking this. And, Pierre, there's one moment so many people are talking about. Good morning to you.

PIERRE THOMAS: Robin, good morning. Tuesday's hearing was a political fistfight with name-calling and a curious debate about a basketball game. Former Special Counsel Jack Smith spent hours before a Senate committee in an often volatile hearing, defending the two cases he brought against President Trump, accusing him of trying to overturn the 2020 election and for bringing classified documents to his Florida home after leaving office, allegations Trump has always denied.

JACK SMITH: If asked whether to prosecute a former president today based on the same facts, I would do so regardless of whether that president was a Republican or a Democrat.

THOMAS: But the hearing quickly devolved when one Republican attempted to prove Smith lied under oath about a basketball game. Republican Senator Eric Smith calling Smith a dirtbag and claiming to have text messages proving Smith attended a Hawks basketball game in Atlanta in 2024 during the time Georgia prosecutor Fani Willis was investigating Trump.

SCHMITT [TO SMITH]: Did you ever go to Atlanta during your time as special counsel?

SMITH: I really don't think so. It's possible I flew through the Atlanta airport on the way to Florida, but I do not have a recollection of going to Atlanta. I definitely did not go to a Hawks game.

THOMAS: On that day, February 3, 2024, Smith said he was at a Maryland college basketball game.

SMITH: I recall going to a University of Maryland basketball game where Caitlin Clark was playing — right around that time.

THOMAS: Senator Amy Klobuchar calling out Smith.

SENATOR AMY KLOBUCHAR (D-MN): Could it then be that University of Iowa's Hawkeyes? Could that be it?

THOMAS: And calling on him to apologize.

KLOBUCHAR: I think that people should have their facts straight —

SCHMITT: Didn't know we had bonus time around here.

KLOBUCHAR: — before they accuse someone of being a dirtbag and not get the teams wrong.

SCHMITT: I stand by that statement.

SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY (R-IA): Klobuchar —

KLOBUCHAR: You have the teams wrong, sir.

GRASSLEY: — Senator!

THOMAS: Senator Schmitt refusing to say he was wrong, but Special Counsel Smith saying that the U.S. Marshals were with him at the college basketball game and that he can prove it, Michael.

MICHAEL STRAHAN: Alright, Pierre. Little embarrassing there.

ROBERTS: Mhmm.

STEPHANOPOULOS: Yeah.

STRAHAN: All right. Thank you, Pierre, for that.