

There was a motion made, substitute motion made, by the gentleman from New York, Mr. Miller, to the effect that we would hold the record open for 1 week, and during that 1 week, have 1 day of hearing. That was specifically turned down by the judgment of the full committee.

As I understand the chairman's statement, he is undertaking to set a rule contrary to the express wish of the full committee.

Believe me, I am not the chairman and don't want to be. And our chairman has always been extremely fair, has leaned over backward to be fair, both he and the ranking minority member, Mr. McCulloch. But I would ask that the chairman withhold a binding ruling, on his part as chairman, to go counter to the express wish by a vote of committee, that this will conclude the hearings today, with one additional witness, and that no one else will have the right to appear.

If the chairman would only withhold that ruling, I won't press it any further. I know as usual we can try to resolve our differences of opinion.

The CHAIRMAN. May I make this suggestion? I certainly want to be fair, and the gentleman from Louisiana likewise always is fair. The word "reasonable" was used; and I thought this would be reasonable, to hear Mr. Bloch, having heard from Judge Walsh. Suppose we leave it this way—that the hearings will be closed unless some member wishes some individual to be heard, and then the matter can be presented at a meeting and we can judge then.

Mr. WILLIS. That will be all right. I mean it will be all right with me.

Mr. McCULLOCH. Mr. Chairman, so that the record will be unmistakably clear, I think it is the duty of this committee to proceed without unnecessary delay to bring these hearings to a close.

The record will show, beyond any doubt, that last year I urged that the hearings remain open for a period far longer than for most, if not for all bills, which have been before this committee during my 12 or 14 years on the committee.

However, at the beginning of the meeting last week, and prior thereto, in private conversation with the chairman, I urged that there be a hearing on the referee bills and on the registrar bills, in order that both the proponents and the opponents could have a day in court. I am happy to say that the decision was made to have those hearings. I think, Mr. Chairman, that those who wish to appear personally or to submit statements should be required to do so within a week. The record should be ready to go to the printer at that time. Any delay beyond that period will be unnecessary and will be intolerable.

It is my studied judgment that those who are opposed to these proposals, as well as those who are in favor of them, with proper amendments, will, within 1 week, have adequate time to prepare that which they wish to say. To conclude, it is my hope that this matter will proceed without unnecessary delay and that a final record will be prepared in order that it may be considered by the Rules Committee in the event that is the final wish of this committee.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair wants to make another announcement.

There is coming up in the House today, immediately after the House resumes its session, a bill for the appropriations for this expense of this committee, and it will be necessary, Mr. Bloch, for us to take a