

Speaking generally of my State, there are only two cities in my congressional district that require registration. The people come in on election day and either vote or do not vote in accordance with the decision of the registrars or the precinct election officials.

But in any event, this is a matter that can be taken care of by amendment so that a time limit of 6 months, which may be reasonable in certain sections of the country, will not be required in all sections of the country.

Mr. WILLIS. I have concluded, but let me reply to my good friend. I think this is the fourth or fifth time he has indicated he would be receptive to amendments.

Every time Judge Walsh was pressed he said that he did not mean to be rigid, but unfortunately the only thing we have before us is this bill.

Now we would like to see those amendments and I think we are going to be in a mess if we are going to try to write a bill on the floor of the House without them.

Mr. McCULLOCH. Mr. Chairman, last week, after Judge Walsh's excellent presentation, I suggested to members of the staff that an attempt be made to redraft the voting referee bill in order to take advantage of the points which came out in Judge Walsh's discussion.

In particular, I was interested in protecting the rights of local and State officials, while at the same time providing an effective measure to assist the district judge in his task of providing effective relief for all members of the class of persons who have been denied the right to register and vote.

I now have drafts of two separate bills which, I wish to emphasize, are still in the draft stage; but which I believe overcome most of the major objections raised by Mr. Bloch to H.R. 10035, H.R. 10034, and H.R. 10018. I am frank to concede that one of these drafts proceeds on the class suit theory which is not expressly authorized by the 1957 Civil Rights Act and, therefore, may not be feasible.

I request that these drafts be included in the record at this point and that Mr. Bloch be given an opportunity to submit a statement within the time fixed by the chairman.

I might add that the committee profited greatly from the views of Judge Walsh and I am sure that the committee will equally profit from the views of Mr. Bloch on this subject.

The CHAIRMAN. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. McCULLOCH. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that the draft of which the original was sent to me?

Mr. McCULLOCH. That is right, together with additional drafts that I have.

The CHAIRMAN. Very well.