

FEDERAL PUBLIC RECORDS LAW

(Part 1)

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
FOREIGN OPERATIONS AND
GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 2:05 p.m. in room 2247, Rayburn House Office Building, Representative John E. Moss (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives John E. Moss, John S. Monagan, and Donald Rumsfeld.

Also present: Samuel J. Archibald, chief, government information; David Glick, chief counsel; Benny L. Kass, counsel; Jack Matteson, chief investigator, and J. P. Carlson, minority counsel.

Mr. Moss. The subcommittee will be in order.

We are pleased to have as our first witness this afternoon Mr. Robert Benjamin, of New York City, and Mr. Chisman Hanes, of Washington, D.C., representing the American Bar Association. Mr. Benjamin, do you have a statement?

STATEMENT OF ROBERT M. BENJAMIN, REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY CHISMAN HANES

Mr. BENJAMIN. Mr. Chairman, I just have a few initial remarks. We have no written statement. Then I will introduce Mr. Chisman Hanes, who is chairman of the Committee on Public Information of the ABA Section of Administrative Law. He will present some suggestions we have with respect to the text of the bill and talk briefly about related matters. Then after that either or both of us would be glad to answer questions.

Mr. Moss. Fine; you may proceed.

Mr. BENJAMIN. I would like to say initially as chairman of the Special Committee on Code of Federal Administrative Procedure, which is charged with representing the American Bar Association before the Congress in respect of legislation in this field, that we are very much encouraged and delighted with the progress that is being made in the field. We have known the chairman's strong interest and effective interest in this field over a good many years, apart from your having been kind enough to come out and address the Section of Administrative Law in San Francisco in 1962. We have followed what has been done with the amendment of section 22 in 1958.