

ethics, or whatever you want to call it, they have found it wise in that professional group to have a continuing committee through the years, and I think it would be a wise thing to do, because of the experience of other groups that have had this problem before them.

Secondly, in order to do a really good job in this field, there really should be a very good staff and it should not be overpaid. To get people to work in this field and not overpay them, an element which is going to arise is a question of how long their tenure is going to be; if that is going to be for only 2 years, I would say it is going to be rather difficult to get good men at a reasonable price to come and assist the committee in doing its research. So I strongly favor a standing committee, but I am now before you in the capacity of an ex-chairman of a committee which unanimously recommended a select committee and the matter of making a standing committee was not before the committee.

We never discussed it; although it's my personal view it ought to be a standing committee I am suggesting here only that it be a select committee.

The CHAIRMAN. That was what prompted my question. If this type of committee is desirable, then should it not be a permanent committee rather than just dip into the thing for one session?

Mr. BENNETT. I think it would be much better if it was a standing committee.

The CHAIRMAN. My second question has to do with the staff and the gentleman mentioned that himself.

How much staff did you have when you operated the last session?

Mr. BENNETT. The committee did not spend a single penny on a staff because I found the problem arising right there. To get really top flight people for a short period of time, the only way in which I could get them was from volunteers, and I got volunteers. I got in addition to my own staff, I got people from the Library of Congress who worked off-time and I got a Mr. William Norman, who is a general counsel, I believe, or head of the staff on the Senate committee, who used to be my administrative assistant, and others assisted me.

Mr. Dick Sewell, who is here, who is my administrative assistant, they all worked without additional pay, even the secretary that took the notes did it free. So the committee did not cost you anything.

It wasn't because I was trying to save money, it was because I couldn't find top flight people to come and work for this committee unless it was on a volunteer basis. They were willing to volunteer, but they were not anxious to go into a temporary situation like this.

The CHAIRMAN. Could the gentleman who has given much thought, I am sure, to this matter give us any idea about what staff he envisions for the future if the committee should be set up?

Mr. BENNETT. I think we could probably operate with one good man who would have to be well paid, a man with a legal background, and one or two secretaries, which would mean if you paid the man adequately, I don't think I could get the type of man I think this committee should have for less than about \$18,000 or \$20,000.

As a matter of fact, the people that came to assist us, I think Mr. Norman, in the committee position he has now, which is permanent, gets \$22,000 on the Senate committee and I don't know what the com-