

dation of the Joint Committee on Organization of the Congress was, and I will read it:

The House of Representatives shall create a committee on standards and conduct. The Joint Committee heard considerable testimony with respect to the problem of the ethical conduct of members of Congress. It is the opinion of the Joint Committee that the House of Representatives should create a committee to be concerned with the standards and conduct of members of the House. The Senate has already created a committee to examine problems in this area and the House might explore profitably the organization and procedures of the Senate committee prior to implementing this recommendation.

Now, Mr. Chairman, that was the consensus of the opinion of the joint committee and the recommendation as far as the House was concerned, so I just thought I would read that for the information of the members.

The CHAIRMAN. If the gentleman from New York will yield to me to answer the gentleman from Indiana's question.

You state in your report, as you read it, this was to be a select committee. Is it to be a temporary committee or a permanent committee?

Mr. MADDEN. That is true.

The CHAIRMAN. Which is it?

Mr. MADDEN. It is the recommendation that the House create such a committee or explore the advisability of creating such a committee.

The CHAIRMAN. What committee; permanent or select?

Mr. MADDEN. It doesn't set that out.

Mr. BENNETT. I can answer that. Upon advice of Mr. Sewell here, he tells me the bill that has been introduced to implement these recommendations provides for a select committee.

I misunderstood him. It is select in both instances.

Mr. SEWELL. In the bill it calls for a standing committee.

Mr. BENNETT. In the bill they call for a standing committee.

Mr. MADDEN. As I understand, some of the resolutions call for a select and some permanent; is that true?

Mr. BENNETT. Yes; that is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. Anything further, Mr. Delaney?

Mr. DELANEY. Just on the adoption, say, of the Madden bill, we would have a standing committee of the House and here we would have in existence a temporary or select committee?

Mr. BENNETT. Of course, we could amend that to put in a provision about censure so you could use this procedure. The question is whether you want to occupy this kind of time since you are giving it a full hearing now, whether you want to do that and whether you want to occupy this kind of time since we have had this full hearing and the issues are all before us.

I would hope the Rules Committee would come forth with whatever committee they wanted to have, a standing committee, select committee, giving it power to censure or not power to censure, as you all determine is best for our country and the House.

Mr. DELANEY. Suppose the Madden bill were to pass now, and pass both Houses and you had a select committee here, then under this law, why, we would have a standing committee of the House. We would have a conflict then?