

The impression, I think, has been left in the record that there are only two ways of establishing a committee with full jurisdiction and directing that committee to do certain things. One would be through the Madden committee recommendations, and the other would be through the establishment by resolution of a select or standing committee, much like Mr. Bennett's.

There is a third way, a simple way, and it does not take two-thirds vote. All it would require would be a resolution from the Rules Committee to amend rule XI, section 9, which establishes the Committee on House Administration, and give it the same jurisdiction as was given to the select committee. That then would be reenforced in the same resolution by a directive to the Committee on House Administration containing, I think, somewhat tightened-up language, virtually identical, to all the language which appears in Mr. Bennett's resolution, starting with section 2 on line 11 of page 2, and proceeding as far as and much as one wished to proceed.

This would be a resolution from the Rules Committee. It would be privileged; it probably could be gotten to the floor faster than anything else. It could be acted on and you would have a directive to the Committee on House Administration which would be very clear and very specific. In this resolution, the select committee is only authorized. The third suggestion—the third possibility is for the Congress to direct the House Administration Committee to take jurisdiction.

Mr. BENNETT. If I might briefly respond to this.

The only reason why I said it took a two-thirds vote is because an opponent of this committee, the House select committee, who was trying to frankly work up some way to defeat this committee, told me he thought it would take a two-thirds vote.

I did not believe it myself; I felt if an enemy of the committee said it took a two-thirds vote, I figured it would. I must say in my main testimony, I don't want to go back over this, due to the record of the House Administration Committee over things it has had jurisdiction over for years, and has been directed to operate in this field, in my opinion giving this matter to the House Administration Committee will be an affront to the American public, because I think they want a full operating committee that will look into this matter fully and come forth with recommendations and operate in a way they should.

The record as it was written by the very able Congressman from Ohio is replete with illustrations of where this committee has known, it not only knew but had administrative responsibility in this field, it had to approve the checks, and the law was to the contrary and it approved the checks, so I don't think the American public is going to take very happily to sweeping this under the rug.

Mr. BOLLING. I would make a comment that the gentleman would certainly have his right to an opinion, but I would submit, though I have not firmly made up my mind on that, that I have been writing about reforming Congress a good deal more than most, excepting the chairman.

Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois. As you can see, however, with this directive, you have a committee composed along partisan lines, whereas the gentleman from Florida is suggesting the creation of a select bipartisan committee.