

I had had a law degree, I would not have been a prosecutor. I am not the prosecutor type. I did not get pleasure seeing these witnesses in here squirm around when they were confronted, to use the words of one of them "with either telling the truth or 'ratting' on the chairman."

Why do I bring this up, Mr. Chairman? Because Mr. Gibbons, who is a member of the House Administration Committee, and the author of one of these resolutions, first brought to the attention of the House Administration Committee the fact that apparently here were tickets being bought in the names of the staff which were being used by other people.

Secondly, there were an inordinate number of employees on the staff of that committee.

Mr. Chairman, the House Administration Committee votes money for these committees. Yesterday we voted in the subcommittee \$700,000-and-some for the Government Operations Committee. That is a lot of money. They have 55 regular employees, I understand, from the testimony yesterday. We haven't checked every one of those employees out. Anyway, Mr. Gibbons brought the charges in late July as I recall it, and immediately within a matter of days the chairman, Mr. Burleson, had a group of GAO auditors going over all the vouchers of the House of Representatives. And they were still going over them on the first of December, or just about finished. Now, I made the remarks I made on the floor yesterday because Mr. Bennett said we didn't do anything. I merely pointed out that we conducted the whole Powell investigation in the same amount of time that his committee, which was to study this problem and come up with recommendations, had, and the one recommendation I understand they came up with is, put us back in business.

I would agree with Mr. Bennett that the field of ethics and a code of ethics is a very difficult thing. I would not castigate him for not getting the job done in 2 months or 3 months, but I didn't like the inference that the House Administration Committee had done nothing. I am not here seeking praise, Mr. Chairman, but I have had a good many Members, both in writing and verbally, tell me that they thought that we, and I use the word "we," because I could not have done it by myself, Mr. Devine, from my State of Ohio, Mr. Dickinson, from Alabama, Mr. Jones of Missouri, Mr. Nedzi, of Michigan, Mr. Waggoner, of Louisiana, were all on that committee, and we came out with a unanimous report. We didn't do it in one afternoon. We had some disagreements, but we resolved them. And we came out with recommendations.

There has not been anything developed by the ad hoc committee on this matter that we didn't develop except they were able to get Mrs. Powell up here. We were not. I don't know whether you Members consider it pertinent and appropriate or whether you would like to know or not, but we did a lot of things to get Mrs. Powell up here. She came out of this hearing before the ad hoc committee as something of a heroine. I don't quite concur in that judgment. In the first place, the Secret Service went to Puerto Rico early in the game in August and said, in effect, and I will have to paraphrase this and make it brief, I have it all in writing, "Mrs. Powell, if you in fact did not authorize your husband to sign your checks, if you in fact did not give him