

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Hays, thank you for your statement and your forthrightness. You usually are forthright. I would be interested in what suggestion or recommendation you have to make to this committee as to what it should do about this resolution or these resolutions.

Mr. HAYS. Mr. Chairman, I will be very specific. The House Administration Committee has set up a Subcommittee on Ethics and Contracts. It could have any other name. We have asked for \$50,000 which the Subcommittee on Accounts unanimously granted yesterday and I assume the full committee will, and I doubt if the House will turn it down.

I would think, and I am forthright and I am blunt and my character does act as an abrasive on some people, I will join Mr. Bennett if they think I am too abrasive. I am not seeking to be chairman of this subcommittee. I will be glad for the chairman to appoint anyone else that he cares to. But I would think the proper thing, since the House Administration Committee is supposed to check these vouchers and we have adopted eight rules that this investigatory subcommittee recommended, which I think will tighten it up to the point that this cannot happen again, that this committee order the House Administration Committee, if it feels like ordering it or suggest or recommend or however they do it, that we do set up this committee, that we proceed to draw up some rules and regulations.

If that code of ethics which Mr. Bolling read yesterday is not about the vaguest thing for anybody to try to enforce, then I will give up.

And let the Members know specifically what is expected of them. If this is done, the committee with this money is prepared to make a study and to come into the House and to the Rules Committee with specific recommendations, have the House vote on them and to enforce them. That is my recommendation.

The CHAIRMAN. Very well, Mr. Anderson.

Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois. Thank you, Mr. Hays. I don't and I am sure the committee does not, regard these hearings as constituting any actual or implied criticism of your subcommittee or the House Administration Committee.

Mr. HAYS. If I may interrupt you, I did not mean to leave that impression, but there was some criticism of our committee from the previous witness and some implied criticism which I am sure Mr. Latta and I will thrash out when he gets down to impaling me here.

Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois. The question I have is this: I think what you have just described to the chairman is fine as far as it goes, to perhaps broaden and clarify the jurisdiction of the House Administration Committee in this realm of ethics, particularly as it relates to payrolls and expenditures from the House contingent fund.

As you know only too well, in all of the furor that has erupted around Mr. Powell, a great part of that deals not merely with airline tickets or with the employment of his wife and some of these other things involving audits of House funds, but is his contemptuous attitude with respect to certain orders of the New York courts of last resort.

You would not contend, I take it, that any recommendations that would be drawn up by this subcommittee pertaining to ethics would be broad enough to take in matters of that kind which would tend to reflect on the integrity of the whole House?