

Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois. I still am not clear about the \$50,000 appropriation that you are going to request. What will be the scope of the investigation that you will make? Do you contemplate that you will come back with recommendations for the formulation of a code of conduct, ethics?

Mr. HAYS. Exactly.

Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois. Broader than the one that would merely relate to employees of the House or expenditures from the House contingent fund?

Mr. HAYS. We would envision making a study of this and coming back with whatever was thought would do the job and it would refer to employees and Members.

Now, let me say this: the resolution asks for the money for the House Administration Committee. We have an understanding that if this is not enough, we will come back. But one portion of this money, perhaps about \$12,000, or maybe \$15,000, I don't know the act amount, will go to hire an additional permanent auditor for the full committee to watch these vouchers as they come in, because one of the rules that we had set forth is that these committee chairmen shall report monthly on the travel made by their members and staff and we will not pay the bill to the airlines or railroads or whomever until we get that report and we intend to circulate it among every member of the committee so that nobody on the committee can say, "Well, the chairman was doing this, and we didn't know about it."

That is one of the reforms that came out of this hearing, and one of the things that we see we have to do.

Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois. Just let me say in conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I certainly applaud the committee for revising its procedures and for suggesting changes that will result in a tightening of procedures as they relate to the auditing of House funds. I am still disturbed by the fact that I can't see where the mandate of the committee would be broad enough to cover some of these other violations that have been unearthed in the Powell case that go beyond just employees of the House.

Mr. HAYS. That is what I am saying, that this committee, if you should decide to handle it that way, should mandate the committee just the same as apparently you are going to mandate a select committee, if you set it up. Apparently, you are not going to take these resolutions as I gather from the questions exactly as they are.

So if you are going to write a mandate, I am saying we would like to be mandated. If we don't think it is enough, we will come back and tell you so with proposed legislation. But the thing that bothers me and irritated me yesterday was the fact that as I said, we were accused on the one hand of not doing anything.

On the other hand, the statement was made that we didn't have the power to do it.

Mr. ANDERSON of Illinois. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. O'Neill, do you have any questions?

Mr. O'NEILL. Section 2, Mr. Hays, says:

To recommend to the House by report or resolution such additional rules or regulations as the select committee shall determine to be necessary or desirable to insure proper standards.