

Please don't try to get me into a position of saying what the 90th Congress ought to do about this, because that was what we have the ad hoc committee to make the recommendations for. I don't know.

Mr. LATTI. Now, another question you raised, I think, when this matter was being debated on the floor for consideration of a special committee on the 19th of October last was the question of this committee not having any rules or regulations to follow. You raise that again today. If we gave your committee this power, would you have any rules or regulations or guidelines to go by?

Mr. HAYS. We already have some in existence. I would assume we would establish whatever we thought was necessary. When we went into the Powell investigation, we did establish rules and regulations to go by. One was that the meetings would be held in either executive or public session as to witnesses requested.

Another was that all the witnesses would be sworn and would testify under oath.

Three, a rule that I don't think the press reported very much. We didn't call these people in. Again we didn't act as prosecutors and say, "Where were you on the 17th of May 1966?" We notified them in writing and in prehearing conferences with the attorneys of what questions they would be asked relative to travel.

We told them that their names were on tickets bearing a certain date and they were alleged, according to these tickets, to have traveled to New York, Miami, Chicago, whatever it was.

"If you have a diary or anything else, that will be helpful to you to answer the question, whether in fact you did take the trip or didn't, you bring it along, because we are trying to get at the truth."

I don't know if that has been done here before or not, but we thought it was objective and fair.

Mr. LATTI. Are these the rules and regulations you had in mind when you were raising objections to the creation of the select committee?

Mr. HAYS. Those were some of them. The ex post facto was another. The main thing that bothered me, I didn't want the committee to draw up a vague set of ethics and resolutions. I commend you read the ones that Mr. Bennett got the Congress to adopt. I don't know how many times he got before our committee and asked us to get them printed for which I later got castigated, but they are pretty vague. I don't know how you go about enforcing them. If I have anything to do with them, they will be much more specific and people will know pretty surely that they are either in violation of them or not.

Mr. LATTI. I think that is a good statement. Congressmen should know something about them, know whether or not they are violating the rules.

Mr. HAYS. There is one of them you can't quarrel very much with. Do an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. I am for that a thousand percent.

How do you enforce it? Do you go around each Member's office and set up a time card system? I have had a little going over in the press. I made the statement—you know, some of the press in some of these interviews were saying, "Well, there are plenty of people on the Hill that don't do any work and what do you have to say about that." I said, "Gentlemen, I have always felt that the people who work up on