

the Hill work harder than they do anywhere else, in town." I said, "Frankly, I have walked through a good many of these agencies downtown and I have felt tempted to paraphrase Churchill and say as far as Government employees in general are concerned, never have so many done so little work for so much money."

But how do you enforce this?

Mr. LATTI. If a new Select Committee on Ethics and Conduct is created by the House, do you firmly believe that they could not come up with rules and regulations that would be to the satisfaction of Members of the House?

Mr. HAYS. No.

Mr. LATTI. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Hays, if I understand you correctly, you think that there is a necessity for something to be done or some additional laws, precautions to be taken—I don't like the word "guidelines"—that would tighten up the situation?

In other words, there is a demand for something to be done but that you think that it should be done through a standing committee rather than as a select committee?

Mr. HAYS. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. I hope I don't overstate you.

Mr. HAYS. No; you are exactly right. I think, Mr. Chairman, that we have already done about 90 percent of the things that need to be done in the recommendations and rules that we have put through, outside of the Members' private lives. I don't know how far the Congress wants to go in that.

Mr. Bennett says he does not want to go at all, and I am in accord with that. I think the rules that we have already set up as to auditing procedures, payment of vouchers, and so forth, will make it absolutely impossible for anybody to do what was done in this case, because they have to send a record in before we pay the bill, and if the travel seems out of line or any member of the committee says it is out of line, we are not going to pay the bill until we look into it.

Before, it was pretty much a matter of pro forma business.

Mr. LATTI. I have one further question.

The CHAIRMAN. Go ahead, Mr. Latti.

Mr. LATTI. This pertains to the duties of your committee, not just the ethics business. Do these chairmen have the power, if they want to just sign a voucher or whatever needs to be signed, to take off to go to San Francisco, to Seattle, or any place else and say "Well, I am going on business," any time they want to?

Mr. HAYS. Certainly. You and I and the rest of us gave it to them. We gave to the Operations Committee \$725,000 over and above their statutory amount. You know the law says they can have four professional and I believe it is six stenographic employees.

Anything over that, they have to get special permission for. We have given them \$725,000 to hire extra people and to take trips or do whatever they want within their area of jurisdiction.

I don't see any way, short of what we have done which now requires a monthly report, if you don't trust the committee chairmen to see that he sits on this. Now, you know that the practice varies among committees. The Committee on Foreign Affairs of which I have the honor to be a member, and chairman of one of its subcommittees,