

were a special committee created at this particular time for this purpose than it ever would come across by saying we already have a committee and we will ask this committee to do a certain study.

I would urge again that I do speak to you as a freshman and I don't mean to be presumptuous in doing so. I speak for a group of freshmen and for a group that stand strongly and vigorously behind the urgency of this appeal.

This is our Congress in a sense, but it is a Congress that belongs to the people and the people have some serious questions about this whole situation of congressional conduct.

In my opinion, much of their feeling is unfounded and yet this does not detract from the fact that the feeling is there and the obligation is here in Congress to act in such a way that there is no doubt left in their minds.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify and for your time and attention.

Mr. PEPPER. I think we can all agree that the first statement of the gentleman was excellent. You started off very well.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Thank you, Mr. Pepper.

The CHAIRMAN. I yield to you, Mr. Pepper, to compliment the gentleman. I had intended to do that myself so I associate myself with your remarks.

Mr. PEPPER. Well, I will withdraw mine and associate with you.

The CHAIRMAN. I also wanted to ask you a few questions.

First, I understand you are speaking for a group, I believe you said of the minority, the Republicans?

Mr. DELLENBACK. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. But that you do not necessarily urge all of the provisions that are in the resolution that your group has introduced?

Mr. DELLENBACK. There is actually a series of proposals. Actually, I tried to make a distinction between the points upon which our group stood solidly and unanimously and a series of other points on which there was, without doubt, some difference of opinion.

I tried to disassociate my stand as a representative of the group from my stand as an individual by making clear that over the range there was a series of questions and very possibly, at this early stage on certain specific questions I touched on, possibly a variation of opinion.

I am not authorized to speak for the group on what we should do about nepotism or disclosure because there is a variation of preliminary attitude on this. But I speak for the group in urging this committee to act on forming this proposed ethics committee.

The CHAIRMAN. That was my observation. If I got the gist of your testimony, it was for the urging of action to be taken and to be taken as speedily as possible consistent with getting something that would be meaningful; is that correct?

Mr. DELLENBACK. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, I, of course, cannot speak for this committee. I can only speak for one individual member of it and that is myself. I don't think there is any disagreement with the gentleman on that subject, on that phase of the subject.

I think the committee recognizes the situation that exists and the committee wants to report some kind of a resolution that would be meaningful.