

Mr. DELLENBACK. I would feel the committee could well go into this but I would not see the committee hang up on any one area.

Mr. MADDEN. Do you think there would be too much opposition in Congress and the Senate if we included it?

Mr. DELLENBACK. I think the committee——

Mr. MADDEN. You can answer this yes or no and I would like to have you with me. You made a very nice statement and I approve of it.

Mr. DELLENBACK. Well, what I am saying——

Mr. MADDEN. You are not with me. How many Republican members met in this agreement to file this resolution?

Mr. DELLENBACK. About 50.

Mr. MADDEN. Was this scandalous method of winning elections by fabulous campaign contributions brought up?

Mr. DELLENBACK. No, sir; this was not a point discussed.

Mr. MADDEN. No further questions.

Mr. DELLENBACK. That is the reason I am not authorized to speak for them on that.

The CHAIRMAN. Any further questions.

Mr. LATTI. Let me, by way of entering this little colloquy between these two gentlemen, point out there already is a committee called House Administration empowered by the rules of this great body to get into this matter.

Mr. MADDEN. Will you yield?

Mr. LATTI. No, I won't yield. I will read the rule:

Measures relating to the election of the President, Vice President, or Members of Congress using corrupt practices——

This would come under corrupt practices——

in buying elections.

Federal elections generally. It might just be such that there are 50 Members of Congress that read this before they had their meeting and that is probably one of the reasons they didn't bring it up.

There is already the House Administration Committee to get into this. If the committee is derelict in its duties, perhaps we should amend the House rules and put this power in a new committee.

If the House did that, there would be no question of who would handle it.

Would you favor the select committee taking over that?

Mr. DELLENBACK. If this deals with standards of conduct by the Members and this has not been done and the committee in its wisdom felt the power should be given to this committee, I don't quarrel with any decision of the committee. But I don't know the areas at this point into which the committee should go.

The broad grant of authority I think the average American is looking for, is a group established in this Congress that will really look at this matter, so that we are not singling out particular Members but are talking about standards for our actions which we are all expected to adhere to.

I think at the present time there are a great many of our people who are not convinced that the Congress today has demonstrated a willingness to police itself.