

say it does provide full disclosure so that the public would have the facts prior to the election, which is one protection that should be had here.

Mr. MADDEN. All they have to do is to go back to the last election. They do not have to wait for the next one. The next will be worse than the last one.

Mr. GOODELL. Now the public hears factually what is spent 2 or 3 weeks after the election when the report is filed. Our bill would require prior filing and have some teeth in it. I would hope that this Ethics Committee would go into that kind of question further and conceivably recommend legislation to the House Administration Committee and give it some push—good strong legislation.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Bolling.

Mr. BOLLING. Mr. Chairman, I hesitate to take the time of the committee to do this, but I want to furnish a target for some of the Brothers. Why would it not be equally as satisfactory as to set up a select committee to change clause 9 of rule 11 which deals with the Committee on House Administration, change the title of that committee to the Committee on Professional Standards and House Administration, to broaden its jurisdiction by adding at the end of the present Paragraphs (n) and (o) which reads, "Standards of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Members, Officers and Employees of the House of Representatives, (p) reporting to the proper federal authorities allegations of violations of any federal law by members, officers and employees of the House of Representatives, acting in these capacities." and Section 2, "The Committee on Professional Standards and House Administration is hereby directed within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution to recommend to the House such additional laws, rules and regulations as it deems necessary to insure proper conduct and standards of ethics for members, officers, and employees of the House of Representatives"—and this is the paragraph that I consider to be crucial—and I might say before I read it that I am the person who made the motion to report the Bennett Resolution out in the last Congress, so that my interest in the problem is of long standing.

The thing that has disturbed me increasingly as I have listened to the testimony, and I believe everybody that has appeared here has testified in good conscience and sincerely, everybody seems to ignore one fundamental thing, as I did last fall or last summer, and that is that we propose to set up procedures which are half baked at best and I propose in my proposal, in addition to saying that within 90 days they must come up with a report, that they come up not only with a report of laws, rules, and regulations additional as are deemed necessary, but with the necessary procedures, including procedural safeguards to enforce those laws, rules, and regulations. The thing that has disturbed me increasingly as I have sat here and listened, with all due deference to all the witnesses, I have yet to find procedural safeguards that I think are essential in the conduct of such a committee.

What would be wrong with doing it the way I have suggested?

Mr. GOODELL. As I indicated at the outset, serving on the House Administration Committee, and knowing and respecting the members of that committee, I would not be in a position to say that you would not have an effective instrument to enforce ethics if we put it in that