

the hiring of staff and see to it that it was not "patronage." It would be the highest caliber of professional people.

Mr. O'NEILL. Then you would recommend, or would it be your belief, that the chairman himself would not have that power, but whoever he recommended would be put to a vote of the committee itself and they would judge his qualifications.

Mr. GOODELL. That is what I would strongly prefer. The House Administration Committee in adopting resolutions—I was on the Subcommittee on Accounts that heard from each committee asking for its money for staff and other operations—normally places the money in the hands of the chairman. The House rules require the chairman of the committee to sign the various papers necessary for expenditure of money. I presume that would apply in this case, but I would hope as a practical matter it would be nonpartisan.

Mr. O'NEILL. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Before we go any further, I would like to make the observation that we have a couple of resolutions on the floor to be handled by members of this committee. It is obvious that we are not going to be able to conclude the hearings on this matter today, plus the fact that I have a commitment myself at 12:30. I wonder what the pleasure of the committee is. Can we finish with Mr. Goodell in a few minutes? If not, we could go over and have Mr. Goodell come back.

Mr. ANDERSON. Could the Chair inform us at this point how many requests he has from Members who wish to testify, in addition to Mr. Goodell?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, at this point we have Mr. Burleson, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Reid, Mr. Gude, and Mr. Riegle. I do not know whether there will be any others who want to be heard.

Mr. SISK. Mr. Chairman, if I could comment with reference to the time and procedure, if we have commitments shortly, I would suggest that, if it is possible, Mr. Goodell come back. I would like to examine Mr. Goodell at no great length but there are some questions that have been raised, in view of the fact he is speaking for the Republican leadership, that I would like to question him on. If he could return, I would appreciate it. I hesitate to limit myself to a short time because there are some matters I would like to discuss with him.

The CHAIRMAN. Very well. Under the circumstances, and without objection, the committee will resume the hearings on Tuesday.

(Whereupon, at 12:02 p.m., the committee was recessed to reconvene on Tuesday, March 14, 1967.)