

Chairman PERKINS. The committee the other morning acted and Mr. Ayres did offer a resolution and then a substitute resolution was offered by Mr. Gibbons from Florida. The substitute resolution reads as follows:

I move that under the direction of the Chairman the Staff be deployed to collect information and report back immediately to the Chairman and the Committee on the involvement of any persons employed by the Poverty Program in any of the riotous actions that have taken place in the United States.

If the minority want an investigation in Cincinnati they are going to get it by the staff just as that resolution provides, and if any responsible individual makes a statement to me as chairman of this committee that poverty workers have gone overboard and done the wrong thing, who are on the payroll of the U.S. Government, there will be an investigation in Cincinnati. So none of us is trying to cover up anything. In fact, I feel that everything should be exposed.

The bill is so important that if there are any weak points in the legislation it is the duty of us all, and incumbent upon the membership of this committee, to improve the legislation in every way possible.

I for one know that mistakes have been made and don't intend to defend those mistakes. I think that we have laws and we all must adhere to the laws that are already on the books and if there are amendments that can improve this legislation, and I know there are amendments, I know it is the duty of the committee to amend the legislation accordingly.

Thank you very much for your appearance.

Mr. HANSAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Our next witness is a member of the city council in Cincinnati. We are delighted to welcome you here. Come around, Mr. Held.

I notice we have one of our distinguished colleagues here, Representative Clancy.

Mr. CLANCY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman PERKINS. Congressman Clancy, go ahead.

STATEMENT OF HON. DONALD CLANCY, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF OHIO

Mr. CLANCY. It is my pleasure and my privilege at this time to present to this distinguished committee a very, very distinguished member of the Council of the City of Cincinnati, Mr. John E. Held, my long time friend, serving in many capacities with the city council, and he at the present time is the chairman of the Crime Study Committee, a special committee of the council, and is here to renew the request that he made through me several weeks ago in which I sent to you a telegram respectfully requesting that this committee appoint a committee of Members of Congress and not staff to come to Cincinnati and to observe first hand the programs over which this committee has jurisdiction. This request was made in response to a letter that I received from Mr. Held shortly after the riots in Cincinnati in which several members, who at that time, represented themselves as being spokesmen for various groups of the city of Cincinnati, came to the chambers in city hall and said that nothing was being done for the underprivileged and the unemployed.