

then it is my recollection that the adoption of the substitute was virtually unanimous.

Chairman PERKINS. Anything further?

Mr. THOMPSON. I am talking about the actual passage of the Gibbons' substitute after the Ayres' amendment had been rejected.

Chairman PERKINS. And I want to make it perfectly clear that my district runs within 50 miles of Cincinnati, with papers of course in the northern part of my district, and somebody else quoted for me then. I didn't even object to that, but my point is that we are not trying to cover up anything around here. We are glad to have the suggestions and I am delighted to welcome you here today, Mr. Held, and you proceed in any manner that your prefer.

STATEMENT OF JOHN E. HELD, MEMBER OF THE CINCINNATI CITY COUNCIL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CRIME STUDY COMMITTEE, CINCINNATI, OHIO

Mr. HELD. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

My name is John E. Held. I am a member of the Cincinnati City Council, which is the equivalent of an alderman in some of your areas.

I am delighted to be here and I am grateful for the opportunity, sir, to appear before this committee. I think it is very fair of you to invite any witnesses who would like to come forward to come before this committee, but I would like to say to you that if all the people who have contacted me either personally or by phone or by letter, if all of these were to come before this committee, sir, I think you would need a special train.

Chairman PERKINS. Let me say this to you, Mr. Held: I know how those things happen. I have served as a prosecuting attorney, but you are a responsible city councilman and any witnesses that you bring in here between now and next Wednesday night I will hear him whether it is a trainload or whether it is a half dozen.

Mr. HELD. I was about to say also, Mr. Chairman, that most of these folks couldn't afford the train fare, to be quite honest about it. I might add that I came up here at my personal expense. Quite frankly, sir, it is a personal sacrifice, I want to point that out, a financial sacrifice. The people I am talking about really would find it impossible to appear. I don't say this critically, sir. I wanted to simply point it out.

Chairman PERKINS. I take it that you have some good evidence that you can give us, some witnesses who have violated the law. That is what we are after. Go ahead.

Mr. CLANCY. Mr. Chairman, if you will permit me to speak at this time—

Chairman PERKINS. Yes.

Mr. CLANCY. Again the record is very clear that I sent to you a telegram, not requesting an investigation as to whether or not any specific law was violated or not. We asked you to appoint a group of members of this committee to come to Cincinnati to determine whether or not what was stated in the chambers at the city hall was correct or not. That statement was that the programs for the poor and the underprivileged and the unemployed were doing nothing for their particular circumstances at that time. That is what I requested of this committee,