

If the witnesses can make a contribution on the writing of the legislation, fine, but so far as an investigation is concerned, especially concerning the Newark rioting, I think that we should leave that to a bipartisan commission that could not be questioned or could not even be accused of in any manner playing politics.

I just hope that we can leave politics completely out of this hearing.

Mr. PUCINSKI. Mr. Chairman, I would like the record to show that this committee does not have permission to sit this afternoon. I shall not raise it as a point of order and I hope no other member will raise a point of order. I point this out merely to show that we on this side, and I was one of those who supported bringing these witnesses here today, yesterday, when this matter was brought up because we want to give the minority every opportunity to bring in their witnesses before this committee.

When we do go to the floor with this bill I would like the record to show every opportunity was afforded for that purpose to every member of this committee.

If there is something wrong with the antipoverty bill we should try to improve it, straighten it out, make it effective as an instrument so as to benefit the Nation.

I think the record should show that a point of order would lie if somebody wanted to be malicious.

Chairman PERKINS. Go ahead and make your statement.

**STATEMENT OF FRANK ADDONIZIO, CITY COUNCILMAN,
NEWARK, N.J.**

Mr. ADDONIZIO. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen: Thank you very much for affording me this opportunity.

Mr. Chairman, I believe in the antipoverty legislation. I feel that properly used it will certainly offer the poor people of this country a new vision and a new avenue for them to extricate themselves from their poverty.

However, I feel that it would be far better if the committee would ask specific questions of certainly myself—I don't know about the others—so that at least we could answer those questions that are of interest to you.

I can assure you, Congressmen, that I am here only because I feel that this legislation that offered such a great hope for so many people has not been administered properly and if it is administered properly it will open up avenues unforeseen in the United States.

Rather than make a formal statement, I would prefer having any of you ask me questions and I will try to give you the benefit of my experiences in that line.

**STATEMENT OF LEO BERNSTEIN, CITY COUNCILMAN,
NEWARK, N.J.**

Mr. BERNSTEIN. Mr. Chairman, I first would like to thank you for affording me the opportunity to appear before this committee today.

I thought it important enough to drive directly down to Newark and then fly down here directly at the last moment because I think