

we never appropriate enough money to carry out the programs which we authorize and without being disrespectful, I can say after some experience generally members of the Appropriations Committees are much more conservative than the Members of the legislative bodies. That is true in our side of the aisle as well as your side.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Thank you.

Mr. GONZALEZ?

Mr. GONZALEZ. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

Senator, we are delighted that you could be with us this morning. Those of us who recall with gratitude before we got to the Congress the great service you performed for the Nation and then the great privilege we had to share with you some experiences such as with the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group can recall only with regret that you are not sharing the forum in the Senate.

Mr. DOUGLAS. It happens to everyone, Congressman.

Mr. GONZALEZ. It happens to us now and then.

Mr. DOUGLAS. It happens to everyone. You must be resigned to it. I remember when I was a boy reading a book by Ernest Thompson Seton, the nature writer, who said that the end of every wild animal is a tragedy. The end of every politician is, in one sense, a tragedy. We must be prepared for it. It is part of life.

Mr. GONZALEZ. In your case the only tragedy is that you do not have the forum in the Senate which would enhance the magnitude of your contribution to the national well-being and interest. Nonetheless, I am delighted that you put aside this rule you mentioned about Senators who were defeated because you have a lot to contribute.

Mr. DOUGLAS. I meant that. I have been sickened by seeing so many people trying to hang onto what is nonexistent. You had better get out when you are beaten.

Mr. GONZALEZ. In any event, I take this opportunity to tell you that some of the parliamentary colleagues of Mexico inquired about you this year.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Thank you.

Mr. GONZALEZ. This was at a conference.

Mr. DOUGLAS. I have a very bad accent and they had hard work in trying to understand me.

Mr. GONZALEZ. I notice in your statement that you are convinced that the impact of truth in lending—that is, full disclosure—would be the main contribution in legislation of this type as distinguished from those who advocate governmental regulation with a fixed limit of 18 percent. I think it shows your ultimate faith in the free enterprise system.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Well, I have tried to convince the voters of Illinois for many years that those were my beliefs; sometimes with success, sometimes with less success.

Mr. GONZALEZ. I think this shows clearly that you do have that faith.

Mr. DOUGLAS. Yes; I do.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Considering that with full disclosure and truth the processes of the market will take care of themselves.

Mr. DOUGLAS. If people are substantially equal in bargaining power. Truth is not enough if a person is essentially weak in comparison with