

of the newspaper from the Speaker's lobby, he knows it is a violation of the law. If you want him to go over and get a newspaper from your district and clip something out of it, he is in violation. Of course it is ridiculous.

I would like to ask one other question.

Mr. BRESS, what is the position of a member of the Armed Forces coming over here and bringing under arms a letter, a communication, to the Armed Services Committee or Appropriations Committee or something else when he walks in that door? Unless he has specific permission from the Clerk of the House or somebody else, he is in violation, is he not?

As a member of the Armed Services, he is armed and bringing something over here, but there is no provision for it.

Mr. BRESS. I think the regulations would take care of it.

Mr. ROBERTS. But it is not our responsibility to let somebody else do the legislating; Congress has to do it. This is why we are going to pass a law, not somebody else writing something. We do not know what he is going to write. It is our responsibility to take care of it.

You can send a squad of Marines over here under arms to transport something to the chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and they are in violation.

This is just another attempt, in my estimation, of somebody to try to deprive the law-abiding citizen of having a gun around or anything else to protect himself.

Would you advise us as to what the situation would be with reference to the member of the Armed Services who comes over here under orders with a gun on him?

Mr. HARSHA. I think section 1, page 2, takes care of that.

Mr. ROBERTS. I do not believe so. So far the distinguished prosecutor has not seen fit to agree.

Mr. BRESS. I have not had a chance to answer you yet.

Mr. CRAMER. The military under the basic law has the authority to carry weapons?

Mr. ROBERTS. They will not have under this.

Mr. CRAMER. We are not repealing that, are we?

Mr. ROBERTS. It does not make any distinction.

Mr. CRAMER. I will ask the witness. Does it?

Mr. BRESS. I think this would supersede any right of the military to carry weapons.

Mr. CRAMER. The Capitol Police Force, as drafted in the legislation, should include it in its regulations.

Mr. BRESS. I think it would be the most direct way to do it.

Mr. ROBERTS. But we should put it in the law.

I have no objection to the bill if we rewrite it to say what we mean. As far as giving the discretion to some employee, I do not agree at all.

Mr. SNYDER. That may come under page 5, line 8:

None of the general laws of the United States and none of the laws of the District of Columbia shall be superseded by any provision of this Act.

I am not saying that does. I am inquiring as to whether or not that might be the answer.

Mr. ROBERTS. I think it would be real simple to write it in.

Mr. DENNEY. Mr. Chairman, I am concerned. We are passing upon a criminal law here and yet section 6, page 2, line 7, says "It shall be