

Mr. BRESS. No, sir.

Mr. WALDIE. If 40 people came in with no intention to disrupt the orderly conduct of business while we are in executive session and sat in this room, would they violate the statute?

Mr. BRESS. If your question assumes that 40 people together coming in establish the fact that there is no intention to impede, disrupt, or disturb, that would not be a violation.

Mr. WALDIE. It assumes that.

Mr. CRAMER. During executive session we are behind locked doors.

Mr. WALDIE. They were in here before you locked the doors.

If those same 40 people came into the gallery with no intention to disrupt orderly business, that same one person came into the gallery with no intention of disrupting orderly business, he would be subject to prosecution?

Mr. BRESS. Under B-2, yes.

Mr. WALDIE. Or if he came into the Rayburn Room, which is off the hall of the floor, he wandered in there, there are no doors in that room, and sat down.

Mr. BRESS. If wandering is not willful—

Mr. WALDIE. He willfully went in there. He knew it was the Rayburn Room, it was inviting and it has nice chairs. He didn't intend to interfere with orderly business. He would be subject to prosecution under this statute?

Mr. BRESS. That is correct, unless the person arresting him called it to his attention and he said "Oh, I am sorry, I didn't know this was the Rayburn Room." I am sure he would just be ushered out, then.

Mr. WALDIE. Why is it in your view or Mr. Cramer's view, the proponent of the bill, why is it more important to prevent the man from sitting in the gallery of the House of Representatives when we are not even in session, why is that more of an onerous act subject to prosecution than a fellow coming in here in executive session and sitting down? What is the distinction here?

Mr. CRAMER. One to preserve the integrity of the floor of the House.

Mr. WALDIE. Where does the Rayburn Room affect the integrity of the floor of the House? You meet with your staff, guests from out of town, et cetera, there. There is no integrity of the floor involved in the Rayburn Room. Yet that is given high priority to protect its sanctity, whereas this committee room, where there is really official business being conducted, is not extended the same priority.

What is the distinction?

Mr. FALLON. I believe when the committee is here in executive session the only experience we have ever had, for instance today, we announce we are going into executive session, and anybody who does not have business before us leaves the room.

Mr. WALDIE. And they should.

Mr. FALLON. They have done this in the past.

You are talking about one man who refuses to leave after he is told that the committee is in executive session and he has no business in the room.

I would suggest then that in that case we call the police and remove him.

Mr. WALDIE. I think you are right, Mr. Chairman. The point is that this statute demands that he be there with intent to disrupt the orderly conduct of official business, whereas if he is just sitting in the