

Mr. BRESS. I want to suggest something concerning the subject of parading, demonstrating, and picketing.

This bill now prohibits one to parade, demonstrate, or picket within any of the Capitol buildings. It says nothing about the Capitol Grounds.

The reason why it is silent is because 40 United States Code 193(g) prohibits parades on the Capitol Grounds.

Since this bill does not amend 193(g) we have 193(g) saying that it is forbidden to parade, stand, or move in processions or assemblages in the Capitol Grounds.

The present statute does not forbid a demonstration or picketing, and since they would therefore call for different language on what can be done on the grounds and what can be done in the buildings some improper inference might be drawn that possibly one is permitted to demonstrate and picket on the grounds and not in the buildings.

Therefore it was my suggestion that the words "demonstrate or picket" be included as an amendment in 193(g), either in addition to or as a substitute for the word "stand" which now appears in that section.

Mr. CRAMER. Cite the section again, please, where you suggest the amendment.

Mr. BRESS. Section 7 of the act of July 31, 1946, section 193(g) 40 United States Code. This is not touched by the pending bill.

Mr. CRAMER. I don't think there is a distinction between what is done in the building and on the grounds. It is obvious doing some of these things in the building has a more onerous effect than doing it on the outside.

Mr. BRESS. That is correct, sir.

My point was that you are now for the first time in the whole Capitol Grounds-Capitol buildings statute bringing in the words "demonstrate or picket" and you are making those words applicable only within the buildings.

Mr. CRAMER. I understand.

Mr. BRESS. There is no express prohibition against demonstrations or picketing outside of the building.

Mr. CRAMER. Depending on how you define "demonstrate."

Mr. BRESS. It has the word "stand" in there, also.

Mr. CRAMER. Stand or move in processions or assemblages. It is a pretty good definition of demonstrating, is it not?

Mr. BRESS. The fact that the two are not parallel may create some problem.

I think it can well be argued that a demonstration might involve a sitdown. If you have 10,000 people sitting down then they are neither parading, nor are they standing or moving in processions, yet they are sitting on the Capitol Grounds in the demonstration.

Mr. CRAMER. They have to have some way to get there. They have to move to get there.

I frankly do not think we should tamper with it because there are some problems related to that present law.

Mr. BRESS. I felt I should call it to your attention.

Mr. CRAMER. If you open that up you will open up Pandora's box in the other body.

Mr. FALLON. Any other questions?