

Mr. PATMAN. You don't even know, probably, what a quorum is, do you? How many is a quorum?

Mr. OLSHER. Does he know whether a quorum is required?

Mr. RAY. I believe it is.

Mr. PATMAN. I do not want to be sharp with you, but we do not want any unnecessary or unusual delays here.

How do you explain that, Mr. Hayes? That looks like kind of a game—wherein you are sending out checks, \$10,500, and asking them to send it back to you in payment of their fee, \$10,500, is that correct or not?

Mr. RAY. Mr. Chairman, before Mr. Hayes answers that question, may I be permitted to speak?

Mr. PATMAN. If you object to him answering it, and state your reasons, it will be all right.

Mr. RAY. I do.

Mr. PATMAN. Anything that a lawyer should do.

Mr. RAY. I do object, sir.

Mr. PATMAN. What are your objections?

Mr. RAY. It is my understanding that this committee is acting in a representative capacity of the House of Representatives.

Mr. PATMAN. Just state your objections. Yes.

Mr. RAY. And the Congress of the United States. I have Public Law 89-487 of the 89th Congress, Senate bill 1160. This bill was approved July 4, 1966, effective date 1 year following the date of the enactment of this act.

Mr. PATMAN. What does that have to do with this?

Mr. RAY. I will get to that, sir. "To amend section 3 of the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 324 of the act of June 11, 1946, to clarify and protect the right of the public to information, and for other purposes."

I quote: "Be it enacted by the Senate"—

Mr. PATMAN. That is the Freedom of Information Act, the Moss bill. How does that have anything to do with this?

Mr. RAY. I believe it very definitely applies, sir.

Mr. PATMAN. In what way? In what way does it apply?

Mr. RAY. I will make that clear.

Mr. PATMAN. That is the Freedom of Information Act. That is, in other words, about secrecy.

Mr. RAY. Let me make that clear.

Mr. PATMAN. Yes.

Mr. CONTE. They are experts on that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. RAY. I know I am not regarded as an expert, Mr. Conte.

Mr. CONTE. On secrecy.

Mr. PATMAN. He means on secrecy.

Mr. RAY. Section 3 of that bill says, "Every agency shall make available to the public the following information: (a) Publication in the Federal Register," and it goes on to state what every committee must make public.

Mr. PATMAN. We are not failing to make things public. We are making things public that you are not making public.

Mr. RAY. I would like to relate to the exceptions, exemptions, as they are called in section E, subsection (e).