

Mr. PATMAN. The trust instrument, I thought it had been recorded.

Mr. RAY. Right.

Mr. PATMAN. Well, that is in the public domain. There is no secrecy there, subject to the laws of Illinois as well as the Federal laws.

Mr. HAYES. We reveal this information in our seminars. There is no secrecy involved except that people don't want their affairs spread all over the newspapers and in the hands of those who might use it to their disadvantage.

Mr. PATMAN. Do I understand correctly that an ABC member must promise to never divulge any of ABC's methods or procedures or techniques or the identity of any other member?

Mr. HAYES. All the information, Mr. Chairman, to that regard is on that application form.

Mr. PATMAN. It is on the application.

Mr. HAYES. Yes, sir.

Mr. PATMAN. And it does have a statement in connection with that.

Mr. HAYES. It has some such statement, not exactly as—

Mr. PATMAN. Of the \$10,500 paid for senior membership, how much of it goes to ABC?

Mr. HAYES. The entire amount is payable to ABC as a membership fee.

Mr. PATMAN. Of the \$10,500, who gets the portion that does not go to ABC and how much is that portion?

Mr. HAYES. All of it goes to ABC.

Mr. PATMAN. Don't you have—I wouldn't say kickback, that is kind of an undignified phrase—but don't you have some method of reimbursing the member who brings the person in?

Mr. HAYES. The trustees just as in any other not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization at their discretion may make endowments to any other qualified not-for-profit organization.

Mr. PATMAN. Do any of the trustees—

Mr. HAYES. Pardon me—for services rendered.

Mr. PATMAN. Do any of the trustees receive any money from ABC, such as a salary, fees, or expenses?

Mr. HAYES. I can't answer that, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. PATMAN. The membership application states that neither the sponsor nor ABC is obligated to return any portion of the membership fee if the member fails to go ahead with the ABC system. Who, if anyone, has dropped the ABC plan and requested that the fee be returned?

Mr. HAYES. I can't reveal those facts, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. PATMAN. Well, has anyone requested it?

Mr. HAYES. I can't recall the names right now, although I do believe there are two or three who have.

Mr. PATMAN. Who have requested it.

Mr. HAYES. Yes.

Mr. PATMAN. All right. The membership application states as follows:

It is understood that while access to these methods, procedures or information is an incident to membership in Americans Building Constitutionally, that all property rights in all such material is reserved to Americans Building Constitutionally and the member is to receive only the opportunity to make use of that material in the course of his participation as a member of Americans Building Constitutionally.