

Mr. CONTE. Wait a minute right there. At that point you claimed the first amendment.

Mr. RAY. Right. We have the right to——

Mr. CONTE. Where did we demand or compel him to plead the first amendment?

Mr. RAY. The whole next——

Mr. CONTE. Wait a minute. At that point he pled the first amendment. Where was he compelled to plead the first amendment prior to that?

Mr. PATMAN. It was obvious, Mr. Conte, he was not compelled by you or any other person.

Mr. CONTE. Of course not, but I want to give him every opportunity possible to try to explain that statement. Just don't bandy words around here. You know better than that. Can you find it?

Mr. RAY. I will withdraw the word "forced."

Mr. CONTE. All right, let's go on.

Mr. RAY. If the committee will withdraw the——

Mr. CONTE. I withdraw nothing. I leave this in the record.

Mr. RAY. Yesterday my client was threatened with criminal prosecution.

Mr. PATMAN. That is not correct.

Mr. CONTE. Listen, let's not draw any "red herrings" over the issue here. You made a statement; your client made a statement. I asked you to prove it, and now you are fuzzing off on something else. I wasn't here yesterday. I was here, however, when he pled the first amendment. You said he was compelled to plead the first amendment, and now you have been proven wrong. Is that right?

Mr. RAY. You may claim that; yes.

Mr. CONTE. Well, can you claim otherwise? You have the record.

Mr. RAY. I didn't continue with the rest of the record.

Mr. CONTE. He pled the first amendment at that point. I asked you prior to his pleading the first amendment where did we, myself or anyone on this committee, compel him so to plead.

Mr. RAY. There was constant objection to his pleading that he had a right to privacy and that the members did.

Mr. CONTE. I wanted to know on what grounds. That is a legitimate question, is it not?

Mr. RAY. On what grounds?

Mr. CONTE. That is right.

Mr. RAY. Yes.

Mr. CONTE. All right. Let's go on with the questioning.

Mr. HAYES, how much effort has ABC made to help farmers establish their personal tax-exempt foundations?

Mr. HAYES. How much effort? I would say very little, if any.

Mr. CONTE. Would you say, "None at all"?

Mr. HAYES. I said very little, if any.

Mr. CONTE. Well, how about the little part. Can you tell me something about that?

Mr. HAYES. At the request of one of the sponsors, ABC conducted a seminar, an educational seminar for a group of farmers.

Mr. CONTE. Could you tell us who the sponsor was?