

tee is a necessary prerequisite to this subcommittee's power to conduct any inquiry.

My clients are entitled to be advised of the text of that grant of authority, if it exists, before responding to this subcommittee's questions or demands for documents.

Furthermore, in violation of rule 11.26(j) of the Rules of the House of Representatives, I have not been supplied with the rules of the select committee, of this committee, or of the House, so that I and my clients may be fully advised of our rights.

The committee has also failed to consider and to grant me and my clients an executive hearing when it became apparent that defamatory and degrading matter might become involved. Another example of this subcommittee's failure—

Mr. PATMAN. Wait just a minute. I never heard of that before. When did you make that request?

Mr. RAY. If I may be permitted to continue. The committee requested my grounds for objection.

Mr. PATMAN. You are raising a point that I take issue with you on. I never heard of that before.

Mr. RAY. We can discuss the issues when I complete the grounds for my objection.

Mr. PATMAN. When did you make that request?

Mr. RAY. I said, we will discuss the issues—

Mr. PATMAN. I have no recollection of it.

Mr. RAY (continuing). When I have completed the grounds for my objection.

Mr. PATMAN. I have no recollection of that at all.

Mr. RAY. Another example of this subcommittee's failure to treat my clients with cooperation and courtesy is the committee's persistent demands for lists of, and other information respecting, the members of Americans Building Constitutionally. The names of the members cannot conceivably advance a legitimate purpose of this investigation, nor has the subcommittee the power to compel Mr. Hayes to disclose the membership lists.

The subcommittee's repeated demands for the membership lists, however, raises the implication that ABC either is ashamed of its membership or has something to hide. This is not true.

But Mr. Hayes and I do intend, as is our right and duty, to protect the privacy of ABC and its members against unauthorized encroachments by the subcommittee. We will not expose them to unwarranted publicity or harassment.

Another example is the practice adopted by the subcommittee of putting questions to Mr. Hayes and Mr. Walsh, which contain assertions of supposed facts and damaging innuendoes. Such questions are purely outside any proper purpose of this investigation. These questions appear to be designed to heap abuse upon my clients, and the organizations, and ideas with which they are associated, rather than to advance any proper legislative purpose.

Legislative investigation committees may not engage in pillorying of witnesses or exposure for exposure's sake. Furthermore, if the subcommittee were properly authorized to conduct this investigation, and were conducting the investigation in a proper manner, my clients and I would question the validity of House Resolution 53 creating the Select Committee on Small Business.