

answer questions you may want to ask about the records and such as that, and as to that, why, I will defer to him.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Chairman, if I may be permitted a few remarks.

Mr. PATMAN. Yes, sir, Mr. Crowley.

Mr. CROWLEY. I have noted that a review of the prior testimony disclosed that the committee's authority to act was challenged. And at this time I respectfully ask the chairman to produce the empowering authorization to act.

I respectfully ask that the chairman produce the authority which delineates the scope of your inquiry, so that the witness and counsel may be in a position to determine the materiality and relevancy of a particular question.

Mr. PATMAN. Well, of course we would expect the attorneys to do some work on their own about investigations, too. The record, it is a matter of public record that the House Small Business Committee was created by resolution which was authorized by the Rules Committee of the House of Representatives, and was adopted by a unanimous vote of the House of Representatives. The committee is permitted to engage in investigation of certain things that were set forth in the resolution, and to also appoint subcommittees and chairmen of subcommittees for the purpose of conducting investigations. The Honorable Joe L. Evins of Tennessee was selected as chairman of the Small Business Committee, meetings were held, an organization meeting was held in particular, and certain subcommittees were appointed. One subcommittee was appointed on foundations, which we have had before in prior Congresses, in prior years. It was just a continuation, so there is nothing new about it. It is rather traditional for the committee to take up foundations, and we have been pursuing that about 5 years, and this is just a continuation of it.

I was selected as chairman of the committee, and other Members were placed on the committee to serve as representing the Foundation Study Committee of the House Small Business Committee.

We assume that you are acquainted with that. I assume that you have read these resolutions and that being true, I feel that it is as much documentation as we need under the law and the rulings of the courts in this country.

Mr. CROWLEY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SMITH. Pardon me. Now, Mr. Chairman, I take it that implicit in what you say is that you are stating to these witnesses and to their counsel that the committee regards itself as well authorized to proceed with the investigation.

Mr. PATMAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. SMITH. Now, may I complete my opening remarks. I was saving it until that. In view of the Internal Revenue investigation now underway involving these two witnesses and their organizations, may I respectfully ask you, Mr. Chairman, and the committee to adjourn the hearing or discontinue these inquiries for the immediate time being, until we can clear up and conclude the Chicago Internal Revenue investigation.

Mr. PATMAN. Well, of course that would necessarily be overruled because we can't wait on any Government agency to clear up anything, because sometimes that runs into years. We have our own responsibility outside of what any agency has, and we do not feel that we are obli-