

Have you ever inspected ABC's accounting records?

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Mr. PATMAN. You are directed to answer the question: Who is the person in charge of ABC's accounting records?

Mr. LAUREN. I respectfully decline to answer, invoking the protection of the fifth amendment, on the grounds that my answer may tend to incriminate me.

Mr. PATMAN. You are directed to answer this question. As a trustee of ABC have you ever requested a certified financial statement of that organization?

Mr. LAUREN. I respectfully decline to answer, invoking the protection of the fifth amendment, on the grounds that my answer may tend to incriminate me.

Mr. PATMAN. You are directed to answer this question.

As a trustee of ABC, have you ever requested an audit of that organization?

Mr. LAUREN. I respectfully decline to answer, invoking the protection of the fifth amendment, on the grounds that my answer may tend to incriminate me.

Mr. PATMAN. You are directed to answer this question.

Have you ever signed an ABC check?

Mr. LAUREN. I respectfully decline to answer, invoking the protection of the fifth amendment, on the grounds that my answer may tend to incriminate me.

Mr. PATMAN. You are directed to answer this question. How many ABC checks would you estimate that you have signed?

Mr. LAUREN. I respectfully decline to answer, invoking the protection of the fifth amendment, on the grounds that my answer may tend to incriminate me.

Mr. PATMAN. How many ABC checks would you estimate you have signed since October 1, 1967?

Mr. LAUREN. I respectfully decline to answer, invoking the protection of the fifth amendment, on the grounds that my answer may tend to incriminate me.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Chairman, may I inquire of counsel, first of all, have you had an opportunity to review House Resolution 53?

Mr. CROWLEY. Yes, I have, Mr. Corman.

Mr. CORMAN. You can see by that resolution the reason for an investigation of this type is to ascertain, first of all, whether the executive branch is enforcing the existing law and, secondly, whether we want to make recommendations to the Congress to change those laws.

The tax laws go to the very heart of Federal responsibility. It may well be that there has been nothing improper done by these witnesses or any other, but we may want to recommend changes in the income tax laws.

I respect your advising your clients concerning the fifth amendment. I do not want to pursue a line of questions that will necessarily be responded to by the fifth.

On the other hand, I would like to know whether you would advise your client if it would be proper for him to answer general questions