

Mr. COLMER. Yes; there were people who objected to that.

And, getting back to the gentleman's statement about the football, the gentleman will recall that—was it football or baseball—I recall that the gentleman was violently opposed to that and as a result, with some connivance with this occupant of the chair, the gentleman introduced House Resolution 207, which would amend the rules of the House to prevent nongermane matters, and that the Chair—as chairman of this committee previously, in this session of the Congress and in a previous session, attempted to do the very same thing.

And, I deplore, as I am sure the gentleman from New York does, the practice of the other body taking some bill that is nonconsequential and tacking on something entirely foreign and I hope, in spite of the gentleman's efforts in this particular case to accomplish his purpose, that he will not lose sight of the overall objective of this House doing something about this question of nongermaneness.

Mr. CELLER. May I just say, and I have had conversations on this matter, and I certainly deplore the practice of the other body tacking onto bills provisions that are utterly and entirely nongermane to the House provisions, and I do hope the matter can be given sufficient study.

That is not to say the provisions that have been added on this bill are not germane. I think they are. I think the rules of the House should be changed and whether it has been determined conclusively and clearly that which has been added on by the other body is not germane, then that nongermane provision should be sent to the committee of the House that has jurisdiction over that nongermane subject matter and considered by that committee, so the House can work its will adequately on these provisions. I share the gentleman's view on that, and I will cooperate in everything to get a rule to do away with this very, very evil practice.

Mr. COLMER. Mr. Celler, again, I remind the gentleman that I will be very happy to cooperate with him and, whenever he signifies to me that he is ready for his presentation to this committee, I will endeavor to do the best I can to get it considered.

Mr. CELLER. May I say, also, that we have a brief in preparation by the committee. We have not had a chance to work on the brief and I will have that worked on and have that within about 10 days.

Mr. MADDEN. Can we not take care of that under the reorganization bill pending before this committee?

Mr. CELLER. It could be.

Mr. SMITH. May I say, that it is not germane to the reorganization bill—

Mr. MADDEN. This committee could waive the germaneness.

Mr. COLMER. If I could make one observation on the gentleman's comments about the reorganization bill without again being distracted, I would suggest that I have not heard much from the gentleman from Indiana on this reorganization bill.

Mr. MADDEN. My tongue is calloused.

Mr. COLMER. Very well, Mr. Celler, you and I apparently differ here today on what is germane and what would be germane under the House rules in this bill.

Again, if this committee grants your request and sends this bill to the floor, then there is no opportunity to raise the question of germaneness about these questions that I have raised.