

Mr. CELLER. I would prefer that there be the usual hour of debate and then the previous question would be asked for and either voted up or down. If it is voted for, that would be the end of it. Then we could concur in the Senate amendment. If it is voted down, it would more or less have a free-for-all resolution, another motion could be made to either send it back to the Judiciary Committee or to send it to conference or consider an amendment to the bill.

Mr. SMITH. Those are the things I am trying to get some answers to so I will be able to—

Mr. CELLER. I would prefer—we have been working on this thing for months. We passed this bill way back in August and we have been working on this thing for a long, long time. I think the Members have pretty much made up their minds as to what they are going to do. The very subject of real controversy is fair housing. I do not think much debate could change Members' minds. Everybody knows exactly where he is going. That is the real crux of this bill and I do not think we need any further lengthy debate on the matter. My answer to your question is, 1 hour debate on the resolution, offer the previous question, let it be voted up or down.

Mr. SMITH. That is all the time you want. You do not request this committee to grant any type of special resolution?

Mr. CELLER. No, sir, I do not.

Mr. SMITH. To give time to debate the provisions of the bill. You are not asking us for that?

Mr. CELLER. No, sir, I am not.

Mr. SMITH. And you speak for your committee in that regard or do I have to ask them all?

Mr. CELLER. I have not spoken to all of the members of the committee, but there are a number of members here. The question could be asked of them.

Mr. SMITH. But, you personally, are not requesting additional time to debate the bill?

Mr. CELLER. No.

Mr. SMITH. You would oppose the possibility of offering an amendment during floor consideration?

Mr. CELLER. Could there be any amendment offered to the Resolution 1100. It could not be offered unless the previous question is voted down.

Mr. SMITH. Supposing we would report a separate resolution for several hours of debate and open this bill for amendment on the floor. We could do that, but you would not want us to do that?

Mr. CELLER. I would not want that done. As I said, I want to get through with this matter. Everybody else wants to get through with it. We have had this a long, long time.

Mr. SMITH. You do not want to get it back in your committee to hold hearings on the bill?

Mr. CELLER. No, I do not.

Mr. SMITH. On the voting up or down, if you think this is an unfair question or an untimely question, you may so state.

Mr. CELLER. May I give a reason why I want more or less speed on this. If the previous question is voted down and it goes to conference, for example, the bill would probably change. It has to go back to either House. I do not know what the other body might do. They are