

Mr. SMITH. I completely disagree with the gentleman's observation. The Senate is so sick of this——

Mr. O'NEILL. You do not know what the Senate will do.

Mr. SMITH. I have had some conferences over there.

Mr. SMITH. Now, just briefly, a further comment has been made that we have to dispose of this one way or another before Easter, because as the gentlemen said earlier, some march is going to occur the week we come back. Does that have anything to do with it at all?

Mr. CELLER. I do not see how you could isolate the circumstances. People will correlate those events with our consideration of the bill whether you will it or not, and my answer would be a conditional yes.

Mr. SMITH. Supposing that rumors stated in the paper, indicating that the march may be postponed, and it is postponed from the week of the 22d of April when we are to come back. Does that change the circumstances so we can have our Easter recess and come back and handle the bill then?

Mr. CELLER. That is what Franklin D. Roosevelt would call an "iffy" question.

Mr. SMITH. It seems I cannot get a good answer from anybody on anything.

Mr. CELLER. I am sore put to answer a question like that.

Mr. SMITH. We are going to have a tax bill here some time around April 30. We will have to hear that—we have got a lot of bills around here.

Mr. CELLER. I started—I wanted to get this bill out. We have so many contingencies. We have Easter recess, we have the Republican National Convention starting in August and we do not have very much time. If you want to get a civil rights bill out, considering all of these factors, so I say, take it or leave it.

Mr. SMITH. Do you want to answer my question whether or not if Mr. King's march occurs on the 29th it would make things easier and we can go home and see where the districts are and you can see how you are running in New York?

Mr. CELLER. I have got a primary contest.

Mr. SMITH. I have 75,000 new people and I do not know them from Adam. You would like to have me go home?

Mr. CELLER. I like you so well I want you to stay.

Mr. SMITH. I would just like to get an answer to the question. Here or sometime in the cloakroom, I hope somebody will tell me because I want to help get a bill on the floor, though I am not going to vote for this.

I will pass to the gentleman from Indiana.

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Celler, you stated that you would be satisfied with this committee reporting this bill out with 1 hour of debate.

Would you object if we saw fit to give about 3 or 4 hours so that the rest of the committee could talk on it or possibly some of the other Members could talk on it?

Mr. CELLER. My preference is 1 hour. If the committee wants to increase it, they have the authority. I would prefer 1 hour.

Mr. MADDEN. But, you would not object to 3 or 4 hours?

Mr. CELLER. I cannot object to what this committee does.

Mr. MADDEN. Would you think the committee members might want to speak on this?