

opposed civil rights and housing, voted for this bill in the Senate. Senator Mundt was one who voted for this bill, Dominick and a lot of Members that never voted for civil rights, never voted for housing—they voted for this bill. So, there is nothing that anybody should fear about this legislation being enacted into law this year.

Mr. COLMER. Gentlemen, we have not finished with the first witness. We have 11 more who have signified their intention or desire to testify on this matter. Obviously, we cannot go any further right now. I would like to know what the will of the committee is. As far as the chairman is concerned, I see no reason why we should not come back here at about 1:30. At least we can finish with Mr. Celler.

Mr. CELLER. May I be excused; Mr. Rogers, Mr. Corman, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Mathias of Maryland, and others are here. I have a very important engagement in New York. As I said, I am in a primary fight. Self-preservation is the first law of—

Mr. BOLLING. I have one comment. I suggested that the hearing on this matter start some time ago and if there is any squeeze developing on the hearing it is not the fault of the then minority of the committee.

Mr. COLMER. The Chair appreciates the gentleman's observation.

The Chair would like to make one of his own. One, that this matter is going to be concluded before April 9 and I was just addressing myself to the desires and wishes of the committee. If the Chair is going to have to make the decision, I will make it.

Mr. QUILLEN. I think we will have some questions.

Mr. COLMER. So far as the gentleman from New York is concerned, the chief proponent—or I should say, the key proponent—there might be some other people who would like to interrogate him.

I would like to accommodate the gentleman from New York, just as I want to accommodate the wishes of the committee.

Could the gentleman be here in the morning?

Mr. CELLER. I would prefer Monday morning. As I said, this is a contest that I have to address myself to and it is a very important matter developing, and I want to be back in New York for that purpose. The other members of the committee could—

Mr. COLMER. Very well, sir. Mr. Chairman, we will have you come back next week.

Then, the committee will recess until 10:30 tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 12:25 p.m., the committee was recessed, to reconvene at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 29, 1968.)