

of the committee, has indicated a couple of times during his testimony that the House has voted on this matter. That is a true statement. But I think we ought to elaborate on that. It wasn't the 90th Congress that voted on it. We had how many new additions in this Congress?

Mr. CELLER. I accept that change. I should have said the Congress speaking generally.

Mr. LATTI. We have got a lot of new Members in this Congress who weren't here when this matter was before the House in 1966. Certainly we ought to give these new Members an opportunity to express themselves on these amendments.

Mr. QUILLEN. One observation, Mr. Celler. You said when you push a balloon on one side it pushes out on the other. My question in the beginning, Who is pushing the balloon; is it Martin Luther King or Bobby Kennedy? Johnson is no longer in the race, Mr. Celler.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. McCulloch? Is Mr. McCulloch here?

He was to be our next witness. I understood that is what he preferred. He may have a different idea now.

Thank you, Mr. Celler.

Mr. CELLER. I thank you and the members of the committee.

The CHAIRMAN. Gentlemen of the committee, we have, as I said a moment ago, practically 2 days and all of the hearings have been on hearing Mr. Celler. Now we have 12 more witnesses. This committee is in a straitjacket. It must decide on this matter on next Tuesday.

We have some very important business on the floor this afternoon. Among other things, we are going to engage in another legislative act of futility by making Members of this Congress honest. I don't know how that is going to be done. But, nevertheless, we are going to engage in it. I imagine we will all vote for it. But the question is that we are going to have to get down and stay in session here the rest of this week, apparently, to come to some conclusion on this matter.

Mr. Whitener, how long a statement would you have?

Mr. YOUNG. If I might ask, Mr. Chairman, are we going to have any time for hearing on other legislation?

The CHAIRMAN. We are going to have to hear some legislation that has already been set down for tomorrow. I omitted to mention that.

Mr. Whitener, how long will your statement be?

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Chairman, I have no prepared statement.

The CHAIRMAN. Suppose we, in the interest of time, and in the absence of Mr. McCulloch, proceed with you as long as we can before we have to go to the floor.

The Chair appreciates your appearance.

STATEMENT OF HON. BASIL L. WHITENER, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee on Rules, I have not heard all of the statement of my distinguished chairman, Mr. Celler. I was privileged to hear the first day of his testimony.

I note that in his statement on the first day of hearings he said that the Senate bill contained "many provisions not in the House bill." Of course, in this day and time, it is hard to pick out the understatement of the year. But that statement by Mr. Celler would be in the contest.