

and rioters and rowdies who have run so rampantly through the streets of our cities in recent months. Therein lies the real danger to our country, rather than in whether or not a person disposes of his real estate without discrimination.

Surveys have shown that much of the crime which results from these enemies to the welfare of our nation goes unreported simply because people feel the police could do nothing about it. We need laws to offset this sense of public helplessness and to arm our law enforcement officers so that they can stop the wave of crime. H.R. 2516, with the exception of the provisions I have cited as worthy of consideration, would place us further within the power of the demonstrators and looters and make us even more their victims.

Let us help the people and the police, not the lawbreakers.

What has happened to our American statesmanship that we have created such conditions as now exist in this country? Recently in an article appearing in the April 1 issue of Newsweek magazine there appeared an article sponsored by a large American industry containing the following passage which I commend to you for your consideration:

"We pamper criminals and hamper police, when the police are all that save us from anarchy.

"We spend billions to pay people not to work—when we need the workers, and haven't got the billions.

"Devoted men in uniform spend their lives, underpaid and in jeopardy, fighting to keep our nation safe. Then, for political advantage, we sweep aside their gravest advice.

"Companies which provide millions of the best-paying jobs in the world were built out of profits made by ambitious men who plowed those profits back, to make more. Now Government and unions call such men selfish, and tax and destroy the profits vital to tomorrow's jobs.

"We spend billions to get to the moon, for some ridiculous 'prestige,' instead of using those billions to reduce our debt and make us safe and solvent again.

"For voters at home we placate our enemies abroad and attack our friends (and how we need those friends!).

"We concentrate more and more power in a central government (too often of little people) and so weaken the local governments—which are the very essence of democracy and freedom.

"We spend billions for foreign aid and let prosperous foreigners who owe us billions spend our money to deprive us of our dangerously needed gold.

"Commonsense used to be the outstanding trait of Americans. In heaven's name, what has happened to it?"

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Aspinall.

**STATEMENT OF HON. WAYNE N. ASPINALL, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE FOURTH
DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I appreciate the opportunity of being heard here at this time on the matter that is taking the attention of this committee.

I appear in a somewhat different light than I usually appear. I usually appear in support of legislation coming from my committee and seldom ever take a position against other legislation. I suppose it could be said that I appear here this morning more in a state of frustration and bewilderment than perhaps in any other condition.

It has been my—

The CHAIRMAN. Pardon me, again. There is plenty of that in this committee too.

Mr. ASPINALL. It has been my policy, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, that those who are engaged and responsible for legislation should follow duly established rules and procedures and that such should not be sacrificed for end goals, no matter how desirable and worthy such goals may be. And if the goals and the methods by