

deal has been said heretofore in this committee about housing. And——

Mr. ASPINALL. If the gentleman from Texas wants my position on the housing condition, I would state first there isn't a single citizen in the United States of America that can point his finger of criticism at me as far as civil rights is concerned. I say that without any qualification whatsoever.

Colorado has a stronger and stricter housing provision than this act provides. It only differs in a few particulars, as far as procedures are concerned. But we have had it for years on our books.

So we are not particularly interested as far as housing is concerned. I am interested as far as gun laws are concerned. I think here is another piece of legislation by a few people who don't even understand what guns are and who don't understand how it is that you murder people. You don't have to have a gun to murder people. Character assassination, by the way, is just as much to be deplored as violent assassination of the individual body.

You don't have to have this kind of legislation. Anybody who knows the fundamentals of our Government knows that is not right. You are not going to settle riots by the matter of guns.

As most of you know, my son is the Governor of Samoa. And just recently they had a riot in Samoa. They didn't have to have guns. They were getting at each other with injuries that were just as deplorable as anything you find in riots. All they did was to take some 2 by 4's and drive twentypenny spikes into the 2 by 4's and rush toward the opposing forces. It is silly. But anyhow, I don't intend to come up here and talk about that.

Mr. YOUNG. I thank the gentleman and I want to say I couldn't agree more with what he said about character assassination being as bad as assassination with guns.

In connection with the housing, there has been a great deal said in this committee before and some emphasis has been laid on the fact that 22 States have open-housing legislation.

Since our last meeting, I have been advised that of the 22 States that do have the open housing, only two of those 22 involve the provisions contained here with regard to real estate dealers.

I am very much concerned about what this legislation does to, what violence it does to the law of agency in connection with real estate people.

That is all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, I believe in that connection that you will find the State laws are preempted under this. I think I am correct about that, I am not sure.

Mr. YOUNG. That may be.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Latta?

Mr. LATTA. I too want to add my words of commendation that have been given to the chairman in appearing here in support of the Indians, which he always does. And certainly to point out something I didn't know until you spoke this morning, something I hadn't read in the papers, haven't heard on television, that there is a possibility here you might be violating some treaties which the U.S. Government has signed with the Indians by the passage of this legislation.

Mr. ASPINALL. There appeared before our committee last Friday representatives of the Pueblos in northern New Mexico. Those gov-