

ernors carried with them two symbolic canes and they are just as important to those tribes of Indians as the seal is to the United States of America. One was given by the representatives of the Spanish conquistadores, another was given by Abraham Lincoln. Abraham Lincoln's name is engraved upon the head of the cane that was given to them.

Those Indians have their rights stemming from relationships with the peoples who subdued them.

Mr. LATTA. This just points up again what could possibly happen by legislating in haste. And certainly if this committee had been stampeded by the press and by the leadership of the House and by this administration into immediately reporting this legislation to the floor without adequate hearings, this matter would never have come out.

It points up the need to have legislation go to the appropriate committees for thorough consideration regardless of the type legislation when it is passed by the Senate, where they have absolutely no rules as to what is germane.

I hope before too long this House will take some action to amend its rules so we won't be accepting any of those nongermane amendments from that Senate.

I also want to point out the gentleman indicated they had S. 1843 before their committee and you said you have had one hearing on it?

Mr. ASPINALL. We have had a hearing. And we programed the hearing, Mr. Latta, just as soon as we possibly could find time. And we are trying to find more time. Of course the way this is proceeding, we may be overridden and there won't be any reason for us to consider it any longer.

Mr. LATTA. As I understand it, that is the same language in this bill we are now considering?

Mr. ASPINALL. That is right. That is the Senate bill?

Mr. LATTA. Have the Indians appeared in opposition at that one hearing?

Mr. ASPINALL. They appeared in opposition last Friday and we will have other Indians appearing before our committee. But here again, Mr. Latta, there is too much news media operation here. Because some of the Indians, not the Indians themselves, but some people who make their living off of representing Indians, and allegedly speaking for the Indians, have written to me saying that they didn't have any notification of the meeting. They couldn't have been heard if there had been notification, as far as that was concerned. But it was well publicized throughout that we were going to have these meetings. But you find these kinds of people who are driving toward their own individual objectives.

We will have more hearings, if we are given a chance, we will have more hearings and we will clean up the legislation to the best of our ability.

Mr. LATTA. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, as a matter of fact, Mr. Aspinall, this Indian nongermane amendment was put in on the floor of the Senate, wasn't it?

Mr. ASPINALL. Yes. I understand that it didn't come in from the committee recommendation, as I understand it.