

The CHAIRMAN. And therefore there was practically no consideration given or the people affected weren't given any opportunity to present their views.

Mr. LATTA. If the gentleman will yield, let me emphasize that point.

I think it is important in the legislative process, that the people to be affected by the passage of the legislation have the opportunity to be heard. In this case, as you point out, they did not have the opportunity to be heard, because it was adopted on the floor of the Senate. And if we reported this bill they wouldn't have had an opportunity to be heard, even though they are in opposition to the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. I might add that I had a telegram from some of the chiefs, I say some of them, I assume there are more than one, of some Indian tribes who wanted to come up here and be heard. But of course we couldn't hear them before this committee.

Mr. ASPINALL. There are some Indian tribes who apparently are for this legislation.

The CHAIRMAN. They were not the ones who wired me.

Mr. Anderson?

Mr. JOHN ANDERSON. One other question does occur to me.

There was some testimony, Mr. Aspinall, I think, that titles II through VIII were the subject of a bill that passed the Senate by a vote of 88 to nothing I believe in the first session of the 90th Congress. Is that correct?

Mr. ASPINALL. That is correct. I don't know what the vote was.

Mr. JOHN ANDERSON. I don't know. Did the Urban Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights conduct fairly extensive hearings at that time on the substance?

Mr. ASPINALL. There were no hearings held by any committee in the other body during the 90th Congress on this particular matter in the bill that was passed by the Senate and sent over to the House and referred to the committee which I chair. There were hearings held during the 90th Congress on a similar bill, but it had different provisions from the bill which is now before my committee. And most of those hearings were held, Mr. Anderson, without a Member of the other body being present in the committee hearings. They were held by counsel of the committee in charge. And that was the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. JOHN ANDERSON. They better do something about the attendance on the other side of the Capitol.

Mr. ASPINALL. Here we are.

I was going to say something to Mr. Latta, we can't make rules apparently that interfere with their operations, even though it displeases us a great deal. And the same thing is true over there on the question of hearings.

Mr. JOHN ANDERSON. Thank you.

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make this observation: Here we have the Indian chiefs wanting to come and testify in an orderly fashion before your committee, Mr. Aspinall. On the other hand, as the main impetus of this measure, we find this other minority group headed by Martin Luther King coming into Washington, using threats and intimidations.

I would just like to point out the difference of the character of the two groups, both Americans, one by force, the other by coming in