

Mr. QUILLEN. I remember from my district, Andrew Johnson represented this particular district in the Congress of the United States, and I remember when he became President how he worked to create equal rights and equal opportunities.

So I don't speak from the Deep South. As the chairman of this committee said, this is not a North or a South proposition. What I dislike, and I will say this in closing, what I dislike is that this minority group can burn down parts of big cities, can murder and rape, and get by with it and then can threaten the Congress and the Congress capitulates.

I think it goes much further than the saying about justice delayed is justice denied. And I say that in closing, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Young, any questions?

Mr. YOUNG. No questions, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Latta?

Mr. LATTA. Only one question, and that is on the matter of procedure. You indicated—I think the chairman was asking you a question about the procedure being used in this case—that your chairman had testified that he didn't oppose the procedure being used, meaning the taking of bills out of committees like the gun control bill out of your committee, and the Indian bill out of the Interior Committee and putting it in another bill and passing it without those committees having an opportunity to act on the legislation before their committees.

You responded that your committee chairman agreed with this and you agreed with your committee chairman. Now, let me pose this question to you. Forgetting about civil rights, forgetting about any other bills, would your answer have been the same if you were appearing here now if this committee, while your Judiciary Committee was considering gun control legislation and had been considering it for a long time, had taken it from your committee and heard it without your committee acting on it—and we have the power to do that—would your answer have been the same and would your committee chairman's answer have been the same, or would you and your committee chairman be up here yelling like squealing pigs?

Should I restate the question?

Mr. MATHIAS. No, I understand the question very clearly. And I don't want to be redundant, but I would say again that important legislation follows certain channels. They aren't always the same channels. I believe that in this case this is appropriate.

Now, when the gentleman puts to me a hypothetical case, I can't give him a hypothetical answer and I don't propose to do so.

Mr. LATTA. I asked about gun control legislation. Now, this is the procedure you would like to have this committee follow and this Congress to follow. There is a lot of legislation in your committee and a lot of these other committees that we could order up here while you are considering it. I can hear you and the other committee members and especially committee chairmen and your committee chairman up here opposing that procedure.

Mr. MATHIAS. I would think, if the gentleman considers it in this case, I would think that would be a very important consideration for the Rules Committee to weigh in the balance, whether or not the members of the substantive legislative committee did or didn't object—I