

think that that would be a very important consideration, and I am glad the gentleman has been persistent.

And I think that whether or not the members of the substantive legislative committee felt they were being ousted of their jurisdiction and whether they were violently opposed to that ouster would be an important consideration before you acted here.

Now, in this case you have the feeling on the part of the Judiciary Committee, or many members of the Judiciary Committee—I know it is not unanimous—but on the part of many members of the Judiciary Committee that this is the appropriate way to proceed in this matter at this time.

Mr. LATTA. I am not talking about this matter at this time. I gave you a hypothetical case dealing with your gun control legislation which your committee has had for months and months and has not reported to the floor of the House.

Now you have gun control legislation in this bill by the devious methods employed by the Senate and the question is whether you would act the same if you were testifying before us on that legislation?

Mr. MATHIAS. I would have to read the words, and before I read the words I am not going to give a hypothetical answer, and you wouldn't either.

Mr. LATTA. I know you are doing a good job evading that question. But your position would not be the same, I know, and your chairman's position would not be the same, had we done that to the gun control legislation that your committee was considering and is now considering. If we called it before this committee for consideration you would be up here objecting to this procedure. Now you come before this committee and say, "We agree with the procedures used in this case," when you wouldn't have agreed to do it in connection with the gun control legislation.

That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will stand in recess until 1:45.

(Whereupon, at 12:08 p.m., the luncheon recess was taken.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order.

We resume the hearings on House Resolution 1100. We will hear Mr. Sikes, the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. Sikes the committee will be glad to hear you.

STATEMENT OF HON. ROBERT L. F. SIKES, A REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Mr. SIKES. Thank you Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I am opposed to H.R. 2516, the bill which you are considering. I feel that it should go to conference where hopefully a better product can result than the measure now before you.

There is much I would like to discuss in this bill, but because of the pressure of time which affects all of us, I shall touch only on two sections which I consider particularly objectionable. One of these is the open housing section.