

They have the privilege under this resolution you are supporting to vote the resolution down. So don't you think that is the legislative process that is working?

Mr. REIFEL. Mr. Madden, as I mentioned in my statement, under almost any other circumstance I would support Mr. Aspinall, a very dear friend of mine, a great champion of Indian rights, that this should go to his committee.

But this is a part of more basic legislation which is the rights to be protected for every American citizen, or at least expanded.

Mr. MADDEN. Of course we have had educational bills in the past that got tied up in this legislative log jam that I just narrated a few minutes ago, technically speaking, and now considering the fact that we, finally you might say, have come out of the darkness and passed some real educational legislation in the last few years in the Congress where millions of youngsters heretofore never had an opportunity to get an education, don't you think as long as we are this far along with legislation to help this great minority group of Indians, that it is just good legislation to let the membership vote on this resolution on the floor of the House?

Mr. REIFEL. That is the point I attempted to make in the statement, that there is nothing bad in this legislation. It is good legislation. It does protect the individual and his civil rights.

Mr. MADDEN. Could I get a copy of that statement of yours?

Mr. REIFEL. Certainly.

Mr. MADDEN. Would you give me permission to put it in the Congressional Record?

Mr. REIFEL. I certainly will.

The CHAIRMAN. It will be recorded in the hearing.

Mr. MADDEN. Yes, but the Members won't get to read it, you see.

The CHAIRMAN. I just called that to your attention.

Mr. MADDEN. I think it may be well to have the Members get brought up on this Indian question, so when they vote on this resolution, which I hope they will get an opportunity to do, they will have the knowledge about it.

Mr. REIFEL. Thank you very much.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Anderson?

Mr. JOHN B. ANDERSON. Mr. Chairman, I merely want to join in commending my colleague for a splendid statement. He certainly speaks from a great background of personal experience and knowledge. And I think his statement perhaps more than any other today has served to underscore the fact that these hearings, far from being the vehicle for the real estate interests to merely prolong and delay a decision on this matter, are serving to illuminate the bill and to educate the members of this committee and I think Members of the House on how important and how fundamental some of these provisions of the bill are.

I think you have made a great contribution.

Mr. REIFEL. Thank you, Mr. Anderson.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Delaney, any questions?

Mr. DELANEY. No; except to join with the rest of my colleagues in saying that legislation for the protection of the Indian rights is long, long overdue.