

on legislation. And why this should be delayed, this bill, at this particular time, I don't know. It has been delayed and redelayed.

And if there ever was a time to do something for civil rights and for the people of this Nation who have been crying for legislation like this, now is the time to report this Resolution 1100 out and let the 435 Members of Congress vote it up or down.

And I think that would be democracy.

Mr. MARTIN. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MADDEN. Yes.

Mr. MARTIN. You made the statement that the Senate bill was watered down from the House version. If that is correct, and I do not agree with the gentleman's conclusions on this point, but assuming that is correct, don't you think the House should have the right to amend this bill and then make it stronger than the Senate bill?

According to the provisions of resolution, we won't have that opportunity.

Mr. MADDEN. In my opinion, it might be watered down, it has been watered down, but in other Members' opinion it might not be. But nevertheless democracy functions by this resolution coming on the floor of the House and let the Members be counted up or down.

If this bill has been amended by the Senate in such a way that it is not acceptable, if this resolution is reported out tomorrow, or Wednesday, democracy can function, the Members can vote it up or down.

But let's give the other 435 Members an opportunity to legislate.

The CHAIRMAN. Will the gentleman yield to me at that point?

Mr. MADDEN. Yes; I will be glad to.

The CHAIRMAN. I certainly have no desire to get into an argument with the gentleman, but it is difficult for me to understand the gentleman's definition of democracy. If we send this bill down under your resolution, isn't it true that the House would have no opportunity to do anything except vote on it?

Mr. MADDEN. Under the previous question, they can reject it and then control goes over to the minority Member, and they can move to have it sent to conference, or even sent to the Judiciary Committee.

The CHAIRMAN. That is rather a rare occurrence.

Mr. MADDEN. There is nothing rare about it. I think it was done on two former occasions that I know of where the Rules Committee did the same thing.

The CHAIRMAN. Wouldn't the gentleman agree with me that the more democratic way to handle this legislation would be to follow the usual course and send it to conference with all of these many amendments?

Mr. MADDEN. By past performances that wouldn't be very democratic, because it would land right over there where eight or 10 men can tie it up and bury it for this session. That is not democracy. Democracy is to send this resolution down here tomorrow and let 435 Members representing the people of the United States vote here up or down. That is democracy.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, my people sent me to the House of Representatives and I have to function under the House rules.

Mr. MADDEN. Maybe we should have a filibuster, a rule 22, like they have in the other body, where democracy does not function. But thank