

God we have a legislative body on this side where the Members can vote by majority. And that is the way I think the people of this country decided to have their legislative problems settled, not by two-thirds of a majority, but by a simple majority.

And this resolution can be voted up or down by a majority of the House if this committee reports it out tomorrow. That is all I have to say. I admire my chairman because he is not affiliated with a crowd that filibusters. We don't filibuster; we act; we are a legislative body.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Anderson, any questions?

Mr. JOHN B. ANDERSON. I was just going to say, Mr. Chairman, my good friend from Indiana, Mr. Madden, has made so many derogatory remarks this morning about the other body, how they legislate and how they arrived at this decision, that he may change my mind before the morning is over, and I am sure he wouldn't want to do that, about accepting their bill.

So you had better take it a little easy on our brothers on the other side. The only comment I have is: the gentleman from South Carolina said we should not abdicate our responsibility to arrive at a decision on a sound and reasonable basis, even though we are laboring under a great stress of emotion.

I thoroughly agree with him. The gentleman does appreciate that as far as this committee is concerned, the fact that we will vote tomorrow on this legislation represents the fulfillment of a decision that was taken in this committee on the 19th of March, when we voted to hold these hearings, to give everybody like yourself a chance to come up here and be heard on the bill, and then, in the normal and due course of events, vote on the 9th of April on the question of reporting out Mr. Madden's resolution.

So I hope the gentleman doesn't suggest that in any action that the committee takes, we are doing anything that is not in the normal course of orderly legislative procedure.

Mr. WATSON. Mr. Anderson, let me say and underscore the fact that the way you have handled it, the deliberate manner that you have conducted the hearings thus far, I believe is commendable. I did not intend, if such were inferred, to impugn the motives of this committee.

I do not. In response to my friend's position from Indiana, and it might relate to your position now, things have transpired since this committee first made that determination to report this bill out tomorrow.

Most traumatic things have happened. I think the American people of all persuasions would appreciate the fact that so traumatic have been these things that it would warrant further discussion and consideration of the matter, so as to not let it be debated at a time of emotion and stress.

Now, had the events of Thursday evening not developed, then I am sure that the House expected you gentlemen to report it out tomorrow as you said you would, and that would have been deliberate speed, to be sure. But I am sure that my friends would understand that things have happened since you earlier made that commitment that I believe reasonable people on all sides of this question would say that Congress now should hesitate in this hour of emotional strain and stress and provide for more calm, deliberate, and intelligent consideration of this matter.