

of this committee. It was just a question of what form it was going to take.

Mr. LATTA. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. And while we are expressing opinions, I would like to express mine further, for whatever it is worth. I went home Thursday evening with the conviction that we had the votes to send this bill to conference in an orderly fashion, the form that legislation usually takes.

But after what happened in Memphis I must confess that I had some doubt in my mind whether that action would be taken. I could be mistaken. But that was my opinion about it after having put in quite a little time to that end.

Mr. BOLLING. Will the gentleman yield to me?

Mr. LATTA. Yes.

Mr. BOLLING. I would not want to enter into a contest with my chairman on this matter, but I have been counting votes in the Rules Committee on these matters, I think, as long as he has, and I just want to reexpress my opinion that I think we had one extra over the necessary number on Thursday.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, the gentleman possibly read into my statement something—if the gentleman would yield to me further—that I didn't say. I didn't say whether it was in this committee or on the floor. I am not so sure now that, in spite of all this emotion and hysteria, the House will take a bill that has been rewritten and many, many foreign matters added to it without giving some consideration to the orderly process of sending it to conference.

Mr. BOLLING. The events will prove who is right.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, that always happens, even at a horse race, you know.

Mr. O'NEILL. I am sure you have been around here long enough to know the administration and leadership have taken many head counts, and have been mistaken. So we are dragging the old flag across the trail again.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, we are getting into another field now. That was my understanding.

Mr. LATTA. I think maybe we are conducting a filibuster now, so I refuse to yield.

The CHAIRMAN. You go ahead and finish.

Mr. LATTA. I am through.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. O'Neill?

Mr. O'NEILL. No questions.

Mr. CHAIRMAN. Mr. Sisk?

Mr. SISK. No questions, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Young?

Mr. YOUNG. No questions, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Matsunaga, we welcome you back.

Mr. MATSUNAGA. Thank you very much. Mr. Chairman, I am sorry I wasn't here Friday.

The CHAIRMAN. We understand you have been ill.

Mr. MATSUNAGA. I might just reemphasize that the action taken to vote on this measure was taken long before the nightmarish weekend we had, and I wish to join the gentleman from Illinois, Mr. Anderson, in emphasizing and reemphasizing the fact, lest some misunderstand-