

ing be gotten from what has been said earlier. Thank you very much. That is all.

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, Mr. Madden?

Mr. MADDEN. I want to clear up possibly some of the statements made regarding this being such an exceptional procedure, which it is not. Many times a bill is sent over by the Senate that has been changed in a major or minor way, that has been passed on the House floor by unanimous consent.

And many times it is sent to conference, and on several occasions that I know of, bills that have been sent over by the Senate have been sent to the Rules Committee. Now, for the record, I would just like to read this:

In the civil rights area alone, this identical procedure has been used twice in recent years. Both in 1960 and in 1964 civil rights bills were amended by the Senate and then returned to the House.

The same as this bill.

In both instances backers failed to obtain unanimous consent to vote on the Senate amendments without a conference. In both instances a Rules Committee resolution was obtained—

The same as here—

bringing the bill directly before the House for an immediate vote and in both instances the House agreed to accept the Senate amendments.

Now, I refer you to the Congressional Record of April 21, 1960, page 8497, and July 2, 1964, page 15869. That is all.

Mr. WATSON. Mr. Chairman, may I make a final statement here?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. WATSON. Perhaps I can restate my position. In the light of the fact that there will apparently be a move to press forward under the present schedule and ignore the conditions that presently exist, I would urge that we get together with Mr. Madden, since he has pleaded the democratic process, and that you give us an open rule so that the House might work its will on this particular measure.

I am sure that is the most democratic process that we can have. And I am sure that the gentleman from Indiana would support that, in that his basic position is to support the great democratic process, and allow us sufficient time to debate the issue.

If it runs into Good Friday or over into Easter, we are willing to stay around and do that. I just thought perhaps under the shocking trauma we have experienced over the weekend, that perhaps it would justify some change in the procedure or the schedule for the handling of this bill.

But apparently it does not. So my only request is, in the great democratic processes, allow the House to work its will through an open rule and give us adequate time to debate the extensiveness of this legislation.

Mr. MADDEN. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. WATSON. Certainly.

Mr. MADDEN. We have already given an open rule on this last July or August. We gave an open rule on this bill, and it was debated on the floor of the House.

Mr. WATSON. If I may stand corrected, not on this particular measure. I understood it just came over from the Senate a short time ago.