

to make it work is to give it responsibility and make it perform. The idea of taking powers away from the State simply because they have not performed, to me, carries the seeds of destroying the whole federal system. I don't approve of that.

The CHAIRMAN. Of course, the gentleman, in subscribing to that theory, I am afraid, puts himself in the position with some of us older people who subscribe to that doctrine and believe that the 10th amendment to the Constitution is still part of it.

Of course, the gentleman will recall that those powers are not specifically delegated to the Federal establishment, the Government shall remain in the Congress or the people. But that amendment seems to have been lost sight of in all of this theory about appealing to the minority groups.

I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Latta?

Mr. LATTA. The gentleman mentioned that the District of Columbia has an open-housing bill.

Mr. WIGGINS. I believe I said that; yes, sir.

Mr. LATTA. How does that compare with this one? Is it as tough, so to speak, as this bill?

Mr. WIGGINS. In answer to the gentleman, I would have to say I am not that well acquainted with the provisions of the District's open-housing bill. I am relying upon statements made to me that (a) we have such a bill; and (b) we have made one for some time. I have not had the occasion to review its text, so I cannot answer the gentleman with any authority.

Mr. LATTA. Then if the District of Columbia does have a bill and it is an effective piece of legislation, which I would think it would be, it sort of lays waste to the argument that we have got to pass this in undue haste or we are going to have riots because if they had riots here in the District of Columbia to the extent that the papers say they did, and the television says they did, it seems not to be related to the matter of open housing.

I didn't see too many signs saying they would want open housing in the District of Columbia. I think we had testimony before this committee that 22 States also had open housing, including the State of Ohio. I heard last night where they had a riot in Cincinnati. They had one in Youngstown. So apparently it is not related to this problem we have been considering here before our committee.

Mr. WIGGINS. It might be, in answer to the gentleman, a fair comment to ask, Have we had a riot in the States that do not have an open-housing law? I am sure that we probably have had. I certainly agree that legislation of this sort has got to be totally unrelated to the emotional issue on the street. I hope that we will view it without reference to any incidents of the last few days.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Mr. Wiggins.

Mr. WIGGINS. I thank the chairman for the privilege of testifying.

The CHAIRMAN. Because of, first, the vote to be taken to wind this matter up today, and the agreement of the committee this morning informally that the committee will go into executive session at 11:30, I suspect that this will conclude the hearing.

I understand, Mr. McCulloch, that you had a statement that you wanted to present to the committee.