

Mr. BRADEMAS. I think one of the points I am trying to get across, Mr. Chairman, is that it would be fair to conclude that there probably wouldn't be any programs at all if it were not for the support of Democratic Congressmen from nonagricultural areas.

I think what is of concern to a number of us on this committee who do not represent completely rural areas is that there is recognition on the part of at least the Democrats on this committee of the interdependent nature of our economy and the reciprocal nature of the support which is given by members of this committee to legislation coming out of the gentleman's committee is, I think, most relevant in view of the general tone of the resolution which the gentleman from Texas is speaking to this morning.

For instance, I represent a district where we have a number of dairy farmers, but there is no necessary connection between their requirements and those of, say, ricegrowers. Other members of this committee can make similar comments. Nonetheless, there does appear to be significant support from northern Democratic Congressmen for legislation to benefit agriculture in the southern part of the United States.

So I hope I have made my point clear. I don't have any profound questions to propound to the gentleman, but only to express the feeling that there is apparently little awareness on the part of many members of the gentleman's committee of where the votes come from to pass the bills that come out of the gentleman's committee. Otherwise, I think on second thought the members of the gentleman's committee would have said, "Now, wait a minute, why attack our friends?"

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. THOMPSON. Thank you, Mr. Brademas.

Mr. Scheuer?

Mr. SCHEUER. Mr. Chairman, I, too, wish to welcome you here today and I recognize you as being one of our distinguished leaders on the Hill and one who by his words and by his votes has been sympathetic to legislation that comes out of this committee and other urban-oriented committees.

Having said that about you personally, Mr. Chairman, I wish to express my sense of disappointment and dismay perhaps that the records of your colleagues on that committee haven't represented the sensitivity, the openmindedness that yours has, and that their record on urban legislation has been a far less interested one and a far less nationally oriented one than the voting records of the members of this committee on legislation coming out of your committee. And I would like to give you a few factual examples of that.

Just last year, in the closing weeks of the Congress, we had a rollcall vote on a motion to trim the antipoverty legislation by \$460 million. Now that vote passed by 221 to 190. The Republicans on your committee voted for that cut by 15 to 0, which perhaps was understandable. But I was disappointed to learn that the Democrats on your committee voted for the cut by 14 to 6.

Later on, when we voted on the conference version of the bill, which was approved by a vote of 247 to 149, the members of your committee were still opposed to it by 23 to 11 and a majority of both the Democrats and the Republicans opposed it.