

tain amount of confidence in the people who do exercise the responsibility of being the majority and carrying this legislation.

Frankly, Mr. Chairman, that's one of the things that for my part at least places great doubt on the amount of weight that should be given to this resolution and I weigh this without in any way taking away from the tremendous admiration I have for every individual on that committee. The fact just seems to be that we don't see eye to eye as to what's in the best interest of working people in this country.

So long as that is the case, we will have to stay divided on how we follow our legislative careers.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. O'Hara?

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Chairman, if I could——

Mr. POAGE. May I comment?

Mr. O'HARA. Go ahead, I'm sorry.

Mr. POAGE. It seems to me that we have reached a point where I believe I am understanding the position of the committee better than I had and I feel that I understand that you find it rather distasteful that we passed a resolution.

Mr. THOMPSON. That's put very mildly, sir.

Mr. POAGE. Well, in view of that feeling I want to express apologies on the part of our committee for having used the resolution method. Frankly we thought we were doing nothing except to use the procedure of "collective bargaining" and we had supposed that this committee would welcome a collective expression of our views rather than using the individual expression of views, feeling that it would save the time of members of both committees.

Mr. THOMPSON. Have you unionized your committee? [Laughter.]

Mr. POAGE. Yes, we thought that it would be well in dealing with this committee to rather unionize our committee and present our views in that manner, but if we have used the wrong method, seriously we are sorry. We are going to continue to use it with those committees that don't have the same sensibilities which this committee has, because I think it is a good method, but we will certainly try to conform to your wishes as to form of communications in the future.

I think it is a good sound way, a much better way of presenting our views than for 35 of us to or at least 22 to come over here one at a time and, in all frankness, we invite you to use the resolution method before our committee, but we will not send you any more resolutions. We will attempt to come in individually and take a longer time, if that is the wish of our colleagues here and I take it that that is the wish.

And if the chairman will instruct me, I will follow that course.

Mr. THOMPSON. Oh, I wouldn't be so presumptuous, Mr. Chairman, as to instruct you——

Mr. POAGE. I mean if you will give us instructions as to your desires and wishes.

Mr. THOMPSON. We would have felt better without the resolution. I consider you not only a distinguished member of this body and one of its very senior ones and I consider you to be a friend. I wouldn't want to offend you in the slightest.

Mr. POAGE. You are not offending us at all. I know many of us find ourselves in the position of doing things that we didn't intend to have any hurtful relations or hurt anybody's feelings and if this committee would rather have us come in individually, we will cer-