

The first report is due by June 30 of this year, to tell us what the devil he is doing with the Board; is he bringing cases? Now as far as I know, no case has been brought under that bill, reported out by the committee, passed by Congress, and signed by the President.

Now I understand that the Justice Department is going to testify on this bill Wednesday. I understand at long last, amen, that the Justice Department is going to give its blessing or at least won't have serious objections to this bill. And if they do, I want to give them my great thanks for at long last agreeing with this committee that we do bring up, at least now and then, a product that they can agree with.

Mr. BENNETT. The committee does a good job. God bless you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you. The Members think so, because they report out our bills by a majority of 10 to 1, or 20 to 1, but some of the departments refuse to believe it, and some people and newspapers don't believe it.

Thank you very much.

STATEMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES EDWIN W. EDWARDS, OF LOUISIANA; WALTER S. BARING, OF NEVADA; WILLIAM G. BRAY, OF INDIANA; HERVEY G. MACHEN, OF MARYLAND; DON FUQUA, OF FLORIDA; E. S. JOHNNY WALKER, OF NEW MEXICO; AND CHARLES E. CHAMBERLAIN, OF MICHIGAN; AND FRANCIS W. STOVER, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE SERVICE, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS; JOHN W. MAHAN, CHAIRMAN, SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD; AND DANIEL J. O'CONNOR, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The CHAIRMAN. Several statements have been received by the committee and will be inserted after Mr. Bennett's testimony.

Mr. SMITH. A statement of Honorable Edwin W. Edwards, the United States Representative of Louisiana; a statement of Honorable Walter S. Baring, the United States Representative from Nevada; a statement of Honorable William G. Bray, a United States Representative from Indiana; a statement of Honorable Hervey G. Machen, a United States Representative from Maryland; a statement of Honorable Don Fuqua, a United States Representative from Florida; a statement of Honorable E. S. Johnny Walker, a United States Representative from New Mexico; a statement of Francis W. Stover, director, National Legislative Service, VFW.

The CHAIRMAN. Is that for or against?

Mr. SMITH. For.

A letter of April 23, 1968, from Honorable John W. Mahan, Chairman, Subversive Activities Control Board.

The CHAIRMAN. Is he for or against?

Mr. SMITH. He is partially each way.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

Mr. SMITH. On H.R. 15828 a letter dated April 26, 1968, from Honorable John W. Mahan, Chairman, Subversive Activities Control Board, expressing views on H.R. 15626.

The CHAIRMAN. Favorable views, right?