

Thank you for your courtesy.

Mr. Chairman, I might add that, as a member of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, as well as chairman of the Manpower and Civil Service Subcommittee, I feel strongly that the right to Federal employment should be controlled by the laws and regulations, laws of Congress and regulations that would be adopted by the executive pursuant thereto.

I would like to assure you and the members of the committee that if, in your deliberations, you feel that there is legislation that could support you in your effort that might be introduced in the area of civil service employment, I would be delighted to have such advice and will certainly sponsor any legislation that your very distinguished Un-American Activities Committee feels would be of assistance to close every possible door with regards to the employment of avowed enemies of our country in the employment of our own Government.

Mr. TUCK. Well, we thank you very much for the information you brought us in your very fine and most effective statement, and I certainly am one who takes the older view that employment in the Federal Government is a privilege, and not a right, and that the Government has the authority to set up standards.

Mr. HENDERSON. Not only in the employment in the first instance, but the right to continue in employment, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. TUCK. That has always been my view, too, and I am opposed to some of the recent executive orders, having to deal with people and groups. And I take the position that it is a great privilege to work for the Government at any level.

Mr. HENDERSON. Mr. Chairman, I would like to conclude by saying that I am very appreciative of the difficult technical problem of drafting legislation in an area as controversial and as difficult as this area is and I am delighted with what I think is a fine piece of staff work. And I certainly would like to commend the staff, through you, for the assistance that they gave to the sponsors of this legislation.

Thank you very much, sir.

Mr. TUCK. Thank you very much.

(At this point Mr. Willis entered the hearing room.)

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you for appearing. We appreciate it.

We have our colleague, my personal friend from Louisiana, Congressman John R. Rarick, of the Sixth Congressional District. Welcome. I will tell you what you can do, if that is your preference.

You can either file the statement at this point and let it go in the record, or you can speak from it. But I think if you could file it and summarize it, it would be easier for us to follow.

#### STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN R. RARICK, A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FROM LOUISIANA

Mr. RARICK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is a very short statement.

The CHAIRMAN. All right. The statement will be printed as a part of the record. And John, proceed and summarize it, please.

Mr. RARICK. All right, sir.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, I am proud to join with my distinguished colleagues in cosponsoring H.R. 15626, a bill to amend the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950. This commit-