

Mr. EDMONDSON. I think that will be dependent upon whether or not there is a bill reported as a result of these hearings in which event there will be a printed report of the testimony that is heard. I think it will be dependent upon whether legislation moves from these hearings. As a general rule, there have been cases where they were printed without a bill being moved, but I would say it'd probably depend in this instance on whether or not there is a bill moved out of the committee.

Mr. BURKMAN. Thank you.

Mr. EDMONDSON. We have a statement here which I have examined from a witness who wanted to be heard, but because of the nature of some of the statements contained in here, and the personalities that are involved in it, I will inform the gentleman who has submitted it, that we will either have to receive this for the file, or we will have to go into executive session to hear this testimony. Is Mr. Maddox here?

Mr. MADDOX. Yes, sir.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Maddox, let me—before you begin your testimony now, would you prefer to file this for the file, or would you prefer to be heard in executive session, because you are making a number of very strong accusations identifying individuals—

Mr. MADDOX. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON (continuing). And I think as a matter of procedure in a case of this kind, it would be our rule to take this in executive session and not to take it in open session.

Mr. MADDOX. That's a good idea.

Mr. EDMONDSON. That would be acceptable to you to do that?

Mr. MADDOX. Yes.

Mr. EDMONDSON. And, if the subcommittee is agreeable, we will ask our spectators who are here, all of them, with the exception of the reporter for the committee to excuse themselves from the room, and we will go into executive session.

Mr. MADDOX. I just want to make a general comment, though.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Maddox, I will say on this, that we have, all of us, read your statement and we are all familiar with what it contains.

Mr. MADDOX. I'm not going to refer to the statement. I just want to make a compliment on what I've heard here today, and in making that statement, I want to say that the Indians have been well represented, and I believe the committee has done a good job looking at the interest of the committee and—

Mr. EDMONDSON. I appreciate that very much.

Mr. MADDOX (continuing). I compliment them on the—

Mr. EDMONDSON. Before you go into the matter that's covered in your statement now, sir, let me allow time for the room to be cleared, please.

May I say before you begin, I also appreciate the patience and the courtesy and attentiveness we've had here in this hearing. It's been a pleasure to hold these hearings and we're very grateful to all of you who have submitted statements rather than be heard before the committee.

The committee stands adjourned.

(Thereupon, at 7:30 p.m., the hearing in the above matter was concluded.)