

thing else. The Boy Scouts were not here politically. Perhaps Resurrection City people were. I think, however, the American Legion comes for political purposes. They make that clear. There are groups, other than the Resurrection City people who come here politically.

I do not think we should lean on the servants of the Park Service with regard to the political coloration of the group that uses one of the parks. They have to treat them all the same.

I agree with the witness' comments that this was a difficult situation. The next one may be a difficult situation, too. I am glad he is there because I believe he has done his duty well.

Mr. NELSEN. You referred to yourself as an animal. I don't think that is a good term.

We have other witnesses. I wonder if we could get on with the other witnesses.

I want to confess I never belonged to the Boy Scouts. I am sorry.

Mr. ADAMS. That is the loss of the Boy Scouts.

Mr. CASTRO. In my mind, and I say this in complete honesty, the decision we made was not a political decision. It was a management decision—right or wrong. That is my conviction.

Mr. BROTHILL. I would like to associate my remarks with those made by Mr. Adams. I did not want to imply that you were in anyway politically motivated in this matter.

Mr. GUDE. I think it is worthy of note in the consideration of this bill that this hiring which has been levied by the Bureau of the Budget is hampering your operation.

Mr. CASTRO. Very much so. We have asked the Interior Department to try and exempt us from this requirement as it applies to the Park Police.

Mr. GUDE. Very good.

Mr. DOWDY. Thank you, gentlemen.

The next witness will be on behalf of the National Zoological Park Police, Carl Sadler, Legislative Representative, Norman Jordan and, Charles Van Tassel and Stephen Koczak.

STATEMENTS OF CARL SADLER, LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE, AND STEPHEN KOCZAK, ASSISTANT RESEARCH DIRECTOR, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES; AND NORMAN E. JORDAN, HOWARD J. MOORE, AND CHARLES VAN TASSEL, NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK POLICE

Mr. SADLER. I am Carl K. Sadler, the Legislative Director for the American Federation of Government Employees.

The gentleman on my immediate right is Mr. Stephen Koczak, our Assistant Research Director.

The gentleman on my left is Mr. Norman E. Jordan, President of the Zoological Police Lodge.

On my far right is Mr. Charles Van Tassel, Secretary-Treasurer, and Howard J. Moore, Vice President, of this Lodge.

We appreciate, Mr. Chairman, the introduction by Mr. McMillan of H.R. 14430, which was co-sponsored by: Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Dowdy, Mr. Hagan, Mr. Fuqua, Mr. O'Konski, Mr. Winn, Mr. Steiger of Ari-