

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: Dec 5, 1963

FROM : H. P. Callahan

Presidential Commission

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 22080. Senator Keating, (R) New York, spoke concerning a bill he was introducing (S. 2359) to authorize the Commission appointed by the President to conduct an investigation of the facts relating to the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, and documents, and for other purposes. Senator Keating pointed out "This bill is modeled after the statute which granted similar subpoena powers to the special Commission appointed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to investigate the Pearl Harbor disaster. The Commission which President Johnson appointed last week will exercise an identical function—that is, to ascertain and make public the true facts of a tragic event of great national importance—and it is essential to its task that it be authorized to compel the production of live testimony and documentary evidence—as I am sure they will find and will request."

Adjournment: Until Thursday, December 5, 1963, at 12 noon.

HOUSE

Pages 22212-22213. Congressman Wyman, (R) New Hampshire, introduced H. J. Res. 838, authorizing the commission established to report upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy to compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of records. Mr. Wyman stated

"Such an authority is indispensable to an adequate investigation, which has reaching ramifications as we all know. Even our great FBI does not have power to compel testimony under oath. This is a fact too few are aware of."

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