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Mills Decries Court Abuse, Urges Penalty

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 7(AP) —Lawyers who encourage courtroom disruptions should be disbarred, or the profession will lose public respect, Rep. Wilbur, D. Mills (D-Arks.), said today.

Mills, who is being pushed by friends to seek the Democratic presidential nomination, devoted a speech prepared for the Missouri Bar Association to issues of violence and law enforcement.

An attorney, Mills said some members of the bar are using their privileged positions to prevent fair trials.

He said grounds for disbarment should include: "frightful and obscene abuse of the judges; packing of the courtrooms with avowed disciples of violence; encouraged if not prearranged disorder within the courtroom; dangerous mob action within the courthouse squares; to say nothing of flagrant violations of the canons of ethics and, indeed, court rules bindir on counsel . . ."