

## STATE SHOULD STEP IN--RARICK

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Candidate Hits at Crime  
Fighting Methods

U. S. Rep. John Rarick said here Tuesday that state government should enter into crime prevention if local authorities find themselves powerless and without jurisdiction.

Rarick, criticizing Gov. John J. McKeithen's methods of fighting crime, told the Junior Chamber of Commerce that "often local crime is not really local but extends into several parishes and in that sense is almost syndicated."

The congressman, who is opposing McKeithen in the Nov. 4 Democratic primary, said "Local authorities say they are powerless because they don't have jurisdiction over certain aspects of particular crimes. Committees are appointed, but they never do anything and almost seem to operate under the conviction that people are people and they'll soon forget a particular crisis as soon as another one arises to attract their attention.

"I think that every time a committee is appointed, it is a slap at the judicial system of our constitutional form of government," Rarick said.

Rarick also rapped McKeithen for going to New York to talk to Life magazine editors about reports of organized crime in the state.

He said if he were governor "I'd stay right here and together with district attorneys do all within my power to remedy the crime that does exist."