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WARREN COMMISSION (230)

WASHINGTON, FEB. 18 (AP)-CONGRESS WAS ASKED TODAY TO COMPEL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF ALL EVIDENCE RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSION INQUIRING INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

REP. JOHN BELL WILLIAMS, D-MISS., INTRODUCED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR FULL DISCLOSURE OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION NAMED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN.

BELL SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT "WIDESPREAD PUBLIC REACTION HAS NOT BEEN FAVORABLE TO CHAIRMAN EARL WARREN'S STATEMENT TO NEWSMEN THAT SOME OF THE EVIDENCE MAY NOT BE RELEASED 'IN YOUR LIFETIME'."

WARREN MADE THAT COMMENT TO REPORTERS AFTER A SESSION OF THE COMMISSION EARLY THIS MONTH BUT SAID UNDER QUESTIONING LATER THAT HE HAD BEEN SPEAKING "A LITTLE FACETIOUSLY." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS STILL SPEAKING FACTUALLY BECAUSE LEE HARVEY OSWALD, THE ACCUSED KILLER, HAD MADE TRIPS TO MEXICO AND RUSSIA AND THOSE JOURNEYS MIGHT DEVELOP SECURITY ASPECTS.

WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THAT EXCHANGE WITH WARREN, BELL'S STATEMENT SAID:

"ENACTMENT OF THIS PROPOSED LEGISLATION WOULD TEND TO DISPEL PREVAILING RUMORS, SUSPICIONS, CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES. I THINK IT IS NECESSARY TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION TO HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC. MY PROPOSAL WOULD HELP IN THIS RESPECT.

"THE BILL WOULD REQUIRE DISCLOSURE AT THE TIME THE COMMISSION COMPLETES ITS WORK. THEREFORE, IT WILL IN NO WAY HAMPER OR HINDER INVESTIGATIVE PROCESSES."

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