

1 Legislature might elect to go on. I don't have
2 language to propose, but I will ask the Committee to put
3 some limitation of germane use before the testimony can
4 be compelled. Personally, I prefer to see this provision
5 eliminated, because we have not had it in Maryland in
6 our past. I don't think the Legislatures have been
7 seriously impeded in their investigative work by not
8 having it, and I think it sets a dangerous precedent.

9 If we are going to have it, for heaven's
10 sake, let's try to limit it. When it comes to a vote,
11 I shall probably vote against it.

12 MR. SCANLAN: I am familiar as anybody, I
13 think, with the abuses of legislative investigations,
14 not only on the part of the State Legislatures, and I
15 don't mean our State Legislature, and certainly on the
16 part of some of the committees of the Congress. But the
17 mere fact of the power to stress at times has been abused,
18 though in most instances that abuse has been rectified
19 by court action is no argument for denying the power at
20 all. I mean, certainly, as I vote here in these matters,
21 I vote on the assumption that we are going to try to