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PUBLIC LAW 601, 79TH CONGRESS

The legislation under which the House Committee on Un-American Activities operates is Public Law 601, 79th Congress [1946], chapter 753, 2d session, which provides:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, * * **

PART 2—RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RULE X

SEC. 121. STANDING COMMITTEES

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17. Committee on Un-American Activities, to consist of nine Members.

RULE XI

POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

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(q) (1) Committee on Un-American Activities.

(A) Un-American Activities.

(2) The Committee on Un-American Activities, as a whole or by subcommittee, is authorized to make from time to time investigations of (i) the extent, character, and objects of un-American propagandist activities in the United States, (ii) the diffusion within the United States of subversive and un-American propaganda that is instigated from foreign countries or of a domestic origin and attacks the principle of the form of government as guaranteed by our Constitution, and (iii) all other questions in relation thereto that would aid Congress in any necessary remedial legislation.

The Committee on Un-American Activities shall report to the House (or to the Clerk of the House if the House is not in session) the results of any such investigation, together with such recommendations as it deems advisable.

For the purpose of any such investigation, the Committee on Un-American Activities, or any subcommittee thereof, is authorized to sit and act at such times and places within the United States, whether or not the House is sitting, has recessed, or has adjourned, to hold such hearings, to require the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, and to take such testimony, as it deems necessary. Subpoenas may be issued under the signature of the chairman of the committee or any subcommittee, or by any member designated by any such chairman, and may be served by any person designated by any such chairman or member.

RULES ADOPTED BY THE 84TH CONGRESS

House Resolution 5, January 5, 1955

RULE X

STANDING COMMITTEES

1. There shall be elected by the House, at the commencement of each Congress, the following standing committees:

- (g) Committee on Un-American Activities, to consist of nine Members.

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(Entertainment)

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 1955

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,
New York, N. Y.

PUBLIC HEARING

A subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities met at 10 a. m., pursuant to notice, in room 1703 of the Federal Building, Foley Square, New York, N. Y., Hon. Francis E. Walter (chairman) presiding.

Committee members present: Representatives Walter, Willis, and Scherer.

Staff members present: Frank S. Tavenner, Jr., counsel; Donald T. Appell and Frank Bonora, investigators; and Thomas W. Beale, Sr., chief clerk.

Chairman WALTER. The committee will come to order.

Let the record show that I, Francis Walter, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., pursuant to the provisions of law, have duly appointed a subcommittee for the purpose of conducting this hearing, composed of Representative Edwin E. Willis, of Louisiana, on my right, and Gordon H. Scherer, of Ohio, on my left, and myself as subcommittee chairman. The full membership of the subcommittee is present.

The Congress of the United States has imposed upon this committee the duty of investigating the extent, character, and objects of un-American propaganda activities in the United States, the diffusion within the United States of subversive and un-American propaganda, that is instigated from foreign countries or of a domestic origin and attacks the principle of the form of government as guaranteed by our Constitution, and all other questions in relation thereto that would aid Congress in the performance of its responsibility.

In that connection I would like to state that the investigations here conducted are not being conducted because this subcommittee has any desire to do this work, but are being conducted in pursuance to the provisions of a law which was enacted overwhelmingly, and for the work of the committee the appropriation of which was approved at this session of the Congress unanimously.