

# Verbatim Testimony Given

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Q—Did you have any conversation with them when they were together? A—No.

Q—Did they ever talk to you about Senate Bill 173? A—They did not.

Q—When was the last time you saw Mr. Baker? A—I think it was a day or two before the fight.

Q—And did you have a conversation with him then? A—I passed him in the corridor on the west side of the House Chamber and waved at him and said, "How are you?" He said, "All right."

Q—Did you have any other conversation? A—No.

Q—Before this attack on Wayne Coy, did you ever have any conversation with either of them? A—Oh, I've met them casually several times around Indianapolis. I have never talked to them very much.

Q—Now, was there any request made by anybody as to what Committee this bill would be sent to? A—Yes. I had a note from someone which read, "Mr. Speaker, please send Senate Bill 173 to Judiciary."

Q—Was that not unusual? A—No, because I find from six to 12 notes like that every morning, when the bills are coming fast, like they were at this time, requesting bills to be sent to certain committees.

Q—Do you know who gave you the note? A—No, it was brought up to me by one of the pages.

Q—You don't know what page? A—No. There are too many of them.

Q—Was that the same time bill was introduced? A—The same day the bill came over from the Senate and would be handed down by me to first reading.

Q—And one of the pages working down there in the House brought you the note? A—That was it. The same day the bill was received.

Q—Did you ever talk to Mr. Downey about this bill after it was in your possession? A—I did.

Q—Did you have more than one conversation with him? A—I believe two or three times.

Q—When was the first conversation? I can't tell you the exact date or day, but after the fact became generally known that the bill was missing, Mr. Downey came to me and told me Mr. Baker had the bill.

Q—And what else did he say in that conversation? A—He said, "What am I to do? He came to me in good faith and asked me for it, and I did not know he would take it away." I said, "You must go to Mr. Baker and ask him to give it back, and if that can't be done, you'll have to ask permission of the House to use the original bill."

Q—Was that before or after the attack? A—Before.

Q—Did you have any other conversation with him about the bill? A—If I did, I can't recall it.

Q—Do you know any other things about this matter that might interest this committee? A—None that I can think of just now.

Q—Was this request that this bill be sent to Judiciary A Committee unusual? A—No, the request for the bill to be committed to Judiciary A was not an unusual request, because these requests are so numerous. Unless there is some good reason why a bill shouldn't be sent to a committee that is requested, I generally try to comply with the request and send it to that committee. So if a bill is requested to be assigned to Judiciary A, I would naturally send it to that committee. That has always been my policy.

Q—Could you give me the name of the page that brought you that note? A—I'm afraid not. They're a little too numerous.

Q—Mr. Stein, have you ever seen, during this session, Mr. Downey in the company of Joel Baker or Peter Cancilla? A—I have not.

Q—Did you testify that you have had no conversation with Joel Baker or anyone else with reference to House Bill 173, with reference to the Committee to which it was to be assigned? A—None, except with Mr. Downey.

Q—Did Mr. Beggs ever report to you that he had seen this bill in possession of Joel A. Baker? A—He did not.

Q—And you have no knowledge of where that bill is now? A—I have no knowledge of its whereabouts.

Q—At this time you don't know where the bill is? A—No. I would like to make this statement: That so far as Mr. Downey's loaning the bill to Mr. Baker is in itself to me not so reprehensible, I believe that had Mr. Baker come to my office and had the bill been in my possession, I would have loaned it to him myself, because so far as I know, he was the head of a large department in Marion County, in public office, and it is not unusual for me, as Speaker, to lend out to the heads of departments, even though they are not State officers.

Q—What do you mean by "State officers"? A—I mean men connected with the State departments.

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Q—Of course, Frank Finney is connected with the State Department, isn't he? A—Yes.

Q—Mr. Stein, do you know one like him? A—No, sir.

Q—Do you know I. C. Spencer, A—No, sir. Oh, I may know them by having seen them around some time or other, but I don't know them by name.

Q—Mr. Stein, you didn't retain this card which was found on your desk requesting the bill to be sent to Judiciary A? A—I did not.

Q—Is it usual for cards of that kind to be sent up unsigned? A—Yes.

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