
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MURRAY L. HUMPHREYS FOR
CONTEMPT OF THE SENATE

JUNE 25 (legislative day, JUNE 21), 1951.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. O'CONNOR, from the Special Committee To Investigate Organized
Crime in Interstate Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. Res. 161]

The Special Committee To Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce, as created and authorized by the United States Senate by Senate Resolution 202, Eighty-first Congress, second session, and as extended by Senate Resolution 129, Eighty-second Congress, first session, had before it Murray L. Humphreys under a warrant issued by the President of the Senate pursuant to Senate Resolution 65, Eighty-second Congress, first session. Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Resolution 65, Eighty-second Congress, first session, Murray L. Humphreys was brought before the committee on May 28, 1951, in room P-36, United States Capitol Building, Washington, D. C., then and there to testify touching matters of inquiry committed to said committee and not to depart without leave of said committee.

The said Murray L. Humphreys under custody pursuant to Senate Resolution 65, Eighty-second Congress, first session, appeared before the said committee to give such testimony as required by virtue of Senate Resolution 202, Eighty-first Congress, second session and Senate Resolution 129, Eighty-second Congress, first session. Murray L. Humphreys having appeared as a witness and having been asked questions, which questions were pertinent to the subject matter under inquiry, made answers as appeared in the record of the hearings on May 28, 1951, at Washington, D. C., which record is submitted herewith for transmission to the United States attorney for the District of Columbia.

As a result of said Murray L. Humphreys' refusal to answer the questions pursuant to the said inquiry, as appears in the record, consisting of the testimony of that day, the committee was prevented from receiving testimony and evidence concerning the matter committed to said committee.

The committee was therefore deprived of answers to questions pursuant to the committee's inquiry propounded to Murray L. Humphreys pertinent to the subject matter which under Senate Resolution 202, Eighty-first Congress, second session, and Senate Resolution 129, Eighty-second Congress, first session, the said committee was instructed to investigate, and the refusal of the witness to answer said questions is a violation of the provisions set forth in Senate Resolution 65 which provides that the witness was to be taken into custody and may not be discharged without giving testimony to the committee, and his persistent and illegal refusal to answer the aforesaid questions deprived the committee of necessary and pertinent testimony and places this witness in contempt of the United States Senate.

The subcommittee hearing at which said witness refused to answer said questions was duly authorized by the following resolution of the said committee, which was unanimously adopted by said committee on May 23, 1951:

Resolved, That the chairman of this committee be, and he hereby is, authorized to appoint, at his discretion, one or more subcommittees, consisting of one or more members of this committee, of whom one member shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking sworn testimony, to hold hearings in furtherance of the committee's investigations of organized crime, at such times and at such places as the chairman shall designate in the vicinities of the cities of Lexington, Ky., Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C.

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LESTER C. HUNT,
ESTES KEFAUVER,
ALEXANDER WILEY.

In accordance with the resolution of May 23, 1951, the chairman designated himself and Senator Tobey as a subcommittee of two to swear witnesses and to hear testimony at Washington, D. C., on May 28, 1951.

The said Murray L. Humphreys appeared and testified before the said subcommittee at an executive meeting which was held on May 28, 1951, in room P-36, United States Capitol Building, Washington, D. C.

After reviewing the testimony and other facts as set forth herein, the committee at an executive meeting held on June 5, 1951, adopted a resolution authorizing presentation to the Senate of a Senate resolution requiring that proceedings for contempt be brought against the said Murray L. Humphreys, as appears from the following excerpt from the minutes of the said meeting of June 5, 1951:

A meeting of the committee was held in the Senate District of Columbia room, room P-36 of the United States Capitol Building on June 5, 1951, at 2 p. m.

Present were Senators O'Connor (chairman), Hunt, Kefauver, Tobey, and Wiley. Also present were Richard G. Moser, chief counsel, Downey Rice, associate counsel, Roswell B. Perkins, assistant counsel, and James M. Hepbron, administrative assistant.

The chairman presented to the committee the minutes of the executive committee meeting which was held on May 23, 1951, in room 248, Senate Office Building, together with the resolution which was adopted by the committee on that date, authorizing the chairman of the committee to appoint one or more subcommittees to hold hearings in the vicinities of the cities of Lexington, Ky., Baltimore, Md., and Washington, D. C. The chairman stated to the committee that, pursuant to the said resolution of May 23, 1951, he had designated a subcommittee to swear witnesses and to hear testimony in connection with organized crime at Washington, D. C., the subcommittee consisting of himself and Senator Tobey.

The chairman then presented to the committee the minutes of the executive committee meeting which was held on May 28, 1951, in room P-36, United States Capitol Building, Washington, D. C.

The chairman stated to the committee that the witnesses, George S. May, Rocco Fischetti, and Murray L. Humphreys, repeatedly, consistently, and arbitrarily had refused to answer questions put to them throughout the committee's examination of these witnesses on May 28, 1951, and that their refusal therefore was improper and contemptuous.

The chairman presented to the committee, for its consideration, a draft report on the entire matter, and the committee duly adopted the said report and instructed the chairman to present it to the United States Senate.

After discussion, on motion duly made by Senator Kefauver and seconded by Senator Hunt, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

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Resolved, That the committee present to the United States Senate, for its immediate action, a resolution requiring the United States attorney for the District of Columbia to proceed against the said Murray L. Humphreys in the manner and form prescribed by law.

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