

1 affirmative presumption in favor of those reports, and  
2 consequently the Chairman cannot expect fidelity on the  
3 part of the majority of the members of his Committee  
4 with respect to the Committee reports.

5 I would hasten to point out, however, that  
6 despite this lack of a presumption and the lack of neces-  
7 sity for fidelity to the Committee report, that if  
8 the Committee of the Whole would seek to do what each of  
9 the Committees has done, to examine into the same detail,  
10 to reargue all the arguments, to set forth the full presen-  
11 tation of witnesses, that we would well be here until Jan-  
12 uary, 1969, and consider ourselves lucky to go home at  
13 that particular time.

14 What I say here I say not for the purpose of  
15 being spared honest debate and reflection and considera-  
16 tion, but it does seem to me that the hundreds of hours  
17 that have gone into the consideration of these matters by  
18 the Legislative Branch, the careful consideration of the  
19 testimony of 68 witnesses which appeared before us in  
20 connection with these matters, the evaluation of question-  
21 naires which were submitted to many persons who did not  
testify, certainly suggests that the decision and the