



But there is a sense that the two bills are linked. Arlen has done a lot of work on both."

He summed up: "Our chances right now are no better than 50-50. We have four problems, first, the unfamiliarity of the House members with the bill; second, the 4 out of 4 staff members' opposition; third, the continued opposition of the National District Attorney's Association and 4th, Hughes' leadership of the subcommittee is uncertain. He has assured Arlen that he supports it. But ~~it~~ there's a question of whether he speaks to House members with more ambiguity. So we wonder if they are going to get off the reservation. So, Arlen has to do a personal selling job. That's what he's doing."

Says Arlen went to White House to push for 2411, Meese is for it, OMB is not.

2411 has problems of its own in that Symms has threatened an anti gun control amendment if the bill comes up. That will "sink the bill" because, now, anything controversial will be put aside.

He said something interesting about the National District Attorneys Association. "To House members who haven't thought about it, it probably seems strange that a bill we say is designed to help the local prosecutor is opposed by the National District Attorney's Association. But that organization is dominated by small towns. There are 3000 counties and each one has a member in the NDAA. The big city DA's want it. When a big city DA testifies as for himself, he's all for it. But when he has to speak on behalf of the NDAA he has to oppose it. Their opposition is not what it seems."

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