

S.I.



THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM ACT OF 1975

is a 753 page bill, pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee, which if passed would:

- restrict freedom of the press by declaring "off-limits" most controversial government information (e.g., Jack Anderson's columns on CIA activities)
- assault free speech by prosecuting the discussion of any "revolutionary" change
- attack peaceful assembly by creating a Federal statute against "disorderly conduct", punishing demonstrations near courthouses, Federal buildings and Presidential aides or "temporary residences"
- expand wiretapping, despite proof that it is not effective against crime
- restore the death penalty, circumventing the Supreme Court decision of 1973
- menace labor activities by broadly re-defining extortion
- legalize entrapment and government sponsored crimes (e.g., the Watergate break-in)

It is sponsored by powerful Senators, including Mike Mansfield of Montana (Majority Leader), Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania (Minority Leader) and James Eastland of Mississippi (chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee).

It is a perversion of a 5 year study on criminal reform which, when delivered to Richard Nixon, was drastically altered by then Atty. Gen. John Mitchell.

It is unamendable because of its size, complexity and the probability that if compromised on the floor of today's Senate, much of it would still pass.

It must be defeated!

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Write Senator Javits demanding that he take the lead in stopping S.I.
2. Contact other Senators on the Senate Judiciary Committee and call for an end to S.I. (write to us for the Committee membership list)
3. Join with the New York Coalition to Defeat S.I in its activities (see other side).

The New York Coalition to Defeat S.1 is working locally and with national organizations to inform the people on this threat to freedom, and to push Congress to replace it with sensible law that guarantees civil liberties. The Coalition includes union members, religious activists and political organizers as well as concerned citizens.

The Coalition has:

detailed literature on S.1
speakers for your group
plans for political actions

The Coalition needs:

people to spread the word and to raise money
funds to pay for literature and activities
contacts to expand the Coalition

For literature, speakers and to participate, call 212-WA-9-2390 during business hours or write to:

The New York Coalition to Defeat S.1
346 West 20th Street
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And do your part: return the enclosed postpaid envelope with a donation to help the campaign. Please be generous. If S.1 passes, it could be the last donation any of us makes to a political cause.

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Will we enter our third century under Richard Nixon's Criminal Code?