

I am advised that because of some problems of some out-of-town witnesses who are experts on these two subjects that it may be necessary to change the order of the hearing on *Durham* and *Mallory*, but we will give due notice to everybody in proper time.

That, in general, is the schedule of this committee that it will attempt to follow. We will set a date quite possibly sometime later for hearings on section 506 of title V which is the title that deals with indecent publications.

Our first witness is Commissioner Tobriner.

Senator Beall, do you have any statement?

Senator BEALL. I just want to say that I certainly concur in what you have said. Crime has been rising all over the country and in the Nation's Capital. Our problem, of course, in this committee, is to deal with the situation right here in Washington and I think it is time that we go into this as thoroughly as we possibly can and as quickly as we possibly can. I concur in what you have said.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

As I stated earlier, our first witness this morning is the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Walter N. Tobriner.

STATEMENT OF WALTER N. TOBRINER, PRESIDENT, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT F. KNEIPP, ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL; AND GILBERT GIMBLE, ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL

Mr. TOBRINER. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I wish to say preliminarily that the Commissioners and the entire government of the District of Columbia share with you your concern respecting the mounting crime rate in the District of Columbia and will cooperate with you to the fullest in securing protection against crime, consistent with constitutional rights.

The Commissioners appreciate this opportunity to present their views on titles IV and V of H.R. 7525 and on S. 486. However, since I understand that section 506 of title V (as the chairman has so indicated) is to be made the subject of a later hearing before this committee, I shall reserve to such later hearing my statement as to the views of the Commissioners on that section. Accordingly, nothing in the testimony I offer here today should be considered as being applicable, either directly or indirectly, to section 506 of title V.

The CHAIRMAN. That deals with indecent publications which will be made the subject of a separate hearing.

Mr. TOBRINER. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. We understand that what you are going to say on title V does not have any relation to section 506.

Mr. TOBRINER. Right.

H.R. 7525, as passed by the House of Representatives on August 12, 1963, is intended to change existing law in the District of Columbia so as to deal more effectively with the crime situation. This is a situation with which the Commissioners have long been concerned, and accordingly they welcome the interest in the problem which the Congress is showing. However, for reasons which they will develop in the course of these hearings, the Commissioners, while they favor certain provisions of the bill, nevertheless, have a number of reserva-