

There is a general, I won't say "propaganda," but a general misapprehension around that it is really a carbon copy of the Sullivan law, and that adds something to the predilections against it that a lot of people feel.

I would hope that we could have a very open-minded situation on that bill.

The CHAIRMAN. I am sure that we will.

Any further questions?

Senator DOMINICK. No.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Mr. Acheson.

Our next witness will be the Chief of Police, Maj. Robert V. Murray.

**STATEMENT OF MAJ. ROBERT V. MURRAY, CHIEF, ACCOMPANIED
BY JERRY V. WILSON, CAPTAIN, METROPOLITAN POLICE DE-
PARTMENT**

The CHAIRMAN. Chief, we are very happy to have you and anyone that you desire to come to the witness table with you.

Chief MURRAY. Mr. Chairman, I have with me, Captain Wilson.

The CHAIRMAN. We are very happy to see again, Captain.

Chief MURRAY. Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee, I have a brief statement I would like to make.

Chief MURRAY. Mr. Chairman, according to the schedule furnished me, the committee today is considering title IV of H.R. 7525, which will classify the offense of robbery as a crime of violence, those parts of title V of that bill which deal with minimum sentences for certain criminal offense, and with false reports, and all of S. 486, which amends certain other criminal laws applicable to the District of Columbia.

If I may, I should like to address my remarks to each of those three items and conclude by briefly relating to the committee the current crime situation in the District of Columbia.

ROBBERY AS A CRIME OF VIOLENCE

In a letter dated May 1, 1963, to the House Committee on the District of Columbia, I suggested that, while that committee was considering dangerous weapons legislation, it might want to recommend amendment of section 22-3201 of the District Code to add the offense of robbery to crimes defined as "crimes of violence."

The code already includes within that definition the offense of assault with intent to commit robbery but, apparently from oversight, the actual offense of robbery is not included.

Because robbery is a major problem within the District of Columbia, and because it is a crime in which a weapon is often employed, I suggest that it would be logical and helpful to include that offense among the listed crimes of violence, thereby permitting imposition of additional penalties for commission of a robbery while armed with a pistol or other firearm.