

And we believe that stricter penalties will assist in advising the criminally inclined members of our community that we are just not going to put up with it any more.

As far as I know, from personal experience, the severity of the penalty can influence you.

A couple of years ago, a member of my family collected a few traffic points because he went over the lawful speed limit just a little bit, and the fact that, collecting a few more points, he was going to have his license suspended, resulted in the most careful driving that I have seen in many years.

And I think the same thing will apply to our criminal community.

And I urge you gentlemen, because you have the opportunity to help correct the impression that is being spread around the country about Washington and also help eliminate the feeling of fear that exists in so many of our members of our community, not only women but also men, to tighten up these laws involving crime.

I think that you will assist on both of those in correcting the impression that has been gained about crime here in Washington and also eliminating the concern on the part of our community, because I am interested in protecting the law-abiding citizen.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. I want to compliment you on your statement, Mr. Norwood. I think it is a very fine statement, and I think it was particularly fine when you started ad libbing.

I do not know that lawyers are trained penologists or police officers have any exclusive prerogative in this particular area.

I know that you express the alarm of the citizenry of Washington, and we are here to try to be of help to you and enact legislation which will be constitutional and which will help arrest this very alarming upsurge in crime.

We know it is here, and we want to do something about it, and what you have said has been very very helpful.

Mr. NORWOOD. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. The Senator from Colorado?

Senator DOMINICK. No questions.

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

We will stand in recess until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

(Whereupon, at 12:13 o'clock, the committee was recessed, to reconvene at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 15, 1963.)