

In reading your statement and your research paper, I do not see that you mentioned the *McDonald* case in any words along the way, and I am wondering if this statement that you have given me on behalf of the Washington Board of Trade was worked out prior to the *McDonald* decision. The testimony we have had to date and, of course, this is a recent decision, of October of last year, has been to the effect that the *Durham* rule has been considerably improved as a result of the *McDonald* decision.

Mr. NORWOOD. That is our understanding, that the *McDonald* decision has been a step in the right direction, which has implemented and cleared up some of the questions and the complexities involved.

The CHAIRMAN. Your prepared statement made no reference whatever to *McDonald*, and I thought quite possibly it had been prepared before the *McDonald* decision was decided.

Mr. NORWOOD. No, this statement was prepared within the last week or 10 days.

The CHAIRMAN. I understand.

Mr. NORWOOD. Yes, and I have just one other brief comment.

Some of these individuals that I was talking to said that it doesn't do any good for them to come up here.

"We do not represent an organization and they do not pay any attention to us."

And I said, "I think if you had appeared before Senator Bible last week he would have paid some attention to you."

The CHAIRMAN. I certainly would have. I like to hear from the citizens at all times.

Mr. NORWOOD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for allowing me to appear.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much. We are always appreciative of you coming before us.

Our next witness is Col. William A. Roberts, president of the District of Columbia Federation of Citizens Associations.

The CHAIRMAN. Colonel Roberts, we are happy to see you again.

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM A. ROBERTS, PRESIDENT, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Chairman, for the record, I am presently president of the Federation of Citizens Associations, and my testimony today is for the purpose of bringing before your committee the report of action of the law and legislative committee of the federation itself, at its most recent meeting this year in regard to H.R. 7525.

For the information of the committee, my experience in connection with the District of Columbia dates back over 33 years as People's Counsel, Acting Corporation Counsel in connection with numerous civic matters.

Some 30 years ago I was, for two terms, president of the Federal Bar Association.

I have had a constant interest in connection with District of Columbia and Federal Bar Association matters with regard to problems of criminal and civil laws as applied to the District of Columbia.

The action of the federation, in condensed form, was presented in a letter which is in the hands of the committee and it was signed by U. H. Ulman, chairman of the law and legislative committee, and I would like to ask that that letter be made a part of your record.