

The CHAIRMAN. That letter, addressed to me, under date of October 15, and signed, as you indicate, by Mr. Ulman, chairman of the law and legislative committee will be made a part of the record at this point.

(The letter referred to follows:)

FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
October 15, 1963.

HON. ALAN BIBLE,
Chairman, Committee on the District of Columbia,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. BIBLE: I am writing to you to state for the record the position of the Federation of Citizens Associations on H.R. 7525. At the first regular meeting of the federation which was held Thursday evening, October 10, the full membership considered certain provisions of the bill and took the following action:

TITLE I

The federation voted to support the language of section 101(a) of the bill providing that confessions which are otherwise admissible shall not be considered inadmissible solely because of delay in arraignment.

TITLE II

Without suggesting specific language the federation voted to endorse appropriate legislation to restore the "right from wrong test" in criminal proceedings where insanity is raised as a defense.

TITLE III

The federation voted to endorse legislation to make investigative arrests available to the police department when the arresting officer has "probable cause to believe" the suspect has committed, is about to commit, or is committing a crime.

TITLE IV

The federation voted to endorse section 401 which adds "robbery" to the list of definitions of crimes of violence.

TITLE V

The Federation voted to endorse the increases in minimum sentences which are contained in the several sections of this title.

We regret the delay in reporting the position of the federation concerning this legislation but felt that because of the importance of the measure we did not want to state the position of the federation until after the full membership had had an opportunity to consider the bill as it passed the House of Representatives.

Sincerely yours,

LEWIS H. ULMAN,
Chairman, Law and Legislation Committee.

Mr. ROBERTS. Now, the action of the federation is directed to certain parts of the bill.

The federation took no action with respect to the omnibus bill as a whole, either affirmative or negative. It dealt with certain parts in which there was a very great interest, and I might say that no one could follow the affairs of the federation or of its 46 member bodies for the last several years without being aware of the extreme concern of the federation over the constant increase in crimes of violence in the District of Columbia and what, in their opinion, constituted inadequate methods for prosecution, conviction, and prevention of such crimes.

The federation is very highly concerned and it consists, to a great measure, of older people who have had occasion to note the lack of