

STATEMENT OF O. W. WILSON, SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
CHICAGO, ILL.

The CHAIRMAN. Superintendent Wilson, we are very happy to have you with us, and we will be very happy to hear from you at this time. Superintendent Wilson is the chief of the Chicago, Ill., Police Department.

Do you go by the title of "Superintendent" or "Chief"?

Superintendent WILSON. "Superintendent" in Chicago.

The CHAIRMAN. "Superintendent"?

Superintendent WILSON. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Fine. Just be seated, and we will be delighted to have your testimony.

Superintendent WILSON. Senator Bible, I am pleased to appear before this distinguished committee, and add my voice to those of Chief Robert V. Murray and other distinguished law-enforcement officials urging the enactment of title I of H.R. 7525. Title I, as you know, deals with the application of the *McNabb-Mallory* rule in the District of Columbia.

It has been long my belief that the proponents of the *McNabb-Mallory* rule favor it out of a lack of understanding of the manner in which local police departments must function. I say "must function" advisedly because after pondering the problem on many occasions I am forced to the conclusion that there is no other reasonable way of carrying on local law enforcement than the traditional method commonly employed by local police of using in-custody investigation to solve a large proportion of their more serious crimes.

The CHAIRMAN. What do you mean by "in-custody investigation"? Is this taking the suspect off of the street and to the police station?

Superintendent WILSON. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. And questioning him and interrogating him for how long a period of time?

Superintendent WILSON. For whatever period of time may be necessary to accomplish the purposes that society has in mind in the operation of law enforcement agencies and the adjudication of criminal cases in courts. A reasonable period of time.

The CHAIRMAN. Operating in Chicago you have problems just as we have problems here in the District, and such as other cities of comparable size, but what do you do when you find a suspect on the street?

Superintendent WILSON. Well, it depends on the circumstances, obviously.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, certainly.

Superintendent WILSON. If there are reasonable grounds to believe that this man has committed an offense he is taken into custody and brought to a police station.

The CHAIRMAN. After you get him to the police station how long do you hold him?

Superintendent WILSON. Until the next appearance of the court, the next court hearing, which would be the following day in most instances.

The CHAIRMAN. In other words, you could hold him overnight in that situation?

Superintendent WILSON. That is correct.