

MALLORY AND DURHAM RULES, INVESTIGATIVE ARRESTS, AND AMENDMENTS TO CRIMINAL STATUTES OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1963

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to recess, at 10:17 a.m., in room 6226, New Senate Office Building, Senator Alan Bible (chairman) presiding.

Present: Senators Bible and McIntyre.

Also present: Chester H. Smith, staff director; Fred L. McIntyre, counsel; Martin A. Ferris, assistant counsel; and Richard E. Judd, professional staff member.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order.

Our first witness this morning will be Mr. Irving R. M. Panzer, of the American Veterans Committee.

STATEMENT OF IRVING R. M. PANZER, WASHINGTON CHAPTER, AMERICAN VETERANS COMMITTEE

The CHAIRMAN. We are very happy to have you with us this morning, Mr. Panzer.

Mr. PANZER. Thank you, Senator.

My name is Irving R. M. Panzer, and I appear before this committee on behalf of the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the American Veterans Committee (AVC).

We are proud to live in or near our Nation's Capital. We have worked long and valiantly to help make it a better place for all persons, and to eliminate or mitigate its deficiencies or shortcomings. We are deeply concerned about the social and economic conditions which foster juvenile delinquency and crime. We believe that the governing agencies of this community—the Congress, the District Commissioners, the police, and all other agencies of government—must be continually alert to deal with the evils of crime and delinquency, and to do so in a way that is compatible with our constitutional guarantees and protections.

We are deeply troubled by many features of the so-called omnibus crime bill (H.R. 7525) now being considered by your committee. Our concern that the bill is unconstitutional and unwise is heightened by the fact that it is opposed vigorously by at least 147 Congressmen, by the Department of Justice, by the U.S. attorney, by the District Commissioners, in many respects by the Bar Association of the Dis-