

And we definitely urge the adoption of titles I, II, III, IV, and V—and, Chairman Bible, you have heard so much about the explanation of these titles that I did not bother going into them.

The CHAIRMAN. Yes, I think I am fairly familiar with them, Mrs. Fischer. Thank you.

Mrs. FISCHER. We sincerely feel that if they are incorporated, they will be a deterrent to crime and will be instrumental in helping the policemen interrogating criminals and thus help apprehend them with greater dispatch and thus remove them from society and our streets and get them in penal institutions where they should learn discipline, cooperation, and respect for the laws of society and its people.

Then and only then, will the law-abiding citizen have freedom of movement and protection under the law which the Constitution guarantees to him. And he then can fulfill his obligations to God, country, family, and society without fear of being harmed.

Thank you, gentlemen, for this opportunity to appear here and please accept our sincere thanks for everything you may do to uphold H.R. 7525 and help in its passage.

The CHAIRMAN. Might I just ask you, for the record, a couple of questions, Mrs. Fischer?

Mrs. FISCHER. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. The North Washington Council is made up of nine citizens associations—

Mrs. FISCHER. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN (continuing). And you have named them.

Mrs. FISCHER. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, approximately, how many people are in each of these associations?

Mrs. FISCHER. Well, they have different memberships, sir. I would say the overall membership would be around 3,500.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, these various areas represent how many people?

Mrs. FISCHER. Well, in my own association—I can speak for my own association—

The CHAIRMAN. And yours is the Mount Pleasant association?

Mrs. FISCHER. Yes; we have 250 members.

The CHAIRMAN. How many people are within the Mount Pleasant area?

Mrs. FISCHER. Oh, in the Mount Pleasant area there would be many, many thousands.

The CHAIRMAN. I think it would be helpful if you could furnish that to the committee.

Mrs. FISCHER. I would be very happy to do that, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You have nine citizens associations?

Mrs. FISCHER. Yes; our boundary line, and I can help you with that, begins at Florida Avenue and goes over to Rock Creek Park west, and goes as far as the District line on the north, and then would go over to about Fourth Street on the Northwest section.

Mrs. FISCHER. May I make a personal observation here, sir?

The CHAIRMAN. Surely.

Mrs. FISCHER. There has been much said that the policemen should not have the privilege of investigative arrests.

Of late I have been a witness of several little things that have happened out on the streets, and the only thing that I noticed was that