

the last hearing wasn't well, and we were represented by Howard Fish. While I do represent the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council, an organization consisting of 600 constituent organizations with a membership of approximately 800,000 Jews in the Borough of Brooklyn, on the other side of the ledger I am to be the national chairman of the Board of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America who support this particular bill. They represent almost 2 million members in the Jewish Orthodox movement.

I want to thank you for this opportunity to present the proposed amendment to H.R. 9063.

The Brooklyn Jewish Community Council is particularly interested in this amendment because in our community of Brooklyn we have a number of people, American citizens of Polish origin. I would like to present this memorandum regarding this particular amendment sponsored by our council.

On April 24, 1967, Representative Edna F. Kelly, at the request of the executive branch, introduced H.R. 9063, which proposes to amend in various respects the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as previously amended. The act provides for distribution by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of funds provided by various foreign governments as compensation to American citizens for damages incurred during the Second World War or as a result of postwar nationalizations.

The Brooklyn Jewish Community Council proposes that H.R. 9063 be amended so as to provide additional relief, at no cost to the United States, for American citizens whose property has been confiscated by the Communist Government of Poland since the end of the Second World War. The text of the proposed amendment is submitted herewith.

Mr. MONAGAN. It may be made a part of the record at this point without objection.

(The information referred to is as follows:)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO H.R. 9063

Section 6, title I, of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, is further amended as follows:

Section 6, title I, is amended by inserting "(a)" after the section number and adding at the end thereof the following subsection:

"(b) The Commission shall complete its affairs in connection with the settlement of United States-Polish claims arising under the Polish Claims Agreement of July 16, 1960, not later than March 31, 1968."

Mr. JACOBS. Most of the provisions of H.R. 9063 parallel proposed amendments to the International Claims Settlement Act, as adopted by the U.S. Senate, 89th Congress, first session. Hearings on the Senate bill were thereafter conducted by the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe of the 89th Congress, second session. Due to more pressing legislative problems, the Senate bill was not considered by the full House committee nor reported to the floor.

The amendment sponsored by the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council was included in S. 1935 as section (2) thereof, but was omitted from the text of H.R. 9063, as sponsored by the executive branch and introduced by Mrs. Kelly.

The amendment of the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council proposes to add language to title I, section 6, of the International