

Mr. SISK. Okay gentlemen. We appreciate your appearance before this Committee.

Mr. OLMEN. Thank you.

Mr. DRAZIN. Thank you.

Mr. SISK. Next, we have Mr. Howard McGuigan the Legislative Representative of the Greater Washington Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Now, do you have someone with you, Mr. McGuigan?

STATEMENT OF F. HOWARD MCGUIGAN, LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE, AFL-CIO, GREATER WASHINGTON CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL; ACCOMPANIED BY J. C. TURNER, PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL; AND FRANCIS M. WYNN, BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE, RETAIL STORE EMPLOYEES UNION, AFL-CIO LOCAL 400

Mr. MCGUIGAN. Yes. I have with me, Mr. Chairman, Mr. J. C. Turner who is President of the Greater Washington Central Labor Council.

Mr. SISK. All right.

Mr. MCGUIGAN. He is also President of the Washington Building and Construction Council.

Mr. SISK. Fine.

Mr. MCGUIGAN. He also has served for six or seven years as a employee member of the Minimum Wage and Industrial Safety Board, but he is not currently serving.

I also have Mr. Francis Wynn who is the Business Representative of the Retail Store Employees Union, Local 400.

Mr. SISK. Fine. All right Mr. McGuigan, you may proceed then with whatever statements you have or if you want to summarize. Whatever you prefer. The full statement will be made a part of the record in any event.

(The complete statement referred to follows.)

STATEMENT OF F. HOWARD MCGUIGAN, LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS, ON BEHALF OF THE AFL-CIO AND THE GREATER WASHINGTON CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, my name is F. Howard McGuigan. I am a legislative representative for the AFL-CIO. I am here today representing the AFL-CIO and the Greater Washington Central Labor Council.

We wish to compliment the Chairman of this subcommittee, the Honorable B. F. Sisk, on his foresight and interest in introducing this pending industrial safety bill, H.R. 1264.

The AFL-CIO represents approximately 125,000 members in the Washington metropolitan area most of whom work either permanently or in various stages in their careers in the Nation's Capital. We are therefore, pleased that this proposed legislation has reached the hearing stage and we urge the committee to recommend its passage with a few modifications.

It is clear that the intent of the legislation passed by Congress in 1941 intended that all employees in private industry be adequately protected by having a safe place of employment. Subsequent rulings of the Corporation Council have narrowed coverage of this safety legislation. As a result of these narrow, restrictive, administrative interpretations of the word "industrial", only workers employed in manufacturing and construction now are assured of the protections of the safety law.

We are sure that Congress intended no such interpretation and we believe that the Congress should move expeditiously to eliminate this injustice.