

mandatory trial since it has not been requested by the Commissioners, and I do not know how we can insure ourselves that they will in the future ask that the court change this procedure, so we urge, Mr. Chairman, that on these two matters the position of the Commissioners not be sustained.

Mr. SISK. Does that complete your statement Mr. Turner?

Mr. TURNER. Yes.

Mr. SISK. Mr. Wynn, do you have a statement?

Mr. WYNN. I have a statement which I can submit. Of course, it is in support of H.R. 1264. So in essence, to save time I will just submit that, if I may.

Mr. SISK. All right. Fine.

(The statement referred to follows.)

STATEMENT OF REX CLIFFORD REPRESENTING THE RETAIL STORE EMPLOYEES UNION,
LOCAL #400, AFL-CIO, OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

I am appearing as a proponent of House Bill HR-1264. Having represented employees in retail establishments within the boundaries of the District of Columbia for many years, I have learned to realize the great importance of the Legislation adopted by Congress in October, 1941, establishing safety standards for those who toil for a living. I firmly believe that if those employed in the retail industry should not continue to be protected by a safety law, that the employers would soon learn to disregard safety standards within retail establishments.

There are many pieces of equipment used in retailing whereby an employee could be injured if such equipment was not covered by proper safety codes. In food stores for instance, there are compressors for refrigeration, garbage disposals used in produce departments for the trimming and preparation of produce, saws, grinders, tenderizers and so forth, used in meat departments, and various other pieces of electrical equipment. Cash registers must be properly grounded; deep freeze storage lockers must maintain proper safety latches so employees cannot become locked in; stair steps must be maintained with proper rails and so forth. Many other instances could be pointed out where safety of the retail employee must be guarded by proper safety standards and codes enforced by inspectors from a Government agency.

In 1965 (fiscal) employees in the retail trade, not including restaurants, reported 7,225 injuries of which 2,954 were disabling. There are presently in excess of 48,000 employees working within the retail industry. Any one who has been familiar with the number of accidents occurring, even with the protection of the Industrial Safety Law, can readily realize that without the protection of the law, this number would soon multiply itself many times.

In reviewing House Bill HR-1264, I wish to say that I do not believe that the fines are established as high as they should be.

Again, I want to say that not only myself, but the organization I represent, very strongly feel that Senate Bill HR-1264 should be enacted into law.

I want to thank you for the opportunity of having been able to appear today as a proponent of the Bill.

REX CLIFFORD, *President.*

Mr. McGUIGAN. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Philip J. Daugherty of Office Employees, Office Employees International, Local 2, also has a statement in support of the legislation which we would like to include.

Mr. SISK. All right, Mr. Daugherty. Do you wish to appear, Mr. Daugherty, in person and make any brief statement?

STATEMENT OF PHILIP DAUGHERTY, OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL
EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL NO. 2

Mr. DAUGHERTY. Yes, very briefly.

Mr. SISK. Well, come on up to the table. Your statement, without