

Mr. SISK. "Hundreds" is pretty indefinite. Is it several thousand?
 Mr. WEINMANN. Well, there aren't that many. I don't think there are 2,000 optometrists in the State of New York. I understand there are 1300. There are 1300 licensed optometrists in the State of New York. When I say we represent hundreds, it becomes a significant number.

Mr. SISK. Do you have a record there of the employers with whom you have contracts?

Mr. WEINMANN. I would be happy to furnish that, but we have contracts with hundreds of employers. We represent optical workers in every field of endeavor, not only the optometrists. We represent dispensing opticians and shop men.

Mr. SISK. Furnish for the record a list of the employers with whom your union has contracts.

Mr. WEINMANN. Yes.

(Subsequently the following information was submitted:)

SIPSER, WEINSTOCK & WEINMANN,
 New York, N.Y., August 23, 1967.

Re H.R. 1283 et al.

Hon. H. F. SISK,
 Chairman, Subcommittee No. 5,
 District of Columbia Committee,
 Rayburn House Office Building,
 Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SISK: Thank you for the opportunity to appear before Subcommittee No. 5 in connection with the above bill. As requested, I am enclosing the following documents:

1. Senate 3335-A, the corporate practice bill recently vetoed by Governor Rockefeller.

2. A list of optical retailers under contract to Local 408. (Naturally, there are many many other optical firms under contract not only to Local 408 but to the various locals of other international unions forming the National Optical Workers Conference, and there are other local optical unions in the International Union of Electrical Workers, AFL-CIO having similar contracts with employers).

I have now had an opportunity to read the letter to which you referred in connection with labor opposition to H.R. 1283. The fact is that the letter referred to from Thomas E. Andert "To Whom It May Concern", deals with an unethical practice in terms of purchasing cheap lenses wholesale from Texas and has absolutely nothing to do with ethics in dealing with the public or in examining eyes, nor is there necessarily any fault in the cheaper lenses or any special reason why a salon optometrist could not also obtain these cheaper lenses. In fact, many of them do.

The reference which I made to the sale of eyeglasses as constituting 75% of the income of optometrists was predicated upon testimony in the transcript in a case entitled *Sterling Optical Co. Inc. et al v. The University of the State of New York et al* pending before Honorable Waldron R. Herzberg, Supreme Court, Albany County, Index No. 5807/1963.

I assume that my testimony will be forwarded to me for correction before printing in the Record.

Very truly yours,

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