

Mr. WHITENER. They would be subject to a fine of \$500 or \$1,000 and imprisonment, under this bill (sec. 8).

Mr. HARSHA. In that regard, would a Kleenex to clean off the lens be covered?

Mr. WEINMANN. Sure it would, as ophthalmic material. I do not see how you could get around it. You would have to find a narrower range.

Mr. WHITENER. I believe this would depend on whether the Kleenex people advertised it was good for cleaning glasses. You might find another paper product.

Mr. WEINMANN. May I add, apparently this bill anticipated that very thing because they did not just say "ophthalmic material", they said "ophthalmic material of any character". So I think you would have to be pretty careful when you switch from one kind of paper to another.

Mr. SISK. Mr. Weinmann, we have been speaking of the use of the word "ophthalmic", and I know the New York law mentions it. The law says "prescribes, provides, furnishes, or establishes prisms", et cetera. Ophthalmic is a rather common term used in all state laws.

We appreciate your testimony here this morning and thank you very kindly.

Mr. WEINMANN. Thank you for your courtesy.

Mr. SISK. The next witnesses this morning will be representatives of the District of Columbia Optometric Society. Dr. Marvin Berlin, President of the Optometric Society, and Dr. Evart F. Warren.

If you will take your places at the witness table, we will be happy to hear from you. Who is going to speak for the group?

STATEMENT OF DR. MARVIN BERLIN, PRESIDENT, OPTOMETRIC SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, ACCOMPANIED BY DR. EVART F. WARREN, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA; WILLIAM P. MACCRACKEN, JR., ATTORNEY FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION; AND DR. ROBERT G. CORNS, LOWELL, INDIANA, MEMBER, LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Dr. BERLIN. I am, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SISK. Before you begin, would you tell us how many members are in your organization, whom you represent here and, if available, the number of practicing optometrists you represent.

Your full statement will be made a part of the record and then we would appreciate it if you would restrain yourself within the ten-minute period set aside for witnesses.

You may proceed.

(The complete prepared statement follows:)

STATEMENT OF MARVIN BERLIN, O.D., ON BEHALF OF THE OPTOMETRIC SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, I am Dr. Marvin Berlin, an optometrist practicing in the District representing the Optometric Society of the District of Columbia of which I am President. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of revisions in the District of Columbia optometry licensing law. Accompanying me is Dr. Evart Warren, also a practicing optometrist here in Washington. As Immediate Past Secretary, District of Columbia Board of