

Mr. SISK. Have you tried any of these?

Mr. WEIR. As is evidenced by every state of the union, this type of sale is not prohibited.

Mr. SISK. I question that. I am not questioning your testimony at the moment but I think that there are some state laws in connection with this prohibition. It may be that I am in error.

That is all I have.

Does the gentleman from Maryland have any questions?

Mr. GUDE. In looking at your testimony here, Mr. Weir, the statement, it says that the Metropolitan Washington Board of Trade directs its opposition to one particular aspect of these proposals. Is it that the Board of Trade is just considering one particular provision of this?

Mr. WEIR. At this point this is the only position the Board of Trade has taken with reference to the buyer.

Mr. GUDE. It is just objection to this type of merchandise?

Mr. WEIR. That is right. We feel this deprives from the public the privilege of purchasing this kind of merchandise. That is the only position we are taking in the statement.

Mr. SISK. Let me stand corrected then because I understood from your oral statement—unfortunately I hadn't read the written statement—that you were opposed to the entire bill. I was a little disturbed that the Board of Trade would attempt to take a position here on a rather comprehensive bill.

I can understand the concern of the commercial establishments who might lose a few sales. I am not sure that this should be permitted.

Mr. WEIR. You are permitted, of course, to buy magnifying glasses in other forms and this is merely an adaptation of that which permits the person to put on this if it suits their purpose.

I might also say in the testimony further there is an indication that it is not damaging to the eye. It is not harmful to the eye. That has been proven medically.

Mr. SISK. Thank you, Mr. Weir, very much for your testimony. Your statement will be made part of the record.

With that, the committee stands adjourned until 10:00 o'clock Friday morning, or as otherwise advised.

(Whereupon, at 5:32 p.m., the subcommittee was adjourned, to reconvene at 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 18, 1967.)