

## OPTOMETRY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
SUBCOMMITTEE No. 5 OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,  
*Washington, D.C.*

The Subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10 a.m., in Room 1310 Longworth House Office Building, Hon. B. F. Sisk (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Sisk, Jacobs, and Gude.

Also present: James T. Clark, Clerk; Hayden S. Garber, Counsel; Sara Watson, Assistant Counsel; and Leonard O. Hilder, Investigator.

Mr. SISK. Subcommittee No. 5 will come to order for the continuation of hearings on bills concerning the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia.

On the last day of the hearings we skipped around on our witnesses list. Today, we want to hear in order those remaining on the list. Our first witness this morning will be Mr. Jerry A. Miller, Executive Secretary, Guild of Prescription Opticians of America, Incorporated, the Guild of Prescription Opticians of Washington, D.C., and the District of Columbia Association of Dispensing Opticians.

We will be happy to hear from you now, Mr. Miller.

The subcommittee wishes, if at all possible, to complete our list of witnesses today, and I am going to request that we follow the 10-minute rule.

I understand, Mr. Miller, that you do have a statement here. Without objection your entire statement will be made a part of the record. You may summarize with the thought that the Subcommittee will consider your entire statement.

You may proceed.

STATEMENT OF JERRY A. MILLER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,  
GUILD OF PRESCRIPTION OPTICIANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED,  
APPEARING ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AND ITS WASHINGTON AFFILIATE, THE GUILD OF PRESCRIPTION OPTICIANS OF WASHINGTON, D.C., AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS;  
ACCOMPANIED BY JOSEPH STOUTENBURGH, SPECIAL COUNSEL,  
AND ROBERT W. BURTON, COUNSEL

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee. I appear in opposition to H.R. 12276 and other substantially similar bills relating to the practice of optometry in the District of Columbia.