

AIR POLLUTION

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE No. 2 OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C.

The Subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in Room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, Honorable Abraham Multer, presiding.

Present: Representatives Multer (Chairman), Winn, and Gude.

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

Mr. MULTER. The Committee will be in order. We will hear first this morning from Captain John Thot. Captain, will you come forward please and identify yourself for the record. I understand you want to make a statement.

STATEMENT OF CAPTAIN JOHN THOT, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Capt. THOT. I am Captain John M. Thot, assigned to the Metropolitan Police Department, specifically attached to the Traffic Division in Charge of Traffic Operation and Enforcement. I was requested to be here by the Chief of Police to represent him this morning to give you the Department's thoughts on the matter at hand.

The Metropolitan Police Department's function and involvement in air pollution control is primarily that of enforcement. There have been a number of regulatory and statutory provisions, some of which remotely related to the over-all air pollution problem and with only incidental ability. The Department endorses and supports the captioned bills which provide needed regulation of a critical problem facing the District of Columbia. It is noted that Section 9(a) would prohibit emissions containing contaminants which are darker in shade than number 1 on the Ringelmann smoke chart. In this connection the bill would prohibit and prohibit most exhaust from automobiles and thus be too broad to be properly enforced. It is suggested that a better standard be darker in shade than number 2 of the Ringelmann smoke charts.

Mr. MULTER. Which bill are you referring to?

Capt. THOT. Bill H.R. 6981.

Mr. MULTER. On page 11?