contract was not a valid one to start with. This is what I have in mind, sir.

Mr. WHITENER. There may be a wife whose husband has accepted obligations that are not legally her obligation, or a minor may be involved.

Mr. KNEIPP. As I indicated in my statement, the debt adjuster has a vested interest in not finding any infirmities in the underlying contracts.

Mr. WHITENER. His fee is geared to his pay-out?

Mr. KNEIPP. Yes.

Mr. WHITENER. Somewhat like the executor of an estate.

Mr. SISK. The gentleman from Maryland?

Mr. GUDE. I have no questions at this time, Mr. Sisk. But, I think it would be appropriate to insert in the record the U.S. Supreme Court's opinion in the case of *Ferguson* vs. *Skrupa*, and I ask permission to have it inserted in the record. The Court in this case upheld the constitutionality of the Kanas law outlawing debt-adjusting in that State.

Mr. SISK. Without objection, the copy of the opinion will be placed in the record.

(The document referred to appears on pp. 63–69:)

Mr. SISK. Mr. Kneipp, we thank you very much for your testimony this morning.

The committee might wish to discuss some points further for possible amendments. I would assume you would be available should we call you?

Mr. KNEIPP. I will be glad to be, sir.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SISK. At this time the committee will be glad to hear from Mr. Morris Rabinowitch, President, California Association of Credit Counselors, and of Financial Counselors, San Francisco, California.

I might say to the committee that I know Mr. Rabinowitch and something about his operation in California. I know him to be a gentleman of integrity and he is certainly a highly respected citizen of our state of California. Without additional stating of my position one way or another on the testimony he will be giving, I do welcome a fellow citizen from our great state of California.

At this time the committee will be glad to hear you, Morris.

Were there other attachments you also wanted to make a part of the record?

STATEMENT OF MORRIS RABINOWITCH, LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CREDIT COUNSELORS, AND PRESIDENT, CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF CREDIT COUNSELORS, AND OF FINANCIAL COUNSELORS, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Mr. RABINOWITCH. Yes, there was, Congressman. I think I have submitted copies of the surveys of the State of Illinois Financial Advisory Board on Financial Institutions. I will leave you with a copy of letters from the National Better Business Bureaus and letters from various officials and credit grantors and people throughout the country as an exhibit for this committee if I may, after the testimony.

Mr. SISK. At this point your statement will be made a part of the record, without objection.