

SAFETY OF CAPITOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to notice, room 2167, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. George H. Fallon (chairman) presiding.

Mr. FALLON. Ladies and gentlemen, the Committee on Public Works convenes this morning for the consideration of H.R. 13178, a bill to provide more effectively for the regulation of the use of, and for the preservation of safety and order within, the U.S. Capitol Buildings and the U.S. Capitol Grounds, and for other purposes.

(The bill follows:)

[H.R. 13178, 90th Cong., first sess.]

A BILL To provide more effectively for the regulation of the use of, and for the preservation of safety and order within, the United States Capitol Buildings and the United States Capitol Grounds, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to define the area of the United States Capitol Grounds, to regulate the use thereof, and for other purposes", approved July 31, 1946 (60 Stat. 718; 40 U.S.C. 193a; D.C. Code 9-118), is amended by—

(1) inserting therein, immediately after the words "book 127, page 8," the words "including all additions added thereto by law subsequent to June 25, 1946,"; and

(2) striking out the words "as defined on the aforementioned map".

(b) Section 6 of that Act (40 U.S.C. 193f; D.C. Code 9-123) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons—

"(1) Except as authorized by regulations which shall be promulgated by the Capitol Police Board:

"(A) to carry on or have readily accessible to the person of any individual upon the United States Capitol Grounds or within any of the Capitol Buildings any firearm, dangerous weapon, explosive, or incendiary device; or

"(B) to discharge any firearm or explosive, to use any dangerous weapon, or to ignite any incendiary device, upon the United States Capitol Grounds or within any of the Capitol Buildings; or

"(C) to transport by any means upon the United States Capitol Grounds or within any of the Capitol Buildings any explosive or incendiary device; or

"(2) Knowingly, with force and violence, to enter or to remain upon the floor of either House of the Congress.

"(b) It shall be unlawful for any person or group of persons willfully—

"(1) to enter or to remain upon the floor of either House of the Congress, to enter or to remain in any cloakroom or lobby adjacent to such floor, or to enter or to remain in the Rayburn Room of the House or the Marble Room of the Senate, unless such person is authorized, pursuant to rules adopted by that House or pursuant to authorization given by that House, to enter or to remain upon such floor or in such cloakroom, lobby, or room;