

Mr. CRAMER. All other public buildings are covered as it relates to increased penalties under present law?

Mr. BRESS. Yes, sir.

Mr. CRAMER. What is the situation with regard to the Pentagon; what law covers the Pentagon?

Mr. BRESS. The Virginia law, which is assimilated into that Federal area so that—

Mr. CRAMER. What penalty is that? If there are similar statutes, what is the penalty?

Mr. BRESS. The penalty is 1 year in jail. I have forgotten the dollar fine involved.

Mr. CRAMER. If there is a disruption of the business in the Pentagon, disorderly conduct in the Pentagon or affecting the operations of it, it would be subject to penalty under Virginia statute?

Mr. BRESS. As a Federal offense by assimilation.

Mr. CRAMER. Who would prosecute that?

Mr. BRESS. The U.S. Attorney for the eastern district of Virginia.

Mr. CLARK. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. CRAMER. Not all the time. Just the technicalities. Yes, I yield.

Mr. CLARK. I would like to ask the gentleman a question.

If and when this becomes law, would this be treated similar to the District of Columbia laws of today where the order has come down from the top to go easy and not use force against those who are turning their backs on the law?

Mr. BRESS. I am not aware of that.

Mr. CLARK. I am talking about the police. We have had a number of people who have had 10 to 20 years of service that have quit the District of Columbia Police force because today they cannot get help from the judges or those involved. They are to go easy on these people; don't use force; don't use your club or your gun.

I am for this bill 100 percent but I would want to know that you people downtown in the Justice Department are going to put the finger on these people and treat them as criminals, not just as ordinary citizens that might be getting a parking ticket.

Mr. BRESS. I am not aware, sir, that there is any instruction from the top down to go easy on anybody.

Secondly, the enforcement of the criminal laws of the District of Columbia are not handled directly by the Department of Justice but indirectly. They are handled by my office. I can assure you, sir, that they are being enforced in the best way I know how equitably and, I believe, effectively.

Mr. DUNCAN. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. CRAMER. Yes; I yield to my colleague from Tennessee.

Mr. DUNCAN. I would like your knowledge concerning the operation of Federal buildings outside the District of Columbia. It occurs to me that this problem is of greater magnitude to some of those people than it is to the District of Columbia.

Do you consider it wise having this legislation applicable to all Federal buildings outside the District? It seems we are singling out protection for the District of Columbia but not other public buildings throughout the country.

Mr. CRAMER. There are other laws on the books relating to Federal buildings, disruption and protection of property, are there not?

Mr. BRESS. Yes, sir.