

POLICE AND FIREMEN PAY INCREASE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE No. 4 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. Basil L. Whitener (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Whitener, Dowdy, Sisk, Fuqua, Nelsen, Harsha, Broyhill, and Gude.

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

Mr. Whitener. The subcommittee will come to order.

We will continue the hearings which were begun on Tuesday, January 23, on legislation relating to the pay of the Police and Fire Departments.

I understand we have with us representatives of the White House Police and the United States Park Police. Perhaps they could come up together and we will start with the White House Police, Major G. E. Lanier, Chief, and Sergeant Carl W. Drechsler.

STATEMENT OF SERGEANT CARL W. DRECHSLER, WHITE HOUSE POLICE

Sergeant DRECHSLER. Major Lanier is not here. I understand he is teaching in a school.

My name is Carl W. Drechsler. I am a Sergeant of the White House Police Force, and I am here to express my personal opinion concerning the inequities in the Sergeants' schedule, Class 4, of Representative McMillan's pay bill, H.R. 10761.

In brief, the proposed pay bill will give a rookie sergeant with 10 years the same pay as a sergeant with 20 years' service. This is including one year and 11 months in the rank of sergeant. Also, it would give a rookie sergeant with 13 years' service \$340 more than the sergeant with 20 years' service. This is including the one year and 11 months' service in rank, also.

In addition, a private promoted to sergeant after 16 years of service would draw a salary \$680 more than the sergeant with 20 years' service, with one year and 11 months in rank. Furthermore, the private with 16 years' service would draw a salary of \$105 more than the sergeant with 20 years, with one year and 11 months in rank.