

CONSUMER PROTECTION LEGISLATION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1967

U.S. SENATE,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND COMMERCE,
OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 11 a.m., in room 6226, New Senate Office Building, Senator Joseph D. Tydings (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Senator Tydings.

Also present: Chester H. Smith, staff director; James S. Medill, Howard A. Abrahams, assistant counsels; and Robert A. Burt, legislative assistant.

Senator TYDINGS. We will convene the hearing of the Subcommittee on Business and Commerce of the Committee on the District of Columbia of the Senate.

We are continuing the hearings this morning on S. 316, S. 2589, S. 2590, and S. 2592, relating to consumer protection in the District of Columbia.

We are delighted to have a number of distinguished witnesses with us this morning.

Our first witness is Prof. Egon Guttman, professor of law, Howard University, appearing on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee on Consumer Protection.

We are delighted to welcome you and those you have with you and please ask that they sit with you.

Mr. GUTTMAN. May I introduce Mr. Benny L. Kass, who is associated with me?

Senator TYDINGS. We are delighted to welcome you here.

Mr. GUTTMAN. Mr. Kass will present a preliminary statement.

STATEMENT OF BENNY L. KASS ON BEHALF OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION

Mr. KASS. Mr. Chairman, Professor Guttman will actually present our complete statement.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Consumer Protection is a local coalition organization. We are delighted to say that the statement submitted today is, in principle, supported by the following organizations: Jewish Community Council; Council of Churches of Greater Washington; National Consumer League; American Home Economic Association, District of Columbia Association; Washington Urban