

He had a suitcase with him with a little sample mattress in it which he said was the type mattress you got for \$38. It was poor looking as it was covered in ticking like a pillow. He said it was a good mattress but he had a much better mattress which was specially made and was on sale then. He showed us a colored picture of a very nice looking mattress and kept talking how good it was. He asked to see our bed so that he could order a mattress made for us if we decided to buy. He measured the bed and looked at the mattress and box spring. He told us that we needed a new box spring too as ours was worn, and said their special sale price was only \$199.

He told us the mattress had one side for winter and one side for summer, made so that it would be warmer in winter and cooler in summer. Then we went back downstairs and he kept talking and asked us questions like how much we weighed, and how tall we were so that they could make the mattress to suit us. He said everybody was buying, even doctors.

While he was talking he had some papers, two white regular size and one short white paper.

He got the first signature on a paper. I can't remember which was signed first. Then he telephoned someone and told them to start making the mattress. He had us sign a long white paper which he filled in with \$200 owing and then began to ask us credit questions from a second regular size white sheet.

When he had us sign one of the regular size white sheets I wanted to stop as I was not sure this was right since he was rushing us so, but he said the order was not cancellable and showed the short white sheet which my husband signed which was marked "noncancellable." He kept talking about what a good price and deal this was and that it could not be stopped now and got us to sign the last regular size white sheet at the bottom. There was a lot of filled-in things on this sheet about credit things but some blank spaces at the bottom before our signature. When my lawyer later got a copy of a note from the company, it looked like it was the bottom of that page, but I am not positive.

The mattress was delivered within a week. We could only sleep on it for one night. It was so hard it felt like boards with padding over it.

I called the company and they refused to take the mattress back. I told a man there that I couldn't use it. He said that wasn't his problem, that we had bought the mattress and had to pay for it.

The payment book also came around then, from a finance company in Maryland, and it added to \$264. The salesman said the mattress cost only \$199.

I went to a lawyer in my neighborhood. He made them take the mattress back and return the note.

I hope the Congress can do something to stop this bad business as I know of other people who have been cheated in this way.

Senator TYDINGS. Who is your lawyer?

Mrs. BAILEY. Lawyer Cunning.

Senator TYDINGS. Thank you very much, Mrs. Bailey. We appreciate your being before us to testify.

Is Mr. Whitaker here?

Miss HALLORAN. Senator Tydings, the next witness will be Mrs. Meg Jameson, who has submitted a written statement.