

CONSUMER PROTECTION LEGISLATION FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1968

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

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:15 a.m., in room 6226, New Senate Office Building, Senator Joseph D. Tydings (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Also present: Chester H. Smith, staff director; Owen J. Malone, associate counsel; Howard A. Abrahams, assistant counsel; James S. Medill, assistant counsel; Richard E. Judd, professional staff member; and Robert A. Burt, legislative assistant.

Senator TYDINGS. We will call the Subcommittee on Business and Commerce of the U.S. Senate Committee on the District of Columbia to order.

Today's hearing is a part of a continuing series of hearings on Senate bills 316, 2589, 2590, and 2592, legislation designed to protect the consumer purchaser in the District of Columbia.

We have a number of witnesses today. Our first witness is Cleveland Reed. Is Mr. Reed present?

Mr. REED. Yes, sir.

STATEMENT OF CLEVELAND REED, R & W CONSTRUCTION CO.

Senator TYDINGS. Would you please come forward, Mr. Reed, and have a seat, sir? We are happy to welcome you before this subcommittee.

Mr. REED. Yes, sir.

Senator TYDINGS. Now, Mr. Reed, are you a resident of the District of Columbia?

Mr. REED. Yes, sir.

Senator TYDINGS. How long have you resided here?

Mr. REED. Well, I came to Washington in 1950; then I left and lived in Cleveland for a couple of years and I came back. I left here in 1963 and I came back in 1965.

Senator TYDINGS. And you have been here, working in the District of Columbia since 1965?

Mr. REED. Yes, sir.

Senator TYDINGS. And briefly, what is your educational background?

Mr. REED. Well, I came out of school in the 11th grade. I didn't finish high school and I haven't gone to college.