

THE NATIONAL HOUSEWIVES' LEAGUE OF AMERICA, INC.,

February 1, 1968.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: My name is Mrs. Mervine B. Brewer, I am President of the Washington Housewives League, member of National Housewives League of America, Inc. Having a membership of 193 members, it is one of the oldest consumer organizations in the District of Columbia.

At our regular meeting on January 27, 1968, the Washington Housewives League went on record as supporting the following Bills S-2589, S-2590, S-2591 and S-2592.

We concur in the statement presented by the Chairman Miss E. Pauline Myers, of the Washington, D.C. Subcommittee on Consumer Legislation.

Respectfully submitted.

MERVINE B. BREWER,
President of Washington Chapter.

PHYLLIS WHEATLEY BRANCH, Y.W.C.A.,
Washington, D.C., February 1, 1968.

To: The Subcommittee on Business and Commerce Holding Hearings on Consumer Protection Legislation.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: The Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the National Capital Area YWCA takes pleasure in endorsing and supporting the Four (4) Tydings Bills. We believe that the regulatory powers set forth in these bills are necessary to provide for the protection of the buyers of this community.

There has come to the attention of our Branch located in the heart of the densely populated Shaw Area, many cases of residents who have been victims of certain unscrupulous practices by merchants, money lenders, and peddlers.

We do not believe that all merchants, money lenders and peddlers engage in unscrupulous practices because we know there are honest vendors. However, we believe that protection is needed and therefore we wish to go on record on behalf of this legislation and we will continue to work for its successful passage by the United States Congress.

The Phyllis Wheatley Branch, YMCA concurs in the statement presented by Miss E. Pauline Myers, the Chairman of The Washington D.C. Sub-Committee On Consumer Legislation.

Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. MARY GREGORY,
Legislative Representative.
Mrs. ROSETTA MITCHELL,
President, Board of Directors.

SUPPORTIVE RESOLUTION FROM THE D.C. CITY-WIDE CONSUMER COUNCIL
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RETAIL INSTALLMENT BILLS

Senator Tydings and members of the Committee, the D.C. City-Wide Consumer Council went on record as of December 21, 1967 in support of the District of Columbia Retail Installment Bills Numbers S-2589, S-2590, S-2591 and S-2592. All of these bills are necessary tools for the elimination of poverty in this urban area.

The D.C. City-Wide Consumer Council is comprised of citizens representing thousands of people from ten poverty areas in the District of Columbia. Its members are genuinely concerned with good consumer legislation to protect the residents from abuse, hypocrisy and deceptive practices of unfair businesses. The four Tydings bills go a long way toward dealing with the more glaring abuses.

The Council will be working continuously to promote the passage of these bills. We are, therefore, pleased to have the opportunity to appear here today and give our support.

M. PAUL SMITH,
President.

JESSE WEST,
Vice President, D.C. City-Wide Consumer Council.