

Even if the present bill is adopted, the salaries of the judges of the Court of General Sessions will be increased by only 17 percent so even with this increase, we are certainly not ahead, but we are still behind the classified employees.

Now, insofar as the retirement bill is concerned, again, it has the full and unanimous support of the judges of our court, and as I understand, it has complete support of all the governmental bodies, including the District of Columbia and the Bureau of the Budget.

The major effect, Mr. Chairman, would be to permit those judges who are eligible to retire under the Judicial Retirement Law at that time to count toward their annuities also any prior civil service, congressional service, or military service that they might have. This kind of amendment is completely in line with all other retirement systems that exist in the Federal service; and we would suggest that the judicial Retirement System should be brought in line with those other systems as well.

There are some other amendments in the retirement bill which I will not bother to enumerate, since they are discussed in my prepared statement.

(Subsequently, the following tabulation was received for the record:)

Year	Judges		Teachers' Salary Act	
	Average percentage increase	Public Law	Average percentage increase	Public Law
1955.....	33.0	84-139	14.9	84-243
1958.....			14.0	85-838
1960.....			7.5	86-773
1963.....			10.6	87-881
1964.....	33.0	88-426	7.0	88-575
1966.....			8.9	89-810
1967 (effective Oct. 1, 1967).....	16.7	H.R. 15678	19.2	H.R. 16409
Cumulative average.....	82.7		82.1	

¹ Two phases. Phase I effective Oct. 1, 1967, and phase II effective July 1, 1968.

Source: Government of the District of Columbia, Personnel Office, May 2, 1968.

Mr. WHITENER. I think at this point we might make the report of the District of Columbia Commissioners on each of the bills a part of the record.

(Two letters dated May 1, 1968 to Chairman McMillan from the Commissioner of the District of Columbia are as follows:)

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Washington, D.C., May 1, 1968.

The Honorable JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Chairman, Committee on the District of Columbia,
United States House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. McMILLAN: The Government of the District of Columbia has for report H.R. 15679 and H.R. 14202, 90th Congress, identical bills, "To amend section 11-1701 of the District of Columbia Code relating to retirement of certain judges of the courts of the District of Columbia."

These bills are designed to improve the retirement benefits for the judges of the District of Columbia Court of General Sessions, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and the Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia. The first