

time an average of three judges are ill, on vacation or otherwise unable to sit, 26 judges are needed to carry the workload.

For these reasons the Committee urges this Subcommittee to recommend that the Court of General Sessions be increased by 5 judges.

Mr. WHITENER. Well, thank you, Mr. Flannery.

Does anyone else have anything to add?

Mr. CANFIELD. Mr. Chairman, I would just like to add one thing on behalf of the Bar Association.

Again, the bill did not originally apply to the Tax Court and to Judge Morgan. Certainly the Bar Association would be in favor of his receiving the same treatment as other judges in the Court of General Sessions.

Judge MORGAN. May I make just one statement. As I stated, I think the Court ought to be included in the bill of increasing the salaries. With respect to retirement, we are perfectly satisfied with our retirement. It is very simple. It is not complicated. And we get along very well with it. Since I am going to retire on June 30, I will hate to see it mixed up.

So if you will, do me a great favor and don't include us in the second paragraph. [Laughter.]

Mr. WHITENER. I am afraid you and Judge Hood have me under some handicap here, because I married a Morgan from South Carolina. So I am sort of trapped. We have here a communication from the Washington Clearing House Association signed by Mr. Robert C. Baker, Chairman, dated April 30, 1968, which we will make a part of the record.

(The letter dated April 30, 1968, signed Robert C. Baker is as follows:)

THE WASHINGTON, D.C., CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION,
Washington, D.C., April 30, 1968.

HONORABLE BASIL WHITENER,
Chairman, Subcommittee No. 4,
House District Committee,
Rayburn Office Building, Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In June 1967 the Washington, D.C., Clearing House Association, of which I am Chairman, endorsed the recommendations of the Judicial Council's Committee on the Administration of Justice calling for an increase in salaries of the judges of the D.C. Court of Appeals and the Court of General Sessions and an increase in the number of judges for the Court of General Sessions. At that time I wrote the President of the United States approving these recommendations of the Committee, and we have continued our support of the measures it proposed. I am now writing to strongly urge your Subcommittee to take favorable action on H.R. 15678 which will raise the salaries of the judges on the D.C. Court of Appeals and the Court of General Sessions and on H.R. 14202 and 15679 which will affect their retirement benefits and give consideration to the need of additional judges for the Court of General Sessions.

Our organization enlisted long ago in the war against crime, and we have urged that all elements in our community put aside disputes on issues that divide us and concentrate upon practical proposals that should command the support of all reasonable men. These bills represent one such proposal. It is only by attracting men of the highest caliber to the judiciary that the courts will be the effective instrument in the war against crime that they must be.

H.R. 15678 would raise the existing salaries of these judges by a modest \$4,000. The \$23,500 now paid the judges in the Court of General Sessions is less than that paid Government workers at the GS-18 level since the latter will receive \$30,239 beginning July 1, 1968. And it is considerably below the \$30,000 now paid to the United States District Court judges. Yet the judges on the Court of General Sessions handle 97% of all litigation in the District, which includes 80%