

Mr. SALERNO. Yes, sir. I take the position that Mafia and organized crime are not synonymous—are not synonymous—that organized crime is a much broader term which includes the other within it. But they are not necessarily synonymous, one and the same.

Senator HATFIELD. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. All right, sir.

Our next witness will be Mr. Henry Ruth, Jr.

I might say for the record that Mr. Ruth is the former Deputy Director of the President's Task Force Against Crime. He is now an associate professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Mr. Ruth, you may proceed any way you prefer.

STATEMENT OF HENRY S. RUTH, JR., PROFESSOR, THE LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Mr. RUTH. I do have a statement, Mr. Chairman, which maybe I could briefly read. I understand from your request, sir, that you are interested in receiving from me a brief description of the general outlines of organized crime, and then some specifics about loan sharking.

Senator JAVITS. Mr. Chairman, may I say a word before this witness starts.

I notice a good deal of this information relates to situations in New York. I would simply like to say to the Chair that I will make it my business to cooperate with the committee and the Chair in pursuing any leads which are developed here with respect to New York and that may be pursued in the courts or by the investigating agencies of the State police, or by any of our district attorneys, or by the attorney general. I believe our authorities are very alert to this situation in New York, and are, of course, aware of loan sharking on the docks, and many other scandals which have been unearthed. But crime has a way of creeping up on you, and you are sometimes very surprised when you learn where it is happening or occurring.

But I wish to assure the Chair, whether or not I am here on particular days, that I will have the hearings very closely observed and cooperate fully with the Chair in respect to this.

The CHAIRMAN. I thank the distinguished Senator from New York. I appreciate that statement. Of course, we knew that he would do that. Having himself been a distinguished attorney general of the State of New York, he is fully aware of many of these matters which we will have under discussion these next few days.

Senator JAVITS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. As has been stated already by our first witness, although many of the illegal activities which we have discussed here are experiences that have occurred primarily in the larger States, nonetheless loan sharking activity goes on in all the States to a greater or lesser degree.

All right, Mr. Ruth, you may proceed.

Mr. RUTH. Sir, I would just comment on that by saying that I think most of the data in the statements will be about New York State, because New York State has done the most from a law enforcement standpoint to try to do something about organized crime. And that is why we know something about New York that we do not know in other jurisdictions.