

understand it, how can the public understand it unless it is explained. I myself have never known the explanation of how loan sharking operates, or what elements are involved, until this morning.

Everybody recognizes that organized crime is an important problem, and that there are corrupt officials. But my concern is there is only a small group of people who have some knowledge about it, and I want to know how we can more effectively educate the public and the State attorney generals and the law enforcement people in those places where there is not very much knowledge about it. You have testified that one State which has done a good job in trying to solve this problem is New York. How many others have done that kind of job?

Mr. RUTH. Well, I think Illinois and California, sir. As I cited, I think the New England States are beginning to do this. I think Michigan and Pennsylvania are starting State programs. New Jersey will shortly begin a more extensive State program. I think the State of Florida has started an organized crime program. I think it is too early to state whether it will become institutionalized or not. These are the problems—getting over that initial hump of 2, 3, or 4 years, to find out whether a program has become institutionalized, or whether it is a personal thing about the incumbent in office, and will fade away when the next person comes in.

Senator NELSON. You are saying that only 10, 12, 13 or 15 States in the Nation are moving to do something about organized crime, and that the other 35 are not doing much. Isn't that what you are saying?

Mr. RUTH. I think so, yes, sir. I am not sure it is a problem in all the rest of the 35, but certainly in some of them.

Senator NELSON. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

I would like to say I offered myself as exhibit "A" a moment ago, as the fact that some public officials have not sued me when they knew something about organized crime and did nothing about it. But then my distinguished colleague, Senator Hatfield, said that he disagreed with me, and that when he was Governor, the legislators pressured him to be permissive about small crime. But I assume from the fact he is here today as a U.S. Senator, he did not accede to those requests, he did enforce the law, and that is why he is here today.

Senator HATFIELD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. I offer him as exhibit "B."

Mr. RUTH. I think what we need is about a million of those exhibits. I am happy there are two of them.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you very much, Mr. Ruth, for your testimony.

Our next witness is the Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Mr. Petersen.

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Mr. PETERSEN. I have a statement, Senator. It is very brief.

My name is Henry Petersen. I am the Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Criminal Division, of the U.S. Department of Justice. I appreciate the opportunity of being able to testify before