

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Chairman, I know there are other Members who have questions they want to ask. I suggest that we start another day next week. I can come tomorrow if it suits the Members, but I understand we have another hearing scheduled tomorrow.

Mr. DOWDY. I mean tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. WHITENER. Why don't we come back at 2:00 o'clock today?

Mr. JACOBS. If I may make a suggestion, I had a few questions that I wanted to ask. But if the other members who are pending would agree with me, I think that there has been a lot of talk about tying the hands of the police.

I would be very happy to yield my prerogative to ask questions so we can stop tying the hands of the police by pulling them off their jobs.

Mr. DOWDY. We are trying to untie the hands of the police. They have been tied for too long, and that is one of the purposes for this hearing. We will adjourn, subject to call.

Numerous newspaper clippings, letters, and editorials will be inserted in the record.

(The material referred to follows:)

RESOLUTION OF FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, FEBRUARY 8, 1968

WHEREAS: A Director of Public Safety of the District of Columbia has recently been appointed, having, among other duties, supervision over the Metropolitan Police Department, and

WHEREAS: Wholesale changes in practices and administrative personnel have been made, and further changes have been announced, and

WHEREAS: Announcement of these changes has been accompanied by public criticism of methods, practices and personnel of a Police Department which has been generally recognized as one of the best in the Country, and

WHEREAS: The *methods* used in announcing these changes have unnecessarily and brutally embarrassed present officers of the Department, and

WHEREAS: These actions have had a devastating effect on the morale of members of the Police Department and have aroused unprecedented indignation on the part of responsible citizens and organizations in our community, tending to destroy confidence in the integrity of the top leadership of the Department, and this at a time when a further build up in tensions is a possibility this spring,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: By the Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia in meeting assembled this eighth day of February, 1968, that it deplores most strongly the unwise, capricious and arbitrary methods used to date in effecting changes in the Metropolitan Police Department, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent Police Chief John B. Layton, the Chairmen of House and Senate District Committees, the President of the United States, the Commissioner of the District, the Attorney General of the United States, and the Washington Daily Newspapers and the Director of Public Safety.

Mrs. ERNEST W. HOWARD,
Chairman, Police and Fire Committee,
Federation of Citizens Associations of the District of Columbia.

CAPITOL HILL SOUTHEAST CITIZENS ASSOCIATION, INC.

RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PUBLIC INFORMATION ON CRIME IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Whereas, the Capitol Hill Southeast Citizens Association for a long time has believed that one of the major reasons for the continuing increase in crime in the District of Columbia is that the criminal and the would-be criminal have been convinced that the police would not be solidly backed up in a strict per-