

BONDS FOR PARADE PERMITS, AND REMOVAL OF DESTROYED BUILDINGS

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPECIAL INVESTIGATING SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C.

The Special Investigating Subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:15 o'clock a.m., in room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, Hon. Basil L. Whitener (chairman of the Special Investigating Subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives McMillan (chairman of the full committee), Whitener (presiding), Nelsen, Winn, and Steiger.

Also present: James T. Clark, clerk; Sara Watson, assistant counsel; Donald Tubridy, minority clerk; and Leonard O. Hilder, investigator.

Mr. WHITENER (presiding). The subcommittee will now come to order. We will proceed with hearings on H.R. 16941, a bill by Mr. Abbitt and others to authorize an officer or employee of the government of the District of Columbia to require applicants for permits to parade in the District of Columbia to post a bond to cover certain costs of such parade.

We will also hear the testimony relating to H.R. 16948, a bill to direct the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to remove at the expense of the District of Columbia buildings destroyed or damaged in riots or other civil disorders.

These bills relate to subjects which are very much on the minds of the people, not only in the Nation's Capital, but throughout the Nation. And we are delighted that we are having as witnesses Members of the Congress, members of the District government, as well as members of the community.

H.R. 16941 and H.R. 16948, together with the Commissioners' reports, will be printed in the record at this point.

(The documents referred to follow:)

[H.R. 16941, 90th Cong., 2d sess., by Mr. Abbitt (for himself, Mr. Stubblefield, Mr. Gettys, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Fountain), on May 1, 1968]

A BILL To authorize an officer or employee of the government of the District of Columbia to require applicants for permits to parade in the District of Columbia to post a bond to cover certain costs of such parade

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no officer or employee of the government of the District of Columbia shall issue or sign any permit for a parade in the District of Columbia if such officer or employee determines that such parade may