

In conclusion, while the District of Columbia Government views with interest and attention all proposals for efficiency and economy, it is our view that the bill raises serious constitutional issues in that it would limit the issuance of a parade, march, or demonstration permit to an individual or group desiring to exercise his or its rights of peaceable assembly, only to those individuals or groups who could post the required bond prior to the parade, march, or demonstration. The Government of the District of Columbia accordingly recommends against the enactment of the bill.

The Government of the District of Columbia has been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this report to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Thomas W. Fletcher,
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Assistant to the Commissioner.
For: WALTER E. WASHINGTON,
Commissioner.

[H.R. 16948, 90th Cong., 2d sess., by Mr. Friedel on May 1, 1968]

A BILL To direct the Commissioner 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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) in the case of any building in the District of Columbia which the Commissioner of the District of Columbia determines was destroyed or damaged on or after April 4, 1968, as the result of any riot or other civil disorder, the Commissioner of the District of Columbia shall (1) remove any such damaged building (or part thereof) which he determines under the Act of March 1, 1899 (D.C. Code, sec. 5-501-5-508), to be unsafe or (2) remove any other building (or part thereof) so damaged if the owner requests to have it removed and (3) remove any materials or other debris from any buildings so destroyed.

(b) The entire cost of any removal of any building (or part thereof) so damaged and debris from any building so destroyed—

- (1) carried out by the District of Columbia under the Act of March 1, 1899, on or after April 4, 1968,
 - (2) carried out by the District of Columbia under this Act, or
 - (3) carried out by the owner on or after April 4, 1968, and before the date of the enactment of this Act,
- shall be borne by the District of Columbia.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Washington, May 10, 1968.

The Honorable JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Chairman,
Committee on the District of Columbia,
United States House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. McMILLAN: The Government of the District of Columbia has for report H.R. 16948, 90th Congress, a bill "To direct the Commissioner 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."

The bill requires the District, in the case of any building which it determines was destroyed or damaged on or after April 4, 1968, as the result of any riot or other civil disorder, to remove the building or part thereof determined to be unsafe pursuant to the Unsafe Structures Act of March 1, 1899 (D.C. Code, sec. 5-561-5-508). The bill also requires the District to remove any other damaged building or part thereof if the owner asks that it be removed, and, finally, the bill requires the District to reimburse those owners who, at their own expense, removed their damaged buildings in compliance with orders issued by the District pursuant to the Unsafe Structures Act.