

welfare agencies in the District of Columbia. Certain statements have been made to the effect that if the campaign does not achieve its objectives within a reasonable time, the participants are prepared to remain here all summer. So far as I have been able to ascertain, I have not heard one word that the present administration downtown has spoken in an endeavor to have the march called off. I am afraid that in the environment of accommodation which now appears to be the adopted policy, we can only expect a long, drawn-out challenge to Federal authority and demonstrations which will either be countenanced by the officials and have to be tolerated by the community or eventually a crack-down will have to be imposed. I would far rather see limits put on the demonstration in advance than to have trouble and later terminate the campaign for the communities security.

I wish to address myself primarily to H.R. 16941 which I introduced on May 1st along with several other members which would authorize an officer or employee of the government of the District of Columbia to require applicants for permits to parade in the District to post a bond to cover certain costs of such parade. As this subcommittee well knows, the House Public Works Committee has ordered reported a bill embodying much the same purposes and providing for certain limitations on the use of government land for camp-ins. I introduced the original bonding bill on November 1, 1967 following the so-called "peace" demonstration at the Pentagon last October and, therefore, I have long felt that some bill of this type is necessary in order to deal with such situations as the one with which we are now confronted. Although the District government has given assurances that adequate police protection will be provided and various other statements from high officials in the Executive Branch have indicated that they consider they have the situation well in hand, I do not believe that the public has been adequately assured that we have done all that we could under the circumstances.

The so-called campaign is now under way; thousands of demonstrators are converging upon Washington from all over the country and no one seems to have the foggiest notion as to when it will all end and more importantly how it will end.

The press media still overflow with wild and outrageous statements by leaders of the campaign as to what they intend to do, etc. and the general public is still puzzled by the relative silence of those Federal officials who are supposedly in charge. I do not mean to cast undue alarm or to over-emphasize that with which we are confronted but it seems to me that it is abundantly obvious that the District of Columbia faces an unusual emergency, the like of which we have not seen in many years. I do not believe that all the statements which we read in the press and hear spoken over radio and television are responsibly made but I do not believe that we can afford to ignore that which is plainly before us and take the chance that great destruction will be avoided simply because we turn out to be lucky. Such logic defies all of our principles of national defense, law enforcement and detection of crime. If the FBI or any other security organization operated simply on the basis of "waiting to see what happens" or in the hopes that the criminal somehow would turn out not to be as bad as they thought he would, we would have very little protection. It seems to me that far too much reliance has been placed upon the sheer hope that those who