

rightly and without reservation state what the government will and will not allow and that this be done without delay. We cannot sit around and wait for trouble to come and face the possibility that whatever action we eventually take may be too little and too late.

Mr. WHITENER. At this time we will hear from Commissioner Walter Washington of the District of Columbia.

If you would like, Commissioner, you may ask other officials of the District of Columbia to sit with you.

STATEMENT OF HON. WALTER WASHINGTON, COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF JOHN B. LAYTON, METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT; THOMAS APPLEBY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, REDEVELOPMENT LAND AGENCY; JULIAN R. DUGAS, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS; DR. MURRAY GRANT, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; DR. FRED HEATH, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; ROBERT KNEIPP, ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL; AND WILLIAM N. DRIPPS, DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS

Mr. WASHINGTON. Thank you.

Mr. WHITENER. If you will identify each of the gentlemen seated with you for the record, please.

Mr. WASHINGTON. Mr. Chairman, members of the subcommittee, on my right here is Dr. Fred Heath, from the Department of Health, who will not testify; Chief Covell from the Metropolitan Police Department; Thomas Appleby, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Land Agency; Dr. Murray Grant, Director, Department of Public Health, with Mr. Fred Heath of the same department; Chief Layton; Mr. Kneipp of the Corporation Counsel Office; and Mr. Dugas, Director of the Department of Licenses and Inspections. These are some of the gentlemen whom we have here, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Murphy is not here?

Mr. WASHINGTON. I do not believe he is here today. As a matter of fact, he decided to send someone else, thinking that you would want someone to come up as to these permit procedures. We were not exactly sure of the format of the hearing, but these men are here. Some of them are here because we worked out the agenda with the staff representation in both areas in respect to both bills, the two bills that are before us.

Mr. WHITENER. You may proceed.

Mr. WASHINGTON. If there is anyone else that you desire, we will be happy to get him up here.

Mr. WHITENER. We probably will not finish today. But it may be that we will want others later.

Mr. WASHINGTON. We will be very happy to get them here.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Mr. Chairman, we have come to give you our views with respect to the two bills that I understand are before us. One is H.R. 16941, and the other is H.R. 16948.