

Mr. WASHINGTON. I think this is the nub of it, really. This was in our reasoning. It was the nub of the problem and this was the case then that would be saying to people who wish to petition, do not have extra money, that they cannot do it.

Mr. STEIGER. You cannot do it on District of Columbia property, because it has been demonstrated that the property owners in the District of Columbia are subject, at least, to potential damage beyond the control of the District to prevent.

Mr. WASHINGTON. If this were out, and they have to pay \$50, they have no more reason to believe that it will be any different than in the others.

Mr. STEIGER. I think that we are leaving the nub again, because in truth you are not denying the right of assembly and to petition. We are denying the right to use a specific area, because people in that area need protection which this group is not able to provide.

Mr. WASHINGTON. It does not afford protection. It only says that they will clean up. And if they do not, we are going to use the bond for that purpose. That is, again, the nub. There is no protection here.

Mr. STEIGER. The protection is inherent or implied in the fact that if you do damage it will cost you money; ergo you will not do damage. This is the implication.

Mr. WASHINGTON. I would like to believe that is proper. I do not know that it is.

Mr. STEIGER. This is one of the purposes of it.

Mr. WASHINGTON. I am very clear now that we are on the nub of what concerns us. I am saying that we have raised this question.

Mr. STEIGER. You have raised that question.

Mr. WASHINGTON. As to this bill. I do not think that we are pounding on the desks and saying that we are against it without some reason. I believe there may be other aspects that we have not looked at, even in the insurance angle. Of course, we will now do that. The whole problem is before us.

Mr. STEIGER. You do realize under the terms of the National Park permit they are required to post \$5,000 cash bond to clean up?

Mr. WASHINGTON. To clean up.

Mr. STEIGER. It is not a matter of any particular situation. Thank you.

Mr. WHITENER. The bells have rung. Some of us must be on the floor. We will have to recess our hearings until some later date, notice of which will be given. We appreciate your being with us. We would like to ask Dr. Grant if convenient to do so, to give us some of your health planning in connection with the current situation and also to give us the benefit of a little of the history when we have had the Legion and the Shrine and the inaugural parades and other large groups in the District of Columbia and how your folks had to extend yourselves in those situations and also what steps you took in preventing difficulties.

Dr. GRANT. We will be glad to do that.

Mr. WHITENER. I do not want to put too big a burden on you. I think it would be good if we had it before us so that we could put it in the record. And you will have a little time to work on it.

Mr. WASHINGTON. Could I just say, Mr. Chairman, for the record