

**STATEMENT OF GEORGE KALAVITINOS, A WASHINGTON, D.C.,
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Mr. KALAVITINOS. Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of this Subcommittee.

I am appearing before you today as an ordinary citizen and a Washington businessman. There are many here who are familiar with Part of Amendment 14—Ratified July 9th, 1868, which says: "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction, the equal protection of the laws." (I presume the Amendment included Washington, D.C.)

Now, exactly 100 years later, a so-called riot erupted Thursday evening, April 4th, 1968, in this city of the District of Columbia which resulted in arson, vandalism and thievery.

Many merchants' businesses were looted and burned to the ground. These same merchants who for years have been paying their taxes, which part payment of the taxes went for police protection. Where was the Police protection for these merchants? Why should these merchants be held responsible for the removal of the debris, for the demolition of their buildings, and for the cost of such undertaking? They did not burn their buildings down. It is the City's responsibility to remove the debris and demolish the buildings, for they did not render the necessary "police protection".

I want to read to you a statement entitled "The City of No Windows."

As a result of the Supreme Court decisions and through the liberals and certain politicians of our great nation we are now faced with our police forces around our nation both local and state being now totally neutralized. We, as a nation from July 4, 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress, have never been faced with a more critical situation as we are confronted with today—and that is a complete breakdown of law and order.

Now, how did this situation come about?

How did we let it happen?

Is it too late to do something about it?

What is the solution? Money, education, bloodshed, military dictatorship, communication—What?

What has happened to this nation? Where are our leaders? Where can we find a voice to tell those hoodlums, animals and punks, both white and black militants who have no regard for our country and its laws? Where?

What leaders can be found—political or private citizens—who will speak up and say "Law and order is not going to retreat anymore; enough is enough?"

I, as a D.C. businessman and citizen of these United States have had it. I am now damn mad. I want to help do something—anything to awaken this city and this nation to the fact that by tomorrow it might be too late.

Now, let's take a look at our Bill of Rights as citizens of these United States of America and citizens and businessmen of Washington, D.C. Let us go back to July 9th, 1868, when the 14th Amendment was