

WHEREAS, marches in the past have created disorders and objectionable conduct by the demonstrators, and

WHEREAS, the leaders of the coming marches make no guarantee that they can and will control conduct of people involved, and

WHEREAS, we are already losing millions of dollars in tourist trade and convention participation because of the breakdown of law and order and the riots,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the NORTH WASHINGTON COUNCIL at its regular meeting held Wednesday, April 10th, DEMANDS, that no permit be issued for any marches or demonstrations for this year, and no permits be issued for the encampment of people in tents or other living accommodations on the Mall, Rock Creek Park or any other public space. We have had enough Disorder.

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*Chairman, Police and Fire Committee.*

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H.R. 16948

Mrs. HOWARD. As President of the Columbia Heights Citizens Association and as President of the Northwest Washington Council of Citizens Associations, we want to go on record endorsing H.R. 16948 which provides for the payment of D.C. Government for clearing away the debris of damaged and destroyed buildings caused by the riots and other civil disorders. As you have pointed out, Mr. Chairman, we realize the D.C. Government could not make this a habit, and since we have heard over the radio and television many times since the riot that if the owners of businesses build again the buildings would be burned down again, I should think we would have to have something in the bill to provide that the D.C. government would pay just once for such lawlessness—perhaps by then it would have learned its lesson of how costly to delay the enforcement of existing laws.

The damages that were done, we feel need not have been done. Any one of our leaders should have anticipated this riot. The average citizen on the streets knew that such damage would happen. Our Government should have been prepared for it. We feel very deeply about this.

Had our government, Federal and local, been interested in all the people this would not have happened. Either they were ignorant of the events of the past few years and should not have been in their positions, or they knew what was going to happen and cared less; and it could have been both, they failed miserably.

Mr. WHITENER. Then your Association approves both of the bills?

Mrs. HOWARD. We approve both of the bills; we also believe that we should not have to live by fear of destruction of life and property. We believe in shooting if necessary, shoot first and ask questions later. That is what we believe.

We believe we have the finest police department in the nation, barring none. We know that our policemen were not allowed to proceed with enforcement of existing laws. We know that our policemen and