

to testify. I will return after I answer the quorum call, as will other members of the Committee. We have a little time, 10 minutes or such to go on, so, whichever one wants, may speak now.

Mr. HINES. Right, we will let Larry Rochon have it.

Mr. ROCHON. I have here, Mr. Chairman, this is a sampling of just a few incidents since May 20, since everybody got riled up about these three gentlemen here being held up at pistol point, that was the straw that broke the camel's back. Nobody could take any more. I have already given to your counterpart in the Senate, Senator Byrd, in the District Committee, approximately 150 incidents. I have here, I have not counted them, I have just been stockpiling them.

Mr. DOWDY. Over what period of time?

Mr. ROCHON. This is since May 20, 1968. And I know personally that I don't have them all because of the fact that a lot of people say "why turn them in? I have turned them in before and nothing has happened." So they won't turn them in.

Even since June 10th when our members, some of our members, have been fortunate enough to be able to park up here on the Senate and House lots evidently the criminal element has found out about it because as of last Friday night, July 26, 1968, on the Senate lot located over here by Union Station, a 1968 Ford Galaxie broken lock and forced open rear deck, removed new tire and wheel. This man signed his name to it and I happen to know this man very well because of his 1965 Ford Galaxie when it was 48 hours old they also did the same thing when he was parked in the vicinity of the Government Printing Office.

On the same night in the same Senate parking lot, 1968 Pontiac Tempest, station wagon, broken into, a new tire stolen from the rear well, and worst of all his golf clubs were stolen and his parking permit was also stolen, so we don't know now who would be driving in there with this parking permit issued.

I have with me four or five gentlemen who have actually gone through this. I myself have been very fortunate, I haven't been jumped yet, but a lot of nights you go in there and you say "is it my turn tonight or whose turn is it tonight?"

I have here on my left Gordon Landes, deaf mute. They are even in a worse situation than we are because they can't hear anybody coming up behind them.

Mr. Landes is fortunate enough to be able to speak a little and also to hear a little but we have a lot of these people down here and they have a worse problem than we have.

I don't want to take up any more of your time, but would rather have these gentlemen who have lived through it relate it.

Mr. DOWDY. All right.

Mr. SHIRLEN. Mr. Chairman, having been the victim of a hold up at gunpoint, and after living in the District of Columbia for 28 years, I feel that the time is upon us when it is dangerous to walk on the streets and that this is a deplorable situation that certainly if the laws of the land are enforced will be remedied, and I suggest that that happen, and that the judges and the judicial system of this country be granted authority, if they no longer have it; or encouraged to put it into effect to the fullest extent, and that we who work in the Government Printing Office be given places to park that are safe, with escorts, if necessary