

business people, the government employees, and we have some other people here who I feel will have just startling testimony that I felt should be a part of the record. I do deeply appreciate, Mr. Chairman, your making it possible for the little man also to be heard.

Mr. Dowdy. What Mr. Broyhill says about condoning some of the criminal acts by many officials, it is also true that for the past several years we have had officials in our government aiding and abetting, encouraging, recommending these acts, demonstrations and civil disobedience. It is just unbelievable that supposedly responsible Federal officials would not only condone, but praise and recommend, violation of law.

Mr. HINES. Yes, it is.

We thank you, sir, and we appreciate your cooperation and your kind patience.

Mr. Dowdy. We appreciate your being here.

Mr. HINES. Thank you.

Mr. Dowdy. The D. C. Transit Company drivers are here.

I am sorry you all have had to wait so long. We promised you will be heard, and you will if you will all come around and sit in these chairs.

Now, then, who will be the spokesman?

What is your name?

STATEMENT OF RODNEY W. RICHMOND, ACCOMPANIED BY LLOYD HOWARD SHANDS, JR.; GLENARD JAMES PHILLIPS, JR.; AND MARTIN E. KANE, BUS DRIVERS, D.C. TRANSIT, INC.

Mr. RICHMOND. My name is Richmond.

Mr. Dowdy. Rodney Richmond?

Mr. RICHMOND. Right.

Mr. Dowdy. All right. You may proceed.

Mr. RICHMOND. First of all, Mr. Chairman, we do a service for the people of the United States or Washington, D. C., that has to be done, and we do not see why we should have to do a service that has to be done with a whole lot of harassment, robbing, people spitting on you, breaking your windows.

You are driving down the street with 50 or 60 people on the bus, and somebody throws a brick through the window or a beer bottle or a Coke bottle, and you lose control of that vehicle, and who knows where you are. You might end up down in the basement, and so forth and so forth, and you have people whose lives are in your hands, and the whole blame is on you.

Three years ago if you did not work a certain line in a certain section of the city, you did not have to worry about being robbed. Now it has gotten to the point where you can be robbed any place in the city at any time of the year, and any time of the day.

Now, they have come out with this new idea of scrip. They have been working it from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.

Mr. Dowdy. That is at night?

Mr. RICHMOND. At night, yes. We have not had any robberies during that time. There is no money out there. There is no reason to rob anybody out there. So we have not had any robberies.