

TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSIONER OF POLICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 o'clock a.m., in Room 1310 Longworth House Office Building, Hon. John L. McMillan, chairman of the committee, presiding.

Present: Representatives McMillan (chairman), Dowdy, Whitener, Sisk, Jacobs, Walker, Nelsen, Harsha, Broyhill, Winn, Gude, and Zwach.

Also present: James T. Clark, Clerk; Hayden S. Garber, Counsel; Sara Watson, Assistant Counsel; Donald Tubridy, Minority Clerk; and Leonard O. Hilder, Investigator.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will be in order.

The hearing this morning is on H.R. 14430 and H.R. 14448, to establish a Commissioner of Police for the District of Columbia.

(H.R. 14430 and H.R. 14448 follow:)

H.R. 14430, 90th Cong., 2d Sess., by Messrs. McMillan, Abernethy, Dowdy, Hagan, Fuqua, O'Konski, Winn, Steiger and Broyhill; and H.R. 14448, by Mr. Whitener, on Dec. 13, 1967.

A BILL To establish a Commissioner of Police for the District of Columbia

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is established in the government of the District of Columbia an independent office with the title of "Commissioner of Police in the District of Columbia". The officer who holds that office shall be known as the "Police Commissioner". The Police Commissioner shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, acting jointly, for a term of four years. Any appointment made to fill a vacancy in such office shall be made in the same manner as the original appointment. Any Police Commissioner appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term. A Police Commissioner may continue in office after the expiration of his term of office until his successor is appointed and qualifies. The Police Commissioner is subject to removal by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, acting jointly, for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. The Police Commissioner shall receive compensation at the rate of \$28,730 per annum.

SEC. 2. (a) There are transferred to the Police Commissioner the functions, powers, and duties of—

(1) the Commissioner of the District of Columbia and the District of Columbia Council with respect to the Metropolitan Police force;