

I say it is the responsibility of the Congress, and that we should provide this protection. The only way we can be sure of maintaining a good Police Department, as we have now, and to make sure it does not decay through lowering of morale and the appointment of police officers on the basis of race rather than ability—and thus assure the high level and standards we have now, is to bring the D.C. police forces under the complete control and jurisdiction of the Congress of the United States.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SCOPE OF THE BILL

The CHAIRMAN. I would like to ask the gentleman a question. The proposed legislation would not destroy any of the present police forces, would it? As I understand it, they would not lose the autonomy they already have.

Mr. BROYHILL. I am glad the Chairman asked me that, because I think it should be emphasized that it would not disturb the autonomy of the five departments. No member of any department could be transferred without his consent.

Incidentally, Mr. Chairman, the Metropolitan Police Department is used as a source of recruitment for the White House Police. It is my understanding that no member of the Metropolitan Police Department is transferred to the White House Police Force without his consent and without the approval of the Metropolitan Police Department.

The advantage of consolidation is that in the event of emergency, which we have, unfortunately, on many occasions, it is a more streamlined way of coordinating the effectiveness of the five police departments for the protection of the general community.

Secondly, as I said before, we would have a more efficient and economical means of general recruitment. Police departments all need the same type of high-level training. All five departments certainly have the same general problem with recruitment. So, why should we not consolidate that activity where the general responsibility is somewhat the same.

The CHAIRMAN. Is it not also a fact that the original reason for creating the District of Columbia was to protect the Congress and Government officials from outside interference while attending to their official duties? It is my understanding, after reading the history of the Nation's Capital, that Washington was never intended to be a large industrial city. I do not believe that anyone can conscientiously state that the streets of Washington are safe at the present time.

Are there any questions that anyone cares to ask Mr. Broyhill?

Mr. HARSHA. Mr. Broyhill, I wonder why you feel that the District of Columbia should not bear some of the expense of this coordinated police force. Surely the residents of the District of Columbia are provided police protection by this force. Why is it solely a Federal responsibility under your legislation?

Mr. BROYHILL. As the gentleman knows, under existing law we authorize a \$70 million annual payment to the District of Columbia to supplement the local revenue. We just recently raised that in the House to \$80 million. We have also appropriated \$175 million in other programs to supplement the operating costs of the District of Columbia. I feel that if we could take over the duties and responsibilities of some