

Here is one: "The morale of the Department being at an all-time low, I believe it is urgent to get this bill into law soon, before many good men leave the Department."

Another one: "I am in favor of the continuing viable interest by the Congress in the affairs of the District of Columbia."

Comment: "Sincere compliments and thanks to Mr. Broyhill, et al., for a rapid and brilliant attempt to save an otherwise hopeless prospect for police in the Nation's Capital."

"Very pleased with the proposal. This would certainly boost the morale of the Metropolitan Police Department and greatly improve police enforcement in the Nation's Capital."

Mr. JACOBS. Are these statements anonymous or signed?

Mr. MARGOLIUS. These are unsigned, sent in by members of the Association. They are not signed.

Another one: "I believe this would boost the morale of all policemen, and I believe the citizens would look on us differently and with pride, as this would put a stop to the Police Department being used as a whipping boy for all."

Another comment: "There are too many people running the Police Department above the rank of Chief—Mayor, Council, Members of Congress, and others."

Another comment: "I am sure this could be a saving in operating costs and overhead."

Another comment: "Would eliminate the pressure groups from the Police Department and the Commission."

I could go on. There are numerous ones like this. They all seem to indicate that there is in this bill some saving grace with respect to professionalism in the Department, increase of morale, and also the elimination of what might be termed, called by several of these officers, making the Metropolitan Police the whipping boys of the District.

I have also been asked by one of the members of the D.C. Police Wives Association, who could not be here today, to say that they are in favor of the bill, and they will submit to the committee at a later time a written statement.

I have nothing else to say on behalf of the Association unless the committee would like to ask me some questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Would any member care to question Mr. Margolius?

NEED FOR COORDINATION

Mr. BROYHILL. Mr. Margolius, you mentioned some of the objections to the Zoo Police being brought up to the same standard as the other forces. I know there is a feeling among some of the members of the Police Department that the members of the Zoo Police Force does not have the same training and responsibility.

This is not merging the operation of the different police departments. I want to make that abundantly clear. The proposal is for an administrative consolidation only.

The other objection is the fear of personnel being transferred from one force to another without their consent. There will be an abundance of protection against that.

One of the objectives of the bill is to elevate the status of the Zoo Police, as well as of the Capitol Police. The Capitol Police is a pa-