

tronage force now, and they do not get the same professional training as the Metropolitan Police Force. So, it is the hope of some of the sponsors of this legislation that in the future we will provide the same training and skills in the Capitol Police Force as in the Metropolitan Police Force. No longer will we have the feeling that the Zoo Police are not of the same stature as the Metropolitan Police Department. I think that can be very quickly overcome.

Certainly, as far as transfer is concerned, all the present positions would be abundantly protected as they are at the present time.

The gentleman also pointed out that if the poll were taken now, it would be much more overwhelmingly in favor of this proposal than it was back in March.

Mr. MARGOLIUS. I can only prophesy that. I am positive that it would be.

I also would like to comment, for what it may be worth, that Resurrection City, being on Federal property, and the Metropolitan and Park Police having been coordinated during that experience, and also the demonstrations on the Hill which have existed in the past, which of course require coordination between the Capitol and the Metropolitan Police, further establish some bases for a common head.

Mr. BROYHILL. Some of the members of the Park Police commented to some members of this committee that they could not go in and arrest people after they jumped over the fence and snatched a pocket-book and other things from tourists passing by. Have you any comment on that?

Mr. MARGOLIUS. I do not have those comments. I would like to make some personal observations, but since I am in a hearing involving two policemen, perhaps three policemen, involved in a shooting, I think I must refrain from doing that. I think this bill is merited.

Mr. SISK. Do I understand the bills you are basically endorsing are H.R. 14430 and H.R. 14448? Are those the two bills you are talking about?

Mr. MARGOLIUS. They are identical bills, are they not? Yes. We call it the so-called Broyhill bill.

Mr. SISK. I do not want to detract from anything said by my good friend from Virginia, but I just noted that Mr. McMillan, Chairman of the Committee, joined with him and several others, including the gentleman from Virginia, in introducing H.R. 14430; and of course H.R. 14448 is sponsored by our colleague, Mr. Whitener.

Mr. BROYHILL. I made that abundantly clear at the beginning of the hearings. There is no pride of authorship on my part.

Mr. SISK. I am not discounting your interest in this at all. I just wanted to be sure that the witness was not talking about another bill, separate and apart from these two.

That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JACOBS. Sir, has your organization done any research into the constitutionality of this legislation in reference to the separation of powers?

Mr. MARGOLIUS. No. Now that you ask the question, I eliminated those comments because I thought it might not be material to read something that a policeman says. Several of the responses were to the effect that Congress has control over the District, and they should therefore retain it—this is the comment of several policemen, not by