

have enough trained personnel in the Capitol Police Force. We always have members of the Metropolitan Police Department up here alternating or working with the Capitol Police because we need more help. We need the Metropolitan Police up here.

If we had problems downtown, we would use additional Capitol Police, wouldn't we? This bill would provide better coordination and administration of the problem. We can take all the police forces and put them under the District of Columbia Commissioner, if the gentleman desires. I would oppose that, however, and I think the Metropolitan Police Association would also.

The main purpose is coordination. That is the No. 1 goal.

The No. 2 issue is who is to be in charge of and responsible for it? I think, as the Chairman said earlier, the Congress created a Federal area because we wanted the Congress and the Federal Government to be protected. I think that is the primary concern.

I say they all have to be fitted together, not separately.

Mr. JACOBS. I think that is a very important point, and I think it is something this committee should be enlightened about. My own judgment is that among police departments, cooperation is probably higher than any other kind of organization in this Nation. By that I mean when a policeman from one end of the country passes through a jurisdiction where you are a policeman, the courtesy and camaraderie that exist are probably greater than in the case of any other kind of organization in the country.

Let me illustrate what I mean. We are in a metropolitan area here. Just a few short steps across the river we are in Arlington, and there must be cooperation between the Arlington Police Department and the police authority on this side of the river. I am sure the gentleman would not suggest they be controlled by the same metropolitan organization. Maybe he would. I do not know. In any case, I think there would be a great deal of problem.

I want to conclude, Mr. Chairman, with this comment, if I may.

I think one of the great dangers to city government any place in this country—Washington, after all, is a city—is the fragmentation of authority of the city government, what I used to call the dangling participle agency. The gentleman from Virginia himself, I think, has observed the misfortune of the National Capital Planning Commission being autonomous and outside of coordination with the city government. Ours is a city police department, and if there is something wrong with the Office of District Commissioner—of course, I think there is, for I think there should be home rule—if there is something wrong with the Commissioner's Office, perhaps that should be studied.

But this separating away, taking a police department away from the left arm, whatever it might be, does not make for efficiency of government.

I might say one of the grave ills of our cities today is that there is not the authority in the Mayor and city governments to coordinate and to act.

The CHAIRMAN. I may say to the gentleman, we have to hold our question for each member down to 5 minutes.

Mr. JACOBS. Speaking as one who has been left out because people did not hold it down to 5 minutes in past hearings, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. We have a roll call on the floor of the House. Does anyone wish to ask questions at this time?