

I was intrigued by his statements, especially by the survey that had been made by the policemen themselves, and the percentage that were in favor of this legislation.

As of now, if we were called upon to vote, I don't know how I would vote. I think morale is very important, not only of our policemen in the District but all over this country, I think most of the Members on this committee would agree with me that no individual on this committee would want to serve as a policeman any place in the United States under conditions which policemen in this country have to work. So I would like to join with the rest of my colleagues in commending the police force, whether they be here or some place else in this great country of ours.

Also, the point was made this morning about whether or not there is any other city in the United States where the Federal Government is trying to intrude on their prerogatives. I don't know of any other city in the United States that has exactly the same situation as Washington. This is a Federal city.

I certainly don't want to see Congress take over the prerogatives, the law enforcement duties of the Capital or any place else, but I will tell you one thing: I think you will agree with me when you go back home and receive your correspondence from the people back home, they are not blaming the Police Department, they are not blaming the City Council in Washington, they are blaming Congress for everything that they see and read about the actions of this country.

That is the longest speech I have made since I have been up here.

The CHAIRMAN. Any further questions of Mr. Fletcher?

Thank you very much.

Chief Layton, do you care to make a statement?

Chief LAYTON. I have no prepared statement, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Do any of you care to ask the Chief any questions?

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Mr. WHITENER. Chief, I would like to ask you a question. We have all heard this talk from the Deputy Commissioner about how this bill would destroy the present high level of coordination. We have here several separate police organizations and all of them are fine ones. But Mr. Fletcher said something about "a good job done during the Poor People's March". From what I read in the paper and from what Members of the House have told me, who went down to this so-called Resurrection City, apparently there was no policing at all within Resurrection City, at least none to amount to anything. I understand again that that was a park area under the primary jurisdiction of the Department of Interior and not the District Government.

Yet, I understand that your men were called down to the vicinity to back up the Federal police, the Park police. Now, who made the