

Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent Police Chief John B. Layton, the Chairmen of House and Senate District Committees, the President of the United States, the Commissioner of the District, the Attorney General of the United States, and the Washington Daily Newspapers.

Mrs. ERNEST W. HOWARD,
Chairman, Police and Fire Committee.

JOHN R. IMMER, *President.*

The CHAIRMAN. The committee last week had to adjourn because of an early meeting of the Congress, and Members did not have an opportunity at that time to question Mr. Margolius. So we requested Inspector Sullivan, who is taking his place, to attend this meeting for the purpose of answering questions.

Are there any questions that Members want to ask?

STATEMENT OF INSPECTOR JOHN L. SULLIVAN, RETIRED, CHAIRMAN, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, POLICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA; ACCOMPANIED BY ROYCE L. GIVENS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS

Mr. SULLIVAN. For the record, Mr. Chairman, my name is John L. Sullivan. I am a retired Inspector of the Metropolitan Police Department and Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Policemen's Association. On my right is Mr. Royce Givens retired, from the Metropolitan Police Department, Executive Director of the International Conference of Police Associations, representing over a quarter of a million policemen throughout the United States and Canada, and also the Executive Secretary of our local Association.

I would like to state for the record that our Association supports H.R. 14448 and also H.R. 14430.

We believe this is the type of coordination that our city deserves. We believe, to the contrary of some of the statements that have been made, that it would lessen the cost of the operation. It takes nothing away from the individuality of any Police Department or the function of any Police Department. We feel also that under this system there could be more direct action.

I would like to take you back to April for a moment, if I may.

CIVIL DISTURBANCES

Prior to April we were told time and time again that this city was prepared for any emergency that occurred. When I say this, I am not reflecting anything on my good friend, the Chief of Police, because I have the greatest confidence in our Chief of Police and think he would be a splendid man for this job which you are proposing here. But when the riot broke out in April, I am at a loss to know why—and many more people are, too—that at 12th and U Streets, Northwest, and having been a policeman for some 26 years-plus, they said to this community that "We pulled the policemen out there for their safety." Now, I have never had that pleasure as a policeman, to be pulled out for my safety. There was much confusion as to whether we