

Mr. GUDE. Does your organization have any observation about the effectiveness of these Councils—good or bad—or would you have any suggestions about the improvement of them? Would you like to reflect on that and submit a statement?

Inspector SULLIVAN. Not at this time, Mr. Gude.

Mr. GUDE. Pardon me for interrupting, but I gather that you feel even with Mr. Broyhill's bill that such an organization could continue to operate?

Inspector SULLIVAN. I do not think there is any question about it continuing to operate any type of community relations that are proper and appropriate under the bill. There is nothing interfering with the operation of the Police Department rather than the coordination of the efforts. It could be in even a broader scope. I do not think we have had a chance to fairly evaluate this new approach and therefore I would not like to comment on it. Maybe Chief Layton would have a better opportunity to do so than I.

Mr. GUDE. The operation of these councils would have a direct bearing on the police morale.

Inspector SULLIVAN. It does. The council representing the citizens of our District, and are not radical except looking for some self-gratification or some observation by some news media, such as some of these units we know about, that is fine. If it is an involvement of the people who are sincerely interested in understanding their policemen, and sincerely interested in creating a better Police Department, we would have no objection to it. But this is something that would have to be determined by the Chief of Police, and then we would be willing to work along that line.

I do not see where this bill would interfere with such operations as that.

Mr. GUDE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Adams.

Mr. ADAMS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would first like to say, Mr. Sullivan, that I support increased pay for the Police Department. I think we have to do this throughout the nation. I also tend to continue to press for additional pay in the educational area, because I think professionalism in the Police Department is our only hope in America. You indicate you have been 26 years as an Inspector. I want to ask you this question: In your opinion, hasn't the downtown area both ethnically and economically changed radically in that 25 years?

Inspector SULLIVAN. Very much so.

Mr. ADAMS. Aren't we therefore confronted with a different set of problems, and therefore need different solutions to approach them, than we had 25 years ago?

Inspector SULLIVAN. No, I think the law is the same.

Mr. ADAMS. I agree the law is the same.

Inspector SULLIVAN. It has not been amended as it should have been amended. Even though we have this change, Mr. Adams, the law is applicable and the law should be enforced. As to our change in public relations in this sort of thing, and to get to know them and understand them, I agree with you that this is an effort that we are doing now and have been doing for some time.