

Whereas the black community knows from history that police are controlled by whites and come into the black community to suppress rather than protect black people; whereas the black community knows and recognizes from its history that police do not regard the lives of black people and have killed black people under the guise of justifiable homicide and have been allowed to do so because black people have no meaningful say so in their being hired or fired and these cops have no interest in the black community; whereas the black community needs systems of control and protection from oppressive elements; be it resolved that—

1) The methods of self-defense by the family charged with the alleged slaying of the honky cop is justifiable homicide in the same sense that police are allowed to kill black people and call it justifiable homicide.

2) The police assigned to the black community be placed under the control of the black community.

3) The society face up to its responsibility to remove a colonial, racist system which make such events possible.

Black people have resolved that this change will occur by any means necessary to preserve both freedom and comfort.

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 21, 1968.

Hon. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Chairman, House District Committee,
2208 House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN McMILLAN: I am writing as a law abiding citizen of Washington, D.C., on the matter of police protection. Last month it was the riots and just Thursday, May 16th, one capital transit bus driver was killed and a half dozen others were robbed while working the same evening; and now another demonstration about to take place, the Poor Peoples March.

I understand you have introduced a bill to combine all of the five Police Forces in the city and give them all the same arresting power so that citizens could be better protected. Wouldn't this be better than closing some of the Police Precincts in the city which we need. What has happened to your bill? Has the District Committee considered your bill so it could be passed at this session of Congress? Your bill should be passed, at least I hope it will be, the sooner the better.

Thanking you again for having the interest of this city and especially the protection of all its good citizens.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. AGNES MONAHAN.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Washington, January 22, 1968.

Hon. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Chairman, Committee on the District of Columbia,
United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. McMILLAN: The Government of the District of Columbia has for report H.R. 14430 and H.R. 14448, identical bills, "To establish a Commissioner of Police for the District of Columbia."

The purpose of this legislation, stated by one of its sponsors, Congressman Broyhill (113 Cong. Rec. H16901, daily ed. December 13, 1967), is to consolidate the five separate police forces now operating in the District of Columbia; i.e., the Metropolitan Police, United States Park Police, Capitol Police, White House Police, and National Zoological Park Police. These forces would all be under the complete jurisdiction of a Commissioner of Police appointed for a four-year term by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, acting jointly. A nine-member advisory commission would also be appointed by the Speaker and President pro tempore.

The District of Columbia Government is strongly opposed to the removal of the Metropolitan Police Department from the municipal government. A police department is an integral part of any municipal government, with its services subject to coordination with those of all municipal agencies. This coordination, in the District of Columbia as elsewhere, is essential to the well-being of all the