

Mr. Dowdy. And they were told not to make arrests?

Mrs. Newman. I could not say definitely, sir.

Mr. Dowdy. You touched in your statement on Resurrection City. I understand the police were ordered not to enter Resurrection City and make arrests.

Mrs. Newman. I understood Resurrection City had a sort of vigilante force of their own that was supposed to take care of lawlessness or whatever you have, but as a result there was an extreme amount of lawlessness.

Mr. Dowdy. Thank you.

At this point in the record, we will insert the statement and petition of the Police Wives United, in support of the pending legislation.

(The documents referred to follow:)

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE: We, the members of Police Wives United support the bill of Rep. Joel T. Broyhill for the following reasons:

1. This Capitol City of all citizens of the United States needs and deserves the finest police force in the world.
2. Recently we have witnessed in the newspapers and on radio and television attacks on the police department from various political organizations in which they have proposed various controls that should be exercised over the Police Department. Their slanted proposals take none of the views of the average law-abiding citizens—Black or White. The average citizen is not interested or qualified in policing the police.
3. The D.C. Police because of their unique situation of enforcing federal law along with local ordinances (D.C. Code) have long deserved the recognition and status of federal officers.
4. In summation we believe that since Washington, D.C., is a federal city that the men who are called on to protect the city should also be under federal rule. Local politics (welfare, social problems, schools, etc.) are not problems created by the police. If we the law abiding citizens do not make every effort in support of this proposal we feel that our Nation's Capitol might well be prepared to face a time of mob rule.

We the members of Police Wives United are circulating a petition gaining public support for the passage of this proposal.

POLICE WIVES UNITED.

POLICE WIVES UNITED,
P.O. Box 122, Lanham, Md., August 1, 1968.

Representative JOEL T. BROYHILL,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BROYHILL: We enclose herewith the petitions in support of HR 14430 in the hope that the members of the House District Committee can understand the difficult situations under which these petition signatures were gathered.

We met with the problem of lack of cooperation by the news media to publicize the locations where the petitions were available for signature. In many instances we were told that "the issue was too controversial for public service announcements, but it could be handled as a news item." After releasing the information as a news item we found, *as usual*, that the item wasn't "newsworthy" enough.

Also, understandably, many men were reluctant to let their wives collect petition signatures in the Washington, D.C., area for fear of their safety. We feel it is essential to inform you that the response from the people contacted netted almost a one-hundred percent response. Many of these people came forth with their own story of having lived in the District of Columbia and of having to move because of their own personal fear for life and property.

There are still petitions due to be mailed directly to your office from various other states. Since the Nations' Capitol belongs to all of us in the United States, we should all be concerned with its problems. Thus, we have mailed to friends and relatives copies of this petition and have asked their support.

The Nations' Capitol should be a model for each and every state. It is very important that the Police Departments in Washington, D.C., be maintained by a governing body that would allow the Police Departments to function at their greatest capacity in enforcing the law and protecting the public. We do not feel