

go back to the several departments we now have, each one having jurisdiction of their own law enforcement officers.

We appreciate the privilege of filing this statement. On behalf of the American Federation of Government Employees we assure this Committee that we would be delighted to work with the members of this Committee or the Committee staff in an effort to bring about a solution to the hodgepodge system for law enforcement officers that now exists in our Nation's Capital.

I think Mr. Jordan also has a statement he would like to file.

Mr. Dowdy. Mr. Jordan.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Chairman, for the record, I am Norman E. Jordan, President of Lodge 185, American Federation of Government Employees and a Private with the National Zoological Park Police. With me today are the Vice President of Lodge 185, Mr. Howard J. Moore and the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Charles H. Van Tassel, who are also members of the National Zoological Park Police.

We appear here today in support of Chairman McMillan's bill, H.R. 14430, and your bill, H.R. 14448, which would establish a Commissioner of Police for the District of Columbia. We urge the enactment of such legislation which would provide uniformity among the five recognized police forces in the District of Columbia with respect to appointments, promotions, dismissals, compensation, retirement and similar matters. These provisions would eliminate the present fragmentary jurisdictions and inconsistent rules and regulations governing policemen in the performance of their duties. In turn, these provisions would establish greater efficiency, solidarity or union of purpose and promote esprit de corps among the law enforcement officers in the District of Columbia. These improvements would ultimately result in more economic operation of the total complement of law enforcement offices in the nation's capital and a savings to each taxpayer.

The quality of police protection in the District of Columbia would increase proportionately with the morale of the individual policeman as he becomes aware that *his* rights would also be protected by standardized rules and regulations governing the performance of his duties and one central authority to which he would be answerable, namely, the Congress of the United States represented by a Police Commissioner.

This statement has the approval of our parent organization, the American Federation of Government Employees.

We wish to thank the committee for granting us this opportunity to express our views.

Mr. BROYHILL. I think one of the witnesses should state briefly for the record the matter of training, hazards in the making of arrests, and so on, and something with regard to comparable pay and allowances.

Mr. JORDAN. We had a bill introduced June 16, H.R. 7195. I understand it is now in the Rules Committee. It is to bring our pay up comparable to U.S. Park Police.

At that time the Secretary of the Smithsonian testified with regard to that. There is a complete record of that hearing where they felt the jobs are comparable and the duties are comparable.