

RESERVES ON ACTIVE DUTY

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE No. 4 OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D.C.

The Subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 10 a.m. in Room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, Hon. Basil L. Whitener (Subcommittee Chairman) presiding.

Present: Representatives Whitener, Abernethy, Dowdy, Fraser, Nelsen, Gude, Zwach, and Steiger.

Also Present: James T. Clark, Clerk; Hayden S. Garber, Counsel; Sara Watson, Assistant Counsel; Donald Tubridy, Minority Clerk; and Leonard O. Hilder, Investigator.

Mr. WHITENER. The Subcommittee will come to order.

We will proceed with hearings on H.R. 17502, a bill which I introduced along with Mr. Sisk, Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Adams, Mr. Kyros, Mr. Steiger of Arizona, Mr. Zwach, Mr. Gude, Mr. Winn, and Mr. Dowdy; and a similar bill, H.R. 16420 by Mr. Steiger of Arizona, Mr. Nelsen, Mr. Harsha, Mr. Broyhill, Mr. Winn, Mr. Gude, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Zwach, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Fraser. These bills would authorize the Commissioner of the District of Columbia to utilize volunteers for active police duty.

(H.R. 17502 and H.R. 16420 follow:)

(H.R. 17502, 90th Cong., second sess., by Messrs. Whitener, Sisk, Abernethy, Fraser, Adams, Kyros, Steiger, Zwach, Gude, Winn, and Dowdy on May 23, 1968.)

A BILL To authorize the Commissioner of the District of Columbia to utilize volunteers for active police duty

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Commissioner of the District of Columbia (hereinafter, "Commissioner") is authorized to select, organize, train, and equip as reserve police officers (hereinafter, "reserve officers") individuals who may volunteer for duty in connection with the policing of the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That the Commissioner shall, with respect to the selection of such reserve officers, establish such standards relating to personal character and physical and mental health, as will best insure the proper performance of their duties: *Provided further*, That such reserve officers shall be given such training in the use of firearms as the Commissioner deems appropriate to the performance of the duties to which they will be assigned. Reserve officers shall have such of the powers, and perform such of the duties of regular officers and members of the Metropolitan Police force of the District, as the Commissioner may vest in and impose upon them. Reserve officers shall serve without compensation, but otherwise shall be considered employees of the government of the District of Columbia and members of the Metropolitan Police force for all purposes and under all provisions of law except those relating to retirement, insurance, health benefits, veterans' preference, or any other law under which benefits are made available only to compensated employees of such government.