

SEC. 2. (a) Reserve officers serving under the authority of this Act shall be deemed to be employees of the District of Columbia for the purposes of eligibility under subchapter I of chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code (relating to compensation for work injuries), and any subsequent amendment thereto. Said subchapter shall apply and be administered by the Secretary of Labor in the same manner and to the same extent as if such reserve officer were a civil employee of the District of Columbia injured while in the performance of his duty: *Provided*, That for purposes of benefit computation under said subchapter, regardless of pay or status, such reserve officer shall be deemed to have had a monthly pay of one-twelfth of the current annual rate of basic compensation for a police private, class 1, subclass (a), in the Metropolitan Police force who had been employed for the same length of time that the reserve officer had been selected as a member of the reserve force.

(b) For the purposes of section 8116(c) of title 5, United States Code, in determining the rights of all employees of the District of Columbia, including reserve officers under this Act, the term "United States" shall be deemed to include the District of Columbia.

SEC. 3. The Commissioner is authorized to delegate any function vested in him by this Act.

SEC. 4. Appropriations are hereby authorized to carry out the purposes of this Act.

STAFF MEMORANDUM, JULY 11, 1968

H.R. 16420 (Mr. Steiger et al)—Volunteers for Police Reserves
H.R. 17502 (Mr. Whitener et al)

PURPOSE OF BILLS

These identical bills authorize the Commissioner to establish a reserve of volunteer officers to supplement the Metropolitan Police force in the District of Columbia.

PRESENT LAW

The D.C. Code (sec. 4-115) provides for appointment and regulation of special policemen whose service is limited to private duty with a corporation or individual who has District government approval for hiring such policemen; and Sec. 4-208, permits the Director of the National Park Service to appoint and regulate special policemen whose service is limited to duty within the areas under the control of the Park Service.

PROVISIONS OF BILL

1. *Selection.* Under the proposed legislation, the Commissioner or his delegee shall select reserves pursuant to established standards, train and equip them for appropriate service; he may delineate the functions of such reserves, and may regulate their suspension or dismissal and their possession and use of weapons.

2. *Powers, etc.* Reserve officers shall have such police powers and duties as are given them by the Commissioner, shall serve without compensation, and shall not be eligible because of such service for benefits available only to compensated employees of the District government, except those provided by the Act "*or in regulations adopted pursuant to this Act*"—the exception included in the Act relates to disability or death resulting from such service, the assumed salary for such purpose being one-twelfth the minimum salary on the Metropolitan Police pay scale, adjusted for years of service.

COST

The District government estimates that the first year's cost of a 700-man reserve will be \$224,000 for uniforms and equipment, and \$70,000 per annum thereafter; no amount appears to have been included for training or for a reserve for disability or death liabilities.

Note: The cost of an additional 1,000 men on the Metropolitan Police force has been estimated to be in excess of \$16 million. It is not anticipated that the reserves will assume the more dangerous duties of regular police, or that they will contribute comparable hours of service.