

dom March; last October they were used during the march against the Pentagon the anti-Vietnam rally; and they have been used more recently during the early months of this year on special occasions.

These reserve officers have on some of these occasions worked a fairly extensive number of hours. For instance during the 1964 inaugural they worked some 2300 man-hours of duty. Last October, during the anti-Vietnam rally, again they worked some 2300 man-hours.

The bill, H.R. 17502, does provide for what I think would be additional incentives to the recruitment of reserve officers. These officers now have no provision made in the way of insurance or protection in the event of injury. This bill would do that and thus specifically provide statutory authority for recruiting and training a reserve corps.

So I would add my voice of support for the enactment of this bill.

Mr. WHITENER. Thank you.

Mr. Moyer?

Mr. MOYER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I would just like to sum up what the District has proposed.

On March 14, 1968, we submitted to the Speaker of the House draft legislation which you introduced as H.R. 17502 and Mr. Steiger introduced as H.R. 16420.

As the Chief and Mr. Murphy have stated, the Metropolitan Police have a reserve corps which they have used for a number of years with great success, but this legislation would authorize the Department to pay the cost of uniforming and equipping these reserve policemen. Presently they have to provide uniforms at their own expense. In addition, this bill would provide for some type of compensation if the reserve officer is injured or killed while helping the regular police. Presently they are not covered at all. These are the two basic provisions in the bill.

We stated in our letter of March 14 that it is not the intent to replace regular police officers with these reserve officers. The reserve officers would not be carrying out all the functions of a regular police private and would not be engaged in serious situations, but there are a number of tasks they can perform around the station house or helping the regular officers in scout cars or otherwise helping the regular police officers, and we feel these people should be encouraged and that this legislation would encourage them.

Mr. WHITENER. The letter of March 14 addressed to the Speaker by the Commissioner will be made a part of the record at this point.

(The letter follows:)

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Washington, March 14, 1968.

The Honorable the SPEAKER,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to submit herewith a bill to authorize the Commissioner of the District of Columbia to utilize volunteers for active police duty.

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the District Government to "select, organize, train, and equip reserve police officers for duty in connection with the policing of the District of Columbia." The Commissioner would, in addition, be authorized to bestow upon such police reserve officers such of the powers and duties of regular officers and members of the Metropolitan Police Department as he may deem necessary and proper. The bill also provides that 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