

well have to be changed under some circumstances and I would hope if we approve this bill we will have something in the report which will indicate that some of us on the Committee do not agree with that position. Only speaking for myself, I would hope that in the event of riots these men would not be directly used in a riot unless it became absolutely necessary, but that they would be used as support forces in carrying out the normal and less spectacular phases of police work. For example, if riots broke out on Capitol Hill, the reserve forces might be placed in the Northwest section of the City where you have pulled out your regular forces and where they could look after the highways and streets and that sort of thing. Is that what you gentlemen contemplate?

Chief LAYTON. Mr. Chairman, that would be my feeling about it. We have already followed that type of concept in the use we have made of them so far.

Mr. WHITENER. If a riot breaks out in a given section of Washington, if we take the position stated in the letter too literally, you would not call the reserve forces on duty because a riot exists. I hope that is not what is intended.

Mr. MURPHY. It is not the thought I had about it. My thought was they would not be the front line of policemen, but they would be valuable to us in backing up the regular police force by working in the station houses and doing other staff services.

Mr. WHITENER. Would you agree to our putting in the report, if we approve this legislation, that it is not intended that the reserve officers would not in some cases be used in riot duty under certain circumstances?

Mr. MURPHY. It would be no problem to me if we had language that would indicate in an extreme emergency we might call on reserve officers, but we would call on the regular forces first.

Mr. WHITENER. Mr. Moyer?

Mr. MOYER. That is my understanding, that the regular officers would be the first line.

Mr. WHITENER. I wish you had said in the letter words to the effect that it is not contemplated that the reserve officers would be used in riot duty except in extreme circumstances. Is that what you mean or do you mean they will not be used, period?

Mr. MOYER. I feel sure the Commissioner means the reserve officers would be used in emergency or riot situations but not in the first line.

Mr. WHITENER. One other thing that bothered us was the fact there would be no workmen's compensation insurance available to the reserve officers who might be injured in line of duty. There was some expression from the District Building that they did not like the idea of doing this. The present bill would give each man while on active duty the same workmen's compensation or Federal employees' compensation protection that a policeman would be entitled to. But I believe it does limit it. Suppose a captain in the reserve corps was injured. He would not draw the same compensation under this bill that a captain in the regular Police Department would draw, would he?

Chief LAYTON. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WHITENER. What would be the basis for his injury or death compensation?