

Chief LAYTON. On page 3 of the bill, lines 18 and 19, it states, "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".

Mr. WHITENER. That would apply regardless of the rank of the reserve officer, would it not?

Chief LAYTON. Yes, sir. That is the way I read it, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. WHITENER. And the rank of the reserve policeman would have no bearing on the amount of compensation?

Chief LAYTON. That is my understanding of that language.

Mr. WHITENER. That is, the period of service as a reserve officer would not change the amount of compensation?

Chief LAYTON. The period of service may, Mr. Chairman. It goes on to say that "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." So the period of service is recognized there.

Mr. WHITENER. So if a regular police private is now making \$8,000 a year with one year of service, he and his counterpart in the reserve force would draw the same amount of injury compensation?

Chief LAYTON. That is not quite right.

Mr. MOYER. Mr. Chairman, not quite. The reserve officers are not put under the policemen's compensation system. They are put under the Federal and District employees' compensation system, which is somewhat less. A regular policeman, if injured in line of duty, is entitled to free hospitalization as long as he is injured, and if he is retired he gets substantial benefits.

Mr. WHITENER. If the reserve officer is under the Federal employees' compensation system the degree of his disability would be determined by the compensation commissioner and the proper amount of compensation for hospital and so on?

Mr. MOYER. That is right.

Mr. WHITENER. And a regular police officer is compensated with regular pay during the period of his disability?

Mr. MOYER. That is right. I believe it would be a little less for the reserve officers than for the regular police officers.

Mr. WHITENER. Then a reserve officer, if injured, would not get the same disability benefits as a regular officer?

Mr. MOYER. He would not.

Mr. WHITENER. So it would be more accurate to say he would receive the same benefits as a civilian employee receiving the same compensation as a police private, class 1?

Mr. MOYER. Yes, sir. Say if he was in the first step, he would receive the same compensation as a Federal or District employee making \$8,000 at the time he was injured.

Mr. WHITENER. So let us take this injured reservist, private, class 1, starting out with \$8,000 a year. When the compensation commissioner comes to make a determination in the case of the injured reservist, the commissioner will treat him as though he had an annual salary of \$8,000 a year?