

Along with this, and as a further step, we are studying the effect of architectural changes, that is in building construction, so that it is not as simple as entering a shopping center and tunneling right through every one of the stores on the inner walls, which are of course, as you know, not of sufficient strength to withstand determined assault.

The approach on this is going to be an interagency approach. As a matter of fact, the work that we are doing on this study is probably a landmark effort in that very little, if anything, has been done in an organized way. We think that perhaps this will be one of the finest studies that Congress has ordered, and that we will be able to provide it. The cooperation is fine from the other Federal agencies.

The only outside work we are doing by contract will be the evaluation of the protective devices, because the industry we understand is about on the verge of a technological breakthrough on low cost, yet highly effective, protective devices.

Again as far as I know, there is nothing that would lead me to say other than that we are on target and we will be writing up our results late in the summer for reporting to the Congress early in the fall, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. We will place in the record title III of Public Law 90-104 which directs SBA to make this study of shoplifting, vandalism, and other criminal activities with a view to determining ways in which such concerns may best protect themselves against such activity. I am not speaking for the committee, but speaking for one individual. I think I can give you some off-the-cuff advice right quick as to how to have some law enforcement in this country, in the ghettos and in the cities.

The police should be supported and law enforcement should be upheld. The Attorney General should proceed more vigorously.

I think I could give you some one-man advice as to how to protect small business, and the public generally. But we will await with interest your report¹ and we hope that it will be helpful, with all of the agencies submitting their views.

You indicated your study was going so far as to improve structures of buildings. It is basically law enforcement that we must have.

(The information follows:)

PUBLIC LAW 90-104

TITLE III

SEC. 301. This title may be cited as the "Small Business Protection Act of 1967".

SEC. 302. The Administrator of the Small Business Administration shall conduct a special study of the impact on small business concerns of robbery, burgshoplifting, vandalism, and other criminal activities, with a view to determining ways in which such concerns may best protect themselves against such activities.

SEC. 303. The Administrator shall report to the President and to the Congress the results of the study conducted pursuant to this title, including such recommendations as he may deem appropriate for administrative and legislative action, within one year after the date of enactment of this title.

The CHAIRMAN. I do not want to consume all of the Administrator's time. I might, however, go back through this statement with a few additional questions.

You referred to the SBIC program. We will look into this later, but briefly—how many SBIC's have been chartered to date, how many

¹ Note: The report referred to is the final report to Congress, which is due on Oct. 11, 1968.