

Mr. SISK. All right. Dr. Bayroff, do you wish to lead off, and then any of the other gentlemen there with you who have statements, why, we will be glad to hear them in whatever order you prefer to have them heard.

I might say that I believe that we have copies of their statements. You may read your statement or you may summarize it, and your entire statement will be placed in full in the record—whichever way you prefer to do so. You are recognized.

STATEMENT OF DR. A. J. BAYROFF, PRESIDENT, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, ACCOMPANIED BY DR. MALCOLM L. MELTZER, PAST PRESIDENT; DR. BERNARD I. LEVY, PRESIDENT-ELECT, AND DR. JONATHAN W. CUMMINGS, CHAIRMAN, LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. BAYROFF. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Dr. Meltzer, our immediate past president, will read our principal statement.

Mr. SISK. All right, Dr. Meltzer.

Dr. MELTZER. Mr. Chairman, my name is Malcolm L. Meltzer. I am immediate past president of the District of Columbia Psychological Association. I reside in the District and I am Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of Clinical Psychology Training at The George Washington University. I hold a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the Catholic University of America.

With me are Dr. A. G. Bayroff, who is currently the President of the District of Columbia Psychological Association. Also with me are Dr. Jonathan W. Cummings and Dr. Bernard I. Levy both of whom are presenting written testimony for the record. Dr. Cummings is Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the District of Columbia Psychological Association and is employed as Chief of the Psychology Service at the Washington, D.C. Veterans Administration Hospital. His testimony touches on the scope of psychological activity, the efforts of psychologists to regulate their own field, and the need for the legal protection for our citizens that H.R. 10407 would provide. Dr. Levy is Professor of Psychology and Chairman of the Department of Psychology at The George Washington University. He is representing his colleagues in psychology departments in the other universities in the District, and his testimony touches on the support of the universities and the community for the legislation before this Subcommittee.

I am speaking today on behalf of H.R. 10407 as a representative of the 650 members of the District of Columbia Psychological Association. DCPA is the major scientific and professional organization for psychologists in the Washington area, and it is affiliated with the 26,000-member national organization, the American Psychological Association. Founded in 1935, DCPA is the oldest of the affiliated state psychological associations.

The membership of DCPA has gone on record as being overwhelmingly in favor of legislation to define and regulate the practice of psychology in the District of Columbia.