

I think that this bill would insure that the psychologist would refer to a physician if there was a question of medical need.

All I can do is to repeat what Dr. Murray Grant said, that they looked this over very carefully, as did the Corporation Counsel's Office and the Department of Occupations, and Dr. Grant pointed out that this bill as amended by the Senate very clearly delineates the practice of medicine and the practice of psychology. He also said that it makes clear that the psychologist must refer to a physician in case of medical difficulty.

I should like to add one other thing: It is a two-way street, too. A lot of the patients that I see in my office are sent to me by psychologists, and their question to me is: "How stupid is this person? Does he have a mental illness? Is he psychotic? Is this person's brain damaged? Does he have organic difficulty? Does he have a central nervous system problem?"

He is well trained in his techniques, and it is very difficult for a psychologist to consult with a psychologist about mental illness, and this will insure this being done.

Mr. SISK. Thank you, Dr. Meltzer.

I think that you have done a very able job of outlining the situation.

Let me just add one or two other questions that I think will be of concern to the Committee that has to do with the changes in the Senate bill.

It is my understanding that these two bills were identical at the time that they were introduced. To what extent were there amendments? Could you briefly summarize the amendments that were offered in the Senate bill?

I have not had an opportunity to compare the two bills.

SENATE AMENDMENTS

Dr. MELTZER. In Section 4, the word "physical" on line 18, page 3, should be stricken, and the word "medical" put in. This makes it all the more clear about the need for referral.

Section 5(D) is dropped entirely.

Mr. SISK. That is page — what?

Dr. MELTZER. That is page 5.

Dr. CUMMINGS. That is on page 5.

Mr. SISK. Section 5(D), that has been dropped?

Dr. MELTZER. Yes, that has been dropped.

These are all amendments that have been suggested.

The next one comes in Section 6(B), and the words "to be selected from a list of psychologists"—

Mr. SISK. Wait a minute. The first one was Section 5(D) was stricken?

Dr. MELTZER. Right.

Mr. SISK. And now the second one is—what?

Dr. MELTZER. 6(B), but not the whole sentence. It starts, to say, "to be selected from a list".

Mr. SISK. Yes, sir.

Dr. MELTZER. Strike that, "to be selected from a list of psychologists submitted by the District of Columbia Psychological Association"; that phrase is dropped.