

Dr. MELTZER. It is in the context of it. One would not know where, if you said "psychotherapy," but if one takes it in the context——

Mr. JACOBS. But in the definition section, you do not have any definition to that point.

Dr. MELTZER. I would like to have it.

Mr. JACOBS. If you have objection to striking "psychotherapy," do you recognize a need for further wording?

Dr. MELTZER. Frankly, I do not. I think that the context qualifies the meaning of that term tremendously. The context points out that people have their problems of adjustment, that it is not to be the practice of medicine. I think the word is qualified within the context.

Mr. JACOBS. And you have some objection to qualifying it within the context of the definition section of the bill; do you?

Dr. MELTZER. No, you ask me now——

Mr. JACOBS. You said you would object to seeing it?

Dr. MELTZER. You did not ask me that. You asked me if I felt it needed to be.

Mr. JACOBS. Then, you would not object?

Dr. MELTZER. I do not feel it needs to be.

Mr. JACOBS. You do not object?

Dr. MELTZER. I would be happy to see the word in there.

Mr. JACOBS. O.K.

Dr. CUMMINGS. I think that you raised one definition, and I think that is very clearly covered. I hope that this will straighten this up. Three different times in the past decade the question that you have asked us this morning has come up in the legislative or legal kind of question. In California, in Michigan, and in one other state where they have passed upon it. In each case, it went to the state attorney general's office for a decision. And in each of the three decisions by the state attorney general, in the states of New York, Michigan, and California, the ruling was that psychotherapy is not limited to medical practice. Psychotherapy as they studied the definition of their various acts is a form of activity which is just as much engaged in by others as by physicians. I have the full text here.

Mr. JACOBS. I think I understand it. I think that belongs in the record at this point. However, I call your attention to the fact that the matter, about which we are talking, is a definition of the practice of psychology, because the term "psychotherapy" is not restricted only to the practice of psychology, but I believe it needs further definition, further clarification within the definition of the practice of psychology, because if it is left naked as a term within a series, then there is some ambiguity that the practice of psychology could possibly include the treatment of organic disorder relating to mental disorder. That is my point. I do not know if anybody cares to comment upon that further, or not.

Dr. MELTZER. I would disagree.

Mr. JACOBS. Excuse me. You are saying that you disagree that the term "psychotherapy" includes more than the practice of psychology?

Dr. MELTZER. Psychotherapy is a technique, and it is not restricted to any particular discipline.

Mr. JACOBS. You have not answered. If it is not restricted to your discipline, it can hardly be an unqualified term to describe your discipline.