

Dr. MELTZER. The reason that is in there is that somebody could say "I am not practicing", or "I am not trying to change somebody—I am just teaching," instead of calling it what it should be, "counseling." Let us say he says, "I am teaching—I am teaching psychology." So the intent is to make sure somebody cannot get away with that. That is the main purpose of that.

Mr. WHITENER. We do want to get to it. Your Section 4 is the most unusual language I have ever seen in a bill submitted to the Congress, because it is not law; it is just a lecture. It says this:

"The Psychologist who engages in practice is expected to assist his client in obtaining professional help for all relevant aspects of the client's problem that fall outside of the boundaries of the psychologist's own competence; for example, provision shall be made for the diagnosis and treatment of relevant medical problems by an appropriate qualified medical practitioner."

What would that language add to the body of the law other than just a lecture in the procedures and practices that you hope people in the future will indulge in?

Dr. MELTZER. I think you have got a good point there. I do not think it is necessary in there. It was put in there to show that we mean business.

Mr. WHITENER. That is one of my arguments. You want a bill that means business. If you did so, you would revise it this way, that the psychologist who is engaged in practices shall assist his clients in obtaining professional help for all relevant aspects of the client's problem that fall outside of the boundaries of the psychologists own competence. He shall make a provision for the diagnosis and treatment of relevant medical problems by an appropriate, qualified medical practitioner.

If you had that language, you would have it.

Dr. MELTZER. That is the language that will be in the code of ethics.

Mr. WHITENER. We are not talking about the code of ethics. We are talking about the language of the bill.

Dr. MELTZER. Each bill has a code that determines how the psychologist must function to get or to keep his license.

Mr. WHITENER. You are talking about some other document that might now or hereinafter be in existence.

Dr. MELTZER. It is in there.

Mr. WHITENER. We are talking about the language of the bill before us.

Dr. MELTZER. It gives a cause for the revocation of the license in this bill.

Mr. WHITENER. That is irrelevant to my question. My question is: Are you recommending that the Congress engage in writing of lectures as to what people in my profession or in some other profession is expected to do?

Dr. MELTZER. No, sir.

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Mr. WHITENER. Now, under your Section 5, there is no provision for comity, but in a later provision there is authority to license one duly licensed in another state, or if he is from a state that does license, they