

Dr. LEGAULT. The remaining members would prefer that we simply respond to questions. We hope that unless questions are specifically directed to one of us, that we can feel free to contribute our answers as indicated.

Mr. SISK. Dr. Meltzer, or Dr. Stienbach, do either of you have a statement for the record? If so, we would like to have them for the record.

Thank you, Dr. Legault, for a rather comprehensive statement as to the position of the Psychiatric Society as well as, as I understand it, the Psychoanalytical Society and the D.C. Medico-Chirurgical Society.

This is more or less of a combination of the three societies?

Dr. LEGAULT. The Medico-Chirurgical Society, that represents all the medical organizations of any significant size in the District of Columbia.

Mr. SISK. As I understand, Dr. Legault, in your statement, you recognize and agree that there is a need for and your membership does favor regulation of the practice of psychology in the District of Columbia?

Dr. LEGAULT. Very definitely.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Mr. SISK. Do I understand that you have prepared, or the D.C. Medical Society has prepared, a substitute bill for this, or amendments, which you are prepared to submit to the committee?

Dr. LEGAULT. We are in the process of preparing that. We have a sort of a draft bill which we will submit shortly after the end of the meetings, or we can submit it now. We would like to polish it a little bit.

Mr. SISK. Without objection, I would like to have it made a part of the record, if you will have that within a reasonable period of time.

Dr. LEGAULT. Yes, sir.

Mr. SISK. I might say the Chair hopes to conclude these hearings this morning and it would be assumed we would keep the record open for a week or 10 days.

Dr. LEGAULT. Certainly within a week.

Mr. SISK. Without objection, submit that and we will include it in the record.

(For draft, see p. 149.)

Mr. SISK. In your reference to the Healing Arts Act in the District of Columbia, which was referred to, and I know we have gone over this in previous hearings on other legislation, let me ask you this: Do you feel that that as to act, in view of the fact it is now some forty years old, with some minor amendments, do you feel there is any need to rewrite that law and update it?

Has the Medical Society—and I might ask this of Dr. Hughes or any of you making a comment—has consideration and study been given to a complete rewrite of the Healing Arts Act here in the District of Columbia?

I ask this question because in so many instances various groups raised questions about it over the period of the last several years. I would just like to discuss briefly with you what your feelings are with reference to that law.