

I don't wish to take more time. We have a good turnout of the committee here this morning and I am sure the members have questions. I would like to quickly explore one further thought with you. As I understand it, this bill has passed the Senate. What was the date of the passage in the other body? Do you recall?

Dr. LEGAULT. I don't recall. It was the 25th, I believe.

Mr. SISK. April 24, 1968. At that time, I understand that your Society did make a presentation to the other body?

Dr. LEGAULT. We did.

Mr. SISK. Let me hasten to say what the other body does would not govern what this body does or what the committee may do. I am a little bit concerned. This bill did pass the Senate unanimously, is that correct?

Dr. LEGAULT. Yes, sir.

Mr. SISK. Yet you presented basically the same testimony there you presented here?

Dr. LEGAULT. Basically, yes.

Mr. SISK. The Chairman of our committee, Mr. McMillan, introduced this bill on May 29, 1967. That has been slightly over a year ago. In view of that, I was curious; have you been interested in this throughout this time? Have you made your feelings known or discussed them with interested people?

Dr. LEGAULT. We have discussed our approach of our organizations at the time the psychologists were planning to introduce the bill. We knew of their intention to gain a licensing bill before the bill was introduced. Our organizations have been in contact with the psychologist up to the time that they broke off negotiations with us concerning the wording of their bill. We have met many times with the representatives of their organizations and during the time that we were involved in discussing the proposed legislation with the psychologists we made no attempt to present our views which we felt were in the process of formation rather than fixed views to any member of the Senate. As a consequence, no representative of any of our organizations has personally contacted any Senator at any time. The only representations we ever made to the Senate were at our formal hearings. As a consequence, we feel that our views were really not very adequately presented to the Senate.

Mr. SISK. Apparently after it passed the Senate, as I recall, you were somewhat more active in letting your views be known.

Dr. LEGAULT. We have been considerably more active, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. SISK. Thank you, Doctor, and gentleman, for your appearance this morning.

The gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Whitener.

Mr. WHITENER. Doctor, the only thing that I would ask about is Section 4 in H.R. 10407, the House bill. As I understand it, it is identical to Section 4 in S. 1864, the Senate bill. In view of this language about a psychologist engaged in practice expected to assist his client in obtaining professional help outside of the known area of competence, for example, provision should be made for the diagnosis and treatment of relevant physical problems by an appropriate qualified medical practitioner.