

medical practitioner for treatment of medical aspects of the client's problem. We therefore offer no objection to those provisions of the proposed substitute bill which clarify the responsibility of the psychologist to confer with, and be subject to the supervision of, a medical practitioner in the medical field of psychotherapy.

Sincerely yours,

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(For Walter B. Washington, Commissioner).

Mr. MOYER. Thank you. I would ask that our letter of May 17 to Congressman McMillan also be made part of the record.

Mr. WALKER. I think that has already been made part of the record. (See p. 105.)

Are there any questions from Members of the Committee?

Mr. NELSEN. Are these amendments to an existing Act that we are talking about?

Mr. MOYER. This proposal of the Psychiatric Association is a proposed substitute bill which is very similar to S. 1864 and H.R. 10407.

Mr. NELSEN. Are there standards for psychologists presently set up in the District?

Mr. MOYER. There are no present licensing procedures of psychologists.

Mr. NELSEN. Without question, then, there must be some feeling that there is a definite need for standards, otherwise we would have a wide variety of qualifications of those practicing here. Is that true?

Mr. MOYER. Yes. I would say this, and I want to mention this in summing up, that it appears that everyone who has testified, representatives of the Psychiatric Association, the Psychologists, and representatives of the District Government all agree that there should be licensing of psychologists and there should be standards set up in order that a qualified practitioner could be licensed.

Mr. NELSEN. In the policing or administration of a program of this kind, is there any estimate as to the added cost to the District Government? Will an increase in personnel be required? What is the estimate on that?

Mr. MOYER. We do not have an estimate. There are provisions in the bill authorizing the District to charge fees for licensing, which should cover the costs.

Mr. NELSEN. Thank you. No more questions. Thank you.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Harsha?

DEFINITION OF THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY

Mr. HARSHA. May I refer you to page 3 of S. 1864, the draft of the bill with the amendments in it, you apparently enumerate different phases of work covered by psychology. I think it is in the definition section, and defines "the practice of psychology."

In that definition, you refer to "public opinion." I am not sure what you mean by that. Do you mean that in order to conduct a poll, say a Gallup Poll, you have to have a license to practice psychology?

Mr. MOYER. I will defer to Dr. Schultz on that.

Mr. WALKER. If the gentleman would yield. Dr. Schultz, if neither you nor Mr. Moyer want to comment on this at this point it might be helpful if we called for the representatives of both the other groups, the Psychiatrists as well as the Psychological group, to come up and have