

my organization in some of the points which were raised on June 3rd. I just thought I would mention three or four of them because—by way of correcting the record. I think, for one thing, there was an inference there that psychologists are in high doubt as to the adequacy of their training. I believe the references made there in the testimony are really taken quite out of context. We are very happy that ours is a profession in which individuals can speak up and can make suggestions as to how to improve our training. I believe that this is what the particular phrases taken in that testimony were really referring to. I am very glad to belong to a profession that does in fact feel free to come forth with suggestions about how to improve our own training.

A second point was a rather incredible intimation in the testimony that psychiatrists in any way train us clinical psychologists. We will, of course, look anywhere, to any corner, sociologists, anthropologists, physicians, as well as professors within our own field of psychology for training, but I don't believe in any specific sense we are trained professionally by psychiatrists.

There was also a questionable attempt to assert that psychiatric training is more appropriate for dealing with psychological problems than is our training in psychology, and I would certainly reject that.

One more point is, I believe there was a suggestion made that we in the D.C. Psychological Association have dealt duplicitously or at an infraprofessional level. I can only say most sincerely that we have not, that we wish to be open and free with everyone who has anything to say about this very important matter in front of us, and with that point I can move right into remarks more pertinent to this morning's discussion.

Those remarks would simply be that we come here in a spirit of doing everything possible to improve our bill. The Senate of the United States passed it unanimously in April. But I guess that it could be said that there is no such thing as a perfect piece of legislation. Sure, there are points at which any bill perhaps can be improved, and we are here to consider jointly with you folks this morning how we can be of help in improving this bill.

As I have said before, I think, as our behavior over the next few minutes will indicate, we are ready to consider any kind of improvements that may be indicated.

We have received a copy of the amendments proposed which were submitted by the psychiatrists to you on June 3rd. I wonder if it is your wish that we move into that now.

Mr. SISK. (presiding). Dr. Cummings, I want to say first I apologize for being delayed. I was here earlier but had to leave for another committee appearance. I am sorry that I did not hear all your statement and other statements which have been made.

Basically, my first question to you is whether or not you and your Association of Psychologists have had an opportunity to look over and study or analyze the proposed amendments by the Psychiatrists' group.

Dr. CUMMINGS. We have, sir.

Mr. SISK. I would like to have any comments you wish to make on those proposed amendments. I think in view of the fact we have attempted here to put them in some order as they would apply to the