

Dr. Legault to make some comment on this. I am beginning to get the idea maybe the nub of the question is the definition of these terms vis-a-vis the psychologists and psychiatrists. Would you comment on that, Dr. Legault, particularly as pertains to this particular language, or even in general, as I know you use it in your proposed amendment.

Mr. HARSHA. If we accept the North Carolina definition of psychotherapy, then we delete the word "counseling" and just refer to "psychotherapy" as we have defined it in the bill.

Dr. LEGAULT. I repeat the remark I made about counseling. In all of these instances I would like you to see where if one word is changed, what happens in the rest of the bill. It is very difficult for me to think about that as you are asking these questions.

All the different State laws accomplish their goals differently. For instance, North Carolina's, are very carefully worded bills. Where it seems to allow things in one section, it restricts them in other sections, so it comes out in the end that psychologists who attempt to treat mental illness do have to consult with physicians. As a matter of fact, their regulation of this matter is far more carefully defined in the North Carolina bill than we are proposing in ours.

However, you are correct, Mr. Chairman, in saying that the nub of the question has to do with the matter of counseling and psychotherapy. As a matter of fact, the psychiatrists have no interest whatsoever in the practice of psychologists, other than in their practice of that aspect of psychology. All of our concern is with that particular activity.

So far as the particular wording of Section 5 is concerned and why we wish to have the practice of counseling and psychotherapy specified and perhaps particular regulations concerning it in the licensing bill, let me say first of all, that it is not unprecedented. As a matter of fact, in the neighboring State of Virginia a psychologist who wishes to practice psychotherapy must obtain subsidiary licensure. After he has been licensed by the State Board of Psychology Examiners, he must obtain subsidiary licensure from the Board of Medical Examiners.

This is a special provision made for clinical psychologists in Virginia. Similar provisions are made throughout the different licensing Acts.

Dr. CUMMINGS. That is not true.

Dr. LEGAULT. Excuse me. I have the floor now.

Mr. SISK. Dr. Cummings, we will give you your chance in a moment.

Dr. CUMMINGS. I am sorry.

Dr. LEGAULT. It is difficult to speak when people are interrupting you.

The matter of this specification of this activity we feel is very important because the regulation of fraudulent practice in this regard is the main concern of our organizations. We have no quarrel whatsoever with Dr. Cummings and Dr. Meltzer when they point out the high ethical qualities of their profession and that they aim to regulate the practitioners in their profession. I am quite aware of the fact that that is perfectly true and I have no quarrel with that whatsoever. They are also aware of the fact that it is perfectly true that I have similar regards with the regulation of practice in my profession. So that we have no quarrels whatsoever in this regard.