

ing as determined by the Commissioner"; does anyone have any particular comment?

Dr. CUMMINGS. Very briefly, we would reject the reference to counseling and psychotherapy for the reasons previously stated. However, we accept with thanks our psychiatric colleagues' observation that the experience requirements here may very well be changed and we agree with their amendment. In other words, they would increase the number from one year to two years in (A), and in Section (B) from five to seven years. We thank them for that observation.

Mr. SISK. They propose a new title:

(C) The license shall state whether the licensee may practice counseling and psychotherapy if the training and experience of the applicant is in counseling and psychotherapy as determined by the Commissioner.

I understand you object to that language.

Dr. CUMMINGS. Yes, at the risk of being boring, again the same observation we made before about separating out these two activities from the main body of psychological practice.

Mr. SISK. The staff calls to my attention, Mr. Clark, that I overlooked an amendment at the bottom of page 6, line 25, the first part of Section 8, where we again have an addition in language, so that it will read:

SEC. 8. Within one year from and after the effective date of this Act, a license to practice psychology, and one endorsed with respect to counseling and psychotherapy, as appropriate, shall be issued without examination to any applicant.

This goes to the same general discussion we have already had as to the additional licensing procedure for clinical psychologists. There again I would assume the positions in both cases would remain the same.

There are some suggested changes on pages 8 and 9. Dr. Cummings, would you quickly comment on the proposed change there? One is on page 8, line 5, Section 10, of the S. 1864 where they insert "if he wishes to practice counseling and psychotherapy".

Dr. CUMMINGS. We reject that for the same reasons.

SECTION 11. WAIVER OF EXAMINATION

Mr. SISK. They would also strike out certain language at the top of page 9, in Section 11. The language to be stricken is as follows:

(1) achieved a position of eminence in the practice of psychology and has demonstrated over a number of years competence in areas covered by the examination, or (2) has.

I couldn't guess why they would want to strike that. Section 11 would then read:

SEC. 11. The Commissioner may, in his discretion, waive all or part of the examination required under sections 7(A)(3) or (B)(1) of this Act when the applicant has been certified by a national examining board: PROVIDED, That the examination given by the national examining board was as effective for the testing of professional competence as those required in the District of Columbia.