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Although I am no expert in the narcotics field from what I do know I think the Payne bill moves in the right direction.

Sec. 101 transfers the Bureau of Narcotics from the Treasury Department to the Department of Justice as recommended by the First Hoover Commission. I would go along with this because 80 percent of the work of the Bureau is police work and has the same kind of relationship with State and local police authorities as is maintained by the Department of Justice for other types of Federal law enforcement.

Sec. 102 would give agents of the Bureau of Narcotics power to carry firearms, execute and serve warrants, serve subpoenas and make arrests without warrants for narcotic law violations—these powers are similar to those now held by FBI agents.

Sec. 103-105 would create within the Public Health Service a Division of Narcotic Clinics to establish and operate hospitals, farms, and other institutions for treatment of narcotic addicts and to foster and aid States and reputable private groups working in this field.

Sec. 201 would authorize the care and treatment by the Public Health Service of narcotic addicts committed by State courts and the U.S. District court for the District of Columbia with the States and District of Columbia paying the cost of such care and treatment.

Sec. 205-206 increase penalties for violations of the narcotic Act.

Sec. 207 increases penalties for sale or furnishing of narcotics to Minors.

Sec. 208-209 provides for educational activities.

I think we should go along with this.