

Mr. GEORGE. I would like to say that I too want to express my appreciation for the opportunity of visiting with Congressman Stephens. He is one of the most loved and respected Congressmen that we have had from the 10 districts and from the State of Georgia.

Mr. BARRETT. May I close by making this remark: He is one of the most loved Members of the Congress here. And I am not saying this for political reasons. I am saying it because of his splendid characteristics.

And while I say this in closing in the session for this morning—we will terminate now, and we will meet again at 2 o'clock—I do want to say to you, Mr. George, we appreciate your coming here, and we are grateful for your testimony.

(Whereupon, the subcommittee meeting recessed, to reconvene at 2 p.m., the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Present: Representatives Barrett, Mrs. Sullivan, Moorhead, Stephens, Reuss, and Harvey.

Also present: Representative Weltner of the full committee.

Mr. BARRETT. The committee will come to order.

The first witness this afternoon is going to be Mr. Glenn E. Bennett, executive director, Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Mr. Bennett, will you come forward, please. We are certainly glad to have you here this afternoon. Although you are a stranger to me, I know much of you. You have a very, very good friend on our full Committee on Banking and Currency, and through him we have heard many good things about you. And I am quite sure he would be proud to introduce you to this committee. And it will go in the record and be read by everybody.

Charlie, I would like for you to introduce your good friend, Mr. Bennett.

Mr. WELTNER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

It is my pleasure to introduce as the first witness Mr. Glenn Bennett. Mr. Bennett is the director of the Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning Commission, which is, as the name indicates, a regional commission serving five counties in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Mr. Bennett has served his region very well, and he has served the country well in the interest he has shown in urban problems.

I might recall to some of my colleagues Mr. Bennett's testimony here in 1963 on what was then called the Urban Transportation Act of 1963. He presented to the full Committee on Banking and Currency the plans and projections of a major rapid transit system for the city of Atlanta. I believe that was an impressive presentation. And I am very happy to present him today to give his views, and those of ARMPC on this legislation.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Weltner.

Mr. Bennett, we want you to feel at home here and just be one of our family. You make your presentation in your own way. If you desire to read your statement in full, you may do so, and at the end we will ask you some questions.