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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING
OF THE COMMITTEE ON BANKING AND CURRENCY,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10:05 a.m., in room 2128, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. William A. Barrett (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Barrett, Mrs. Sullivan, Ashley, Moorhead, Stephens, Gonzalez, Widnall, and Fino.

Also present: Representatives Patman (chairman of the full committee) and Harvey of the full committee.

Mr. BARRETT. The subcommittee will come to order.

This morning our first witness will be Larry Blackmon, president, National Association of Home Builders.

Mr. Blackmon, it is certainly a pleasure to have you here this morning, and I observe you have some associates. I wonder if you would be kind enough to introduce your associates for the record in case some of the members may decide to ask you a question that you may refer to them.

Mr. Blackmon, you have a very close friend here this morning, the chairman of our full committee. He has a great deal of respect for you and I am going to ask him to introduce you to this committee.

Mr. Chairman, would you be kind enough to introduce the first witness?

Mr. PATMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

First, I want to congratulate the chairman, Mr. Barrett and the subcommittee for doing such a splendid job on these three important bills that hearings are conducted on today.

Although a homebuilder and a businessman with diverse interests, Larry Blackmon long ago decided to devote 70 percent of his time to civic, church, and NAHB activities.

As a national officer of NAHB, much of his time is now spent in Washington, D.C., headquarters of the association, where he frequently meets with top officials of the Federal Government.

He still manages to devote a great deal of time to leadership activity in the First Christian Church and Texas Christian University, of which he is a trustee.

The Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce has frequently honored Blackmon for his work in State and community Jaycee work.

As owner and president of Blackmon & Associates, Inc., he conducts building operations throughout Texas. The business, which