

Judge HOWELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Members of the committee, my name is Evan Howell, counsel for the American Transit Association. I appear today in support of H.R. 12946 and related measures. I do not have a prepared statement because the full and complete views of the association will be presented in a prepared statement and oral testimony to be presented by my colleague, Mr. Carmack Cochran. He is chairman of the Washington Affairs Committee of American Transit Association and president of the Nashville Transit Co.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Cochran, you certainly come in good company and we are glad to have the judge with us and certainly we want you to feel at home here this morning and I am quite sure the members want to extend every courtesy to you this morning.

If you desire to complete your statement in full we shall be glad to ask you one or two questions when you are finished. It is entirely up to you as to how to proceed.

Mr. COCHRAN. Since a statement has been prepared and filed with the committee, I would like to consider that statement as having been read into the record and then make a supplemental statement, some comments embodied which were brought about by some of the questions and some of the testimony that we heard this morning.

With that explanation I will proceed with my oral statement if the written statement will be accepted and filed into the record.

Mr. BARRETT. You may do so.

STATEMENT OF CARMACK COCHRAN, PRESIDENT, NASHVILLE TRANSIT CO., REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN TRANSIT ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY HON. EVAN HOWELL, WASHINGTON COUNSEL, AMERICAN TRANSIT ASSOCIATION

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee, my name is Carmack Cochran. I am president of Nashville Transit Co., a private capital, local transit company, which operates an all-bus urban mass transportation system in the city of Nashville, Tenn., and its environs, supplying such transportation service in the area described. Nashville Transit Co. is affiliated with other private capital, local transit companies, which furnish similar service in the cities of Omaha, Nebr.; Covington, Ky.; and Cincinnati, Ohio; Wilmington, Del.; Harrisburg, Wilkes-Barre, and Allentown, Pa.; Akron and Youngstown, Ohio; Baton Rouge, La.; Richmond and Norfolk, Va.; and Chattanooga, Tenn.

I am appearing before your committee to present the position of American Transit Association, of which Nashville Transit Co. and its affiliated companies are members, with respect to the extension of Federal transit aid legislation beyond June 1967, as provided in H.R. 12946 and similar legislation.

American Transit Association is a voluntary trade association, comprising in its membership private capital companies, public authorities, and municipal operations, transporting passengers by rapid transit cars, streetcars, motorbuses, and trolley coaches, in urban, suburban, and interurban service. The members of this association together