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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 10:10 a.m., in room 2128, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. William A. Barrett (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

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

Mr. BARRETT. The committee will come to order, please.

Our first witness this morning is the Honorable James H. J. Tate, mayor of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Mayor, it has been the custom of this committee to make all our witnesses feel at home. I am quite sure I do not have to extend that feeling to you. Everybody in this committee has a great deal of warmth for you, and I am quite sure if our full committee were here this morning, they would all express themselves in that manner.

Unfortunately, our colleague, Mr. Widnall of New Jersey, is unable to be with us this morning but he has given me a letter of greeting which I would like to read into the record at this point:

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I would appreciate your expressing my great regret that I am unable to be present this morning because of a conflict with an appointment that requires me to testify before the New Jersey Public Utilities Commission in Newark on the question of the Erie Lackawanna Railroad maintaining passenger service.

We have scheduled before the committee today two distinguished witnesses who are very knowledgeable on the bills before us—Mayor Tate of Philadelphia and Mayor Collins of Boston.

I had hoped to be present, not only to benefit from the testimony of Mayor Tate but to have the opportunity to affirm to him the very fine record of service that you have achieved in your years in Washington and particularly with respect to problems pertaining to Philadelphia.

It seems as though he is patting me on the back and I did not expect that.

I would further appreciate it if you would extend to both Mayor Tate and Mayor Collins a very real welcome on the part of the minority for their appearance here today and our thanks for the contribution that they will make to our hearings.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM B. WIDNALL.

Mr. Mayor, when a mayor comes from a city in any part of this country, we have made it a practice to have the Member who represents that city here to introduce him.