

vated and have helped to deliver programs of such great promise and great fulfillment. We look forward to your testimony.

Mr. BARRETT. Mrs. Dwyer?

Mrs. DWYER. Mr. Chairman, I also would like to welcome Mr. Rains back to the House committee and I want to say how much we all miss you and as a Republican I want to say how very proud I was to serve with you.

Mr. BARRETT. Mrs. Sullivan?

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Rains, it is a genuine pleasure to welcome you back, even though you are now on the other side of the table. As always, however, you are still working for better housing. I did not want to take up your time, but since everyone else was showering you with little flowery bouquets I could not be left out. I think you know how much we all thought of the work you did while you were chairman of this subcommittee. We also know the work you are performing right now as a private citizen. I am delighted, also, to welcome Mr. Gray. I have a few questions to ask you later. We welcome you both.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mrs. Sullivan.

I do want to tell my former colleague and very distinguished former chairman of this committee that we have made it a custom to follow the pattern that you have inaugurated on this subcommittee by making everybody feel at home, contented, and completely relaxed, and certainly we would be remiss if we did not extend the same courtesy to our distinguished chairman.

You may, Mr. former Chairman, start your testimony any time you see fit, and when you complete it, as you would say to others, we may desire to ask you one or two questions.

STATEMENT OF HON. ALBERT RAINS, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION; ACCOMPANIED BY GORDON GRAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RAINS. Mr. Chairman, I never really dreamed that I would be on this side of the table, but I must confess to you that it is a pleasant position to occupy, and I want to say to you, to the committee, that there is a bit of nostalgia about going away from Capitol Hill. This is the very first time that I have been back other than just a visit downtown, and I almost found myself headed toward where my office used to be. In 5 minutes' time you feel reacquainted and feel that you are back among you all.

I am not going to clutter the record by a long speech except to say that while I am no longer a member of the committee, I take great pride in the good work that you do. When most people get the Congressional Record, they throw it away and don't read it. But, when you have spent 20 years here like I did, you can't help but read the hearings of the committee and I was greatly pleased to see the fine work that you are doing. I want to congratulate you and the members of the committee on both sides of the aisle, for what I think is a splendid job.