

I know you had some battles last year and it pleased me greatly to watch the committee get down to the meat, and I want to compliment every one of you.

I said, and I mean this, that I don't want to testify concerning any controversial matters simply because I am here not to speak about housing, but I am here to speak about something that came up to me in all the years that I was chairman of the committee, growing out of housing legislation, and that is the preservation of our historical and architectural sites in this country. Time after time when I was the chairman of the committee, there were occasions on which we had to put special bits of legislation inside of housing—in order to prevent the destruction of certain historical sites in the cities in this country.

I used to grieve greatly over the fact that we are pulling down buildings, some of which ought to have been preserved, but I always believe that what we needed was a great and wider national policy on historic preservation than we have had in the past, and that we should do it not by patchwork, but we should have a general overall piece of legislation.

So I was delighted when my friend, Larry Henderson, who is with the Joint Council on Housing, an entity of the United States Conference of Mayors, and the National League of Cities, suggested that we seek a Ford Foundation grant whereby we could do a real study.

I am pleased to tell you that in the very beginning of that study we were encouraged by Secretary of the Interior Udall, by certain distinguished people down Pennsylvania Avenue, but this study was done absolutely and completely aside from any governmental entity at all. This was done by a nonprofit group, by private citizens with the help of the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. Widnall, and with the Senator from Maine, Senator Muskie.

There are eight people on it. We are going to give you one of our very beautiful books that is about to turn into a bestseller, as a matter of fact, and is published by Random House and tells the story. Among the people who contributed greatly to the whole idea was our esteemed friend, Gordon Gray, who is the chairman of the National Trust. So it was a labor of love, as a matter of fact, and it was a hard, long journey.

We did this study in about 3 months which was a record so far as time was concerned, and you will find the book, if I do say it, a very fascinating book.

I would like, Mr. Chairman, to include in the record, the findings and the recommendations of the special committee which is actually the last chapter in the book. I would like for that to be included as part of our testimony so that the members will have an opportunity to get the whole background of what it was all about.

Mr. BARRETT. It may without objection. So ordered.

(The information referred to follows:)

[Excerpt from "With Heritage So Rich"]

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PART I—INTRODUCTION

In formulating its findings and recommendations, the Special Committee on Historic Preservation has attempted to develop a program to encourage Federal, State, and local government, and private agencies and individuals to preserve