

This will be a true statement—we will build more things in the next 40 years than we built in all of our history.

This means that much of what we have created to date is threatened by the thrust of bulldozers or the corrosion of neglect.

America must move promptly and vigorously to protect the important legacies which remain. This we can achieve without blunting our progress. And this achievement will enrich our progress. With sensitive planning, the past and the future can live as neighbors and contribute jointly to the quality of our civilization.

I had the honor to serve during the past year as chairman of the Special Committee on Historic Preservation. This committee, operating under a grant from the Ford Foundation and sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, had as its members Senator Edward Muskie, of Maine; Congressman William Widnall, of New Jersey; Gov. Philip Hoff, of Vermont; former Mayor Raymond Tucker, of St. Louis; Gordon Gray, of North Carolina, chairman of the National Trust; and Laurance G. Henderson, director.

Serving with us in ex officio capacities were Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall who was represented by George Hartzog, head of the National Park Service, and Walter Pozen; Secretary of Commerce John Connor and Rex Whitton, Administrator of the Bureau of Public Roads; Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs Robert Weaver, and William Slayton, Commissioner of Urban Renewal; and Lawson Knott, Administrator of General Services Administration, and William A. Schmidt, Deputy Commissioner of the Public Buildings Service.

We had a very fine technical staff headed by Carl Feiss. We received invaluable assistance from a great number of historians, architects, and technicians, both within and outside of Government.

Much research, many trips, long debates, and above all, an ardent love for country went into the preparation of our findings and recommendations which I would like to submit for the record. I hope you will take the time to read it carefully.

The legislation introduced by Congressman Widnall carries out much of the program recommended by the special committee. Identical legislation has also been introduced in the Senate by Senator Muskie who has as cosponsors a large number of Senators including Majority Leader Mike Mansfield.

Briefly, the legislation before your committee would:

1. Create a National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation that would include six Cabinet members, two Governors, two mayors, a representative of the counties, and four public members eminent in the fields of history, architecture, archeology, and culture;
 2. Provide for new programs for loans and grants for the acquisition and restoration of structures of historical significance;
 3. Permit cities to acquire structures of historical significance for which they would receive credit as local noncash contributions under the urban renewal program;
 4. Set up a 3-year program of fellowships for architects and technicians to meet the critical shortage of trained personnel in the field;
- I submit you ought to put your finger on that one. We found that there are not too many people in this country, architects or anyone,