

program intelligently, moving ahead of day-to-day crises, so that in time the preservation movement will be one of planning and orderly action, rather than frantic, last minute effort, which too often results in failure.

That completes my statement, sir.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, also, Mr. Gray, for your splendid statement.

Mr. Widnall?

Mr. WIDNALL. I certainly want to compliment you on the work that you have done in your unselfish devotion, shown as the head of the National Trust and the way you brought together so many others who are interested in the same purpose, historic preservation and preservation of our heritage. It has been too long forgotten, and too much has been bulldozed out of the way, and we got to get a little bit of that human touch back in again.

First of all, I would like to ask Mr. Rains a few questions.

The bills that have been introduced by Senator Muskie and by me are actually only part of the package that are trying to achieve something very much affirmative in the field.

You mention in the testimony the legislation that is now before the Interior Committee of the House. Is it not true, though, that the other legislation that is presently being prepared goes to the Ways and Means Committee?

Mr. RAINS. Yes; it is our hope that there will be because some of the recommendations which the committee made had to do with taxation—with tax credits, tax inducements of various kinds to people individually, to restore historic places. Of course, that particular bill since it does affect taxation would go before the Ways and Means Committee. There is a bill now pending in the Interior Committee and there will be, we hope, legislation having to do with taxes and its relation to the preservation of historic sites and structures.

Mr. WIDNALL. Actually, this part of the legislation, in the legislative program, is probably the hardest to write and takes the longest to prepare in that it must become palatable since it does pose legislative problems here on the Hill.

I appreciate the fact with Senator Muskie that I am able to sponsor the legislation and try to assume some leadership in the House to filling the needs that so badly have to be met in the entire country. I wish that we had the same system of sponsorship that they have over on the Senate side, because Senator Muskie has already been able to have others join with him on the original bill, including Senator Mansfield and I think this is going to be very meaningful as far as the future of this legislation is concerned.

Mr. Gray, you indicate our need to—how much do you think in the way of historic buildings—how much do you think we have lost in the last decade?

Mr. GRAY. There are figures available. I can't be precise, of course, because many things that have been destroyed were never identified and registered, Mr. Widnall.

Mr. RAINS. We put some figure in the record and I think Mrs. Johnson used it in the foreword to the book.