

Mrs. SULLIVAN. I am not going to get into an argument between our two newspapers in St. Louis, as to whether the building should or should not be saved. Those who are expert in such matters should help make the decision, based on facts and expert opinion.

Mr. GRAY. The building still stands, at least up until now.

Mrs. SULLIVAN. Yes, it does. I sincerely hope the controversy can be resolved, for it is bitterly fought in St. Louis.

Mr. RAINS. You mean you are in the middle of two newspapers? That is a good place for a Congressman to be.

Mr. GRAY. When we were on the tour—when Ray Tucker—he had been on the other side and finally I had to agree that we would declare a moratorium on it.

Mr. BARRETT. The time of the lady has expired.

Mr. HARVEY?

Mr. HARVEY. I just want to join with our committee in welcoming back our distinguished colleague, our former chairman. Al, it is nice to have you back with us.

Mr. RAINS. Thank you, Jim, I appreciate it.

Mr. HARVEY. I could not help but think in listening to the discussion that perhaps all of this could turn the balance-of-payments problem into a plus. The heritage of Europe seems to be what attracts tourists. It is one of the reasons we have trouble keeping our tourists here at home. Maybe it will turn into a plus.

I have one question, Mr. Gray. Where historic preservation is already in the hands of good private bodies, what action would you recommend that we take?

Mr. GRAY. Not any, sir. If they are good, stable, private bodies—I tried to say perhaps not too a little earlier, that most of this work should continue to be done by private individuals and foundations and corporations just as most of our whole society is private. I think the genius of American society has been the partnership of government and the private sector. Where a property is well taken care of in the hands of a stable organization, I wouldn't touch it. It is only those that are threatened that we are concerned with. Does that answer your question?

Mr. HARVEY. Yes, sir.

Mr. RAINS. In connection with that and supporting Mr. Gray's good statement, it is not the intended purpose of this legislation just to establish museums, but we actually hope to be able to do what Mr. Gray said with the legislation to encourage private people who ran them to do the things necessary to rehabilitate and restore only those that would be in danger, as Gordon said, a while ago from being destroyed.

Those would be the ones that would take this position. I think you will find a great deal of encouragement in the legislation to the person who owns one of these establishments to do something about it himself once it is named as a landmark.

Mr. HARVEY. I thank you both very much. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you. Mr. Reuss?

Mr. REUSS. Thank you.

I want to join all my colleagues here this afternoon. I was one of the some 535 Members of the House and Senate who regretted very