

Mr. GIBBONS. This is not particularly within the purview of this committee but I am also on the Committee on House Administration.

Can you describe to us when the Congress is going to make available more space to you over there?

Mr. MUMFORD. During the last session of Congress, it authorized additional rental space—220,000 square feet. We have found some, have already occupied some of it, and we are looking for additional space at the moment.

We have an appropriation for such rental space.

As you know, our third building has been authorized and we have been busy with the architects for the last several months on the preliminary plans for this, which are now about completed.

Mr. GIBBONS. On your additional building, when do you think it will be completed?

Mr. MUMFORD. The estimate by the architects is a minimum of 5 years before occupancy. It will take about 2 years to complete the working drawings. Then they estimate it will take about 3 years for construction. I think it would be a minimum of 5 years before we can occupy it.

Mr. THOMPSON. Are they going to pattern the architecture after this beautiful building?

Mr. MUMFORD. No, sir; I don't think it will look like the Rayburn Building.

Mr. THOMPSON. Thank heavens.

Mr. BRADEMAS (presiding). Mr. Gardner.

Mr. GARDNER. No questions.

Mr. BRADEMAS. Mr. Esch?

Mr. ESCH. Concerning section 231, if I interpret the language correctly, the amendment would permit the Library of Congress to act in a way which many people throughout the country assumed the Library was acting, but in effect, was not authorized to act. Also, it appears that the amendment would provide the Library of Congress a base for leadership throughout the country for specific distribution.

Mr. MUMFORD. In one section we are providing for the possibility of acquiring additional copies that might be used for loan purposes. Perhaps, they might be deposited for that purpose in the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago or elsewhere.

In 231(2) we have refined the language to make it clear that our authority to distribute information is not limited strictly to distributing catalog cards or the information on catalog cards, but other bibliographic aids, such as guides, union lists, and so on.

We have some prepared bibliographic guides but we are not able to do this work as extensively as would be useful to the research libraries.

Mr. ESCH. It would first allow you to utilize modern techniques, if desired?

Mr. MUMFORD. Yes, sir.

Mr. ESCH. Secondly, it could be interpreted to extend out to provide a depository on a broad base, utilizing the Library of Congress as a broad base for facilities throughout the country?

Mr. MUMFORD. It could. We do not at present anticipate any large number of such locations. Eventually it might mean placing library