

NATIONAL VISITOR CENTER ACT OF 1967

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 10 a.m., in room 2167, Rayburn House Office Building, Kenneth J. Gray (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. GRAY. The Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the House Committee on Public Works will please come to order.

The Chair would like to welcome all of you here this morning and thank you very kindly for coming.

We will conduct open hearings starting today and continuing possibly for 3 or 4 days on H.R. 12603, by Mr. Gray of Illinois; H.R. 12686, by Mr. McClory; H.R. 12693, by Mr. Pickle; H.R. 12752, by Mr. Leggett; H.R. 12760, by Mr. Widnall; H.R. 12770, by Mr. Annunzio; H.R. 12778, by Mr. Matsunaga; H.R. 12784, by Mr. Schwengel and Mr. Mayne; H.R. 12823, by Mr. Eilberg; H.R. 12825, by Mr. Erlenborn; H.R. 12828, by Mr. Farbstein; H.R. 12831, by Mr. Kleppe; H.R. 12845, by Mr. Helstoski; H.R. 12866, by Mr. Grover; H.R. 12870, by Mr. Rodino; and H.R. 12885, by Mr. Henderson, and several identical Senate bills introduced by our colleagues in the other body.

This act, if enacted, will be known as the National Visitor Center Act of 1967.

(H.R. 12603 follows:)

[H.R. 12603, 90th Cong., first sess.]

A BILL To supplement the purposes of the Public Buildings Act of 1959 (73 Stat. 479), by authorizing agreements and leases with respect to certain properties in the District of Columbia, for the purpose of a national visitor center, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "National Visitor Center Act of 1967".

SEC. 2. The Administrator of the General Services Administration and the Secretary of the Interior, on behalf of the United States, are authorized to negotiate and enter into agreements and leases with the Washington Terminal Company, the owner of the property in the District of Columbia known as Union Station, for the use of portions of such property for a national visitor center and for a parking facility in connection therewith.

SEC. 3. (a) The agreements and leases authorized by section 2 of this Act shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(1) The Washington Terminal Company shall agree to undertake such alterations of the existing Union Station Building as the Secretary of the Interior deems necessary to provide adequate facilities for visitors, but the total cost of such alterations shall not exceed \$5,000,000;

(2) The lease of the Union Station Building to the United States shall commence upon completion of such alterations and shall be for a term of not more than twenty years;