

(3) The Washington Terminal Company shall undertake the construction of a parking facility, including a vehicular access ramp thereto, to accommodate approximately four thousand vehicles in the airspace immediately northerly of existing Union Station Building, at a total cost not to exceed \$11,000,000, which facility, upon completion, shall be leased to the United States for a term of not more than twenty years;

(4) The Washington Terminal Company shall construct a new railroad terminal in the area immediately northerly of such parking facility; and

(5) The aggregate cost to the United States of the leases entered into under this Act may not exceed \$2,935,000 annually.

(b) The agreements and leases authorized by section 2 of this Act shall be subject to such other terms and conditions as the Administrator of the General Services Administration and the Secretary of the Interior prescribe.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Interior shall administer the property leased under this Act in accordance with the statutory authority available to him for the administration of the national park system.

SEC. 5. In connection with his responsibilities to administer any areas in the Mall and its vicinity in the District of Columbia which contain points of intensive visitation or interest, the Secretary of Interior is directed to utilize the authority in the Act of May 26, 1930 (46 Stat. 382), as amended and supplemented, to provide transportation of visitors by the United States when the Secretary deems such action advisable to facilitate such visitation and to insure proper management and protection of such areas. The Secretary is also directed to make provision for such transportation of visitors to the National Visitor Center established pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 6. The District of Columbia shall not, during the term of any lease entered into by the United States and the Washington Terminal Company pursuant to this Act, include in the assessed valuation of the leased properties for tax purposes any increase in value by reason of the improvements made on such properties by said company in meeting its obligations under any lease or agreement made pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 7. (a) In connection with the construction of the parking facility contemplated by this Act, the District of Columbia shall, upon the request of the Administrator of General Services Administration, transfer to the said Administrator any real property under its jurisdiction which may be necessary to provide vehicular access to California Avenue.

(b) Any alteration in the existing traffic pattern in Union Station Plaza necessitated or made desirable by reason of the parking facility shall be made only after prior consultation with the Architect of the Capitol.

SEC. 8. Notwithstanding the execution of any agreement or lease pursuant to this Act, the Secretary of the Interior is directed to make a continuing study of the needs of visitors to the Washington metropolitan area, including therein the necessity and desirability of different or additional visitor centers, and to report to the President who shall submit to the Congress such recommendations as he deems appropriate.

SEC. 9. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Mr. GRAY. The Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds held extensive hearings last year on the need for establishing a National Visitor Center in our Nation's Capital. After hearings, it was the consensus of this committee that a Study Commission should be established to further study the need for a Visitor Center and/or Centers, and the Congress enacted last year a Public Law setting up a 21-member Commission to study the need for a Center, inspected sites and other matters relating thereto and report back to Congress.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Vice President, and the President of the United States, combined, appointed a 21-member Commission. This Commission is composed of:

The Secretary of the Interior, Hon. Stewart Udall, who is Chairman of the full Commission.

Hon. Kenneth J. Gray, Democrat, of Illinois, Chairman of the Subcommittee to Select a Site or Sites.