

thing we ought to talk about and we ought to have it part of the record in this hearing.

I thank you for this time.

Mr. GRAY. Thank you again, Mr. Schwengel.

I want to reiterate what I said earlier. You were a very valuable member of the Commission and your words are very timely. I am sure when the Congress acts upon this, and I hope favorably, that the things you have been saying for years will finally come to pass concerning the great need for a national visitors' center.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Chairman, on page 12, subparagraph 1 of section 3 of the bill:

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 alteration shall not exceed \$5 million.

Does any other language of the bill in any way permit the Secretary of Interior or obligate through him the U.S. Government to pay for anything that he might "deem necessary" in excess of \$5 million? Direct expenditure by the Government, in other words?

What is in there is intended to be the total. Does that accomplish that purpose?

Mr. KNOTT. I think, certainly, reading this subsection, it is limited to what the Washington Terminal undertakes to do with an upper limitation on what it will be obligated to spend in the determination of the Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. CRAMER. I wanted to get that as a matter of record.

Thank you very much.

Mr. GRAY. The gentleman from Nebraska, Mr. Denney.

Mr. DENNEY. Mr. Chairman, I have the greatest respect for the GSA, and I like the language in the bill. I think it is an excellent bill.

On page 3, line 6 through 9, I am wondering if the witness could tell us whether or not if we would strike out the part about the Secretary of the Interior and GSA negotiating and entering into a lease on page 1 of the bill, section 2, and leave in the part on page 3, lines 6 through 9, he would like to have GSA prescribe conditions.

I think this Congress is turning over to the executive branch a lot of discretion and I want the GSA in there. Along with your recommendations of being in a consulting status, would it be all right to leave in lines 6 through 9 on page 3, but strike out the entering and negotiating on page 1?

In other words, I would like to have GSA help prescribe the conditions of remodeling.

Mr. KNOTT. These lines are on page 3 from 6 through 9?

Mr. DENNEY. Yes, where it says:

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.

Mr. KNOTT. I have no problem with that.

Mr. DENNEY. That is all right. You would be willing to have that?

Mr. KNOTT. Yes.

Mr. DENNEY. I would like to leave that in. I thought from the statement you wanted all reference to GSA out of there because you thought one executive branch of the Government should handle the situation.