

where things are. It is hard frequently for people to find a place to eat. Our cafeterias and restaurants are crowded with Congressmen and staffs and our individual guests. It is difficult sometimes for a person to find a restroom in the Capitol.

It strikes me these things really ought to be corrected. While this particular bill is not the vehicle by which to correct them, I am glad the gentleman has brought them to our attention because I think we ought to move with some dispatch to get those items corrected. And I believe this is a step in the direction of recognizing the responsibility we all hold to the millions of visitors who come to their Nation's Capital.

I think the gentleman performed a real service bringing these thoughts to our attention.

Mr. ROBERTS. I would agree with the comments of my colleague from Texas; I have worked with the gentleman for a long time.

Mr. GROVER. I want to compliment my good friend from Texas. I think he has put his finger right on the pulse of this problem.

I, too, have found myself embarrassed having constituents of mine come down from New York to find that very, very willing reception maybe in the Congressman's office, but to find any of the conveniences that one would normally expect just simply not available when you travel these many, many miles to the Nation's Capital.

I think perhaps the Congress over a period of years has been shortsighted in this regard. It does indeed leave somewhat of a bad taste with our constituents when they come these many miles to visit here. But the gentleman's discussion was very frank and very much to the point and I concur with him.

Mr. PICKLE. Thank you.

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Cramer?

Mr. CRAMER. I want to compliment the gentleman for having rendered very fine service on the Commission. He appreciates the problem we all have as to what Congress might reasonably do under our present spending problems. I think his testimony is to be commended.

Mr. PICKLE. Thank you very much.

Practically speaking, that is all we could get.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. I want to pay tribute to the gentleman also, and recall to the committee the fact I agree with him on the other question you mention. I felt also this was not the ideal place to have a visitors' center for the District, but it is a valuable and practical and possible beginning now or very soon.

I had much the same experience you did in coming to the conclusion you did that this is a good place to start providing something.

I also agree with you about having a place in the Capitol where people can come to get information so somebody can help them to learn and understand. The west front, as I would recall to the members' attention, calls for the building of an auditorium which would hold up to a thousand people. I can envision a plan where we can provide a place for student groups to come and persons appear before those people briefly, or maybe we can have an intercom field system where a Congressman can be in his office and be interrupted just briefly to talk to people and make himself available to questions by video intercom system that we could provide at very nominal cost, I believe it would be a very valuable arrangement.