

this bill. Certainly any Members of Congress and members of the public who understand American history ought to be a part of a commission to determine what program, how you have a display, what pictures, or a plan to have a moving picture comparable to the picture you see at Williamsburg before you visit that area.

This committee or the proper committee ought to make such a valuation or final judgement on just what it should be. I think we ought to have a continuing committee in Congress itself which would have a voice in cooperation with people who are authorities in this area.

Mr. GRAY. I might say, in that connection, I would not see too much wrong with keeping this 21-man Commission intact as an Advisory Commission. We could write that in the bill.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. That would be one very good suggestion.

Mr. CRAMER. Whatever program is available should be equally representative of the executive and legislative and possibly judicial branches of the Government, and the way to assure that equal representation would be some sort of an advisory group, perhaps a continuation of the Commission, or maybe a different advisory group.

Mr. GRAY. I think that is a very forthright suggestion and I think we should consider writing something in the bill.

Mr. PICKLE. May I add my general endorsement to those expressed by Mr. Cramer. I have also been impressed, I might say, with the practical hardnosed, hardheaded approach with which the Department of Interior and GSA have addressed themselves to this particular proposal. I am confident they will give to the Congress and American people a good leadership.

In addition to that, I think it would be well to have an Advisory Commission or continuation of the Commission so that Congress would have a voice, and I certainly concur.

Mr. GRAY. Thank you very much.

Mr. Johnson of California.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. I want to commend Mr. Pickle for his statement here and his work as a member of the Commission. I am glad to see this legislation moving forward.

I also agree with the gentleman from Florida that Congress should have a further look after this particular bill is passed and we set up the initial Center, which is very much needed. But if created by Congress, Congress is responsible for what they place in it. There should be some oversight, some continuation of the Commission, or an annual report back to the Congress so the Congress could take action if they see fit to.

The visitors now coming here certainly need a Center. If created, I think it should be operated as a Visitors Center to benefit the visitors. A lot can take place in a Visitors Center that can affect many people. I think we should see that it is a true Visitors Center.

Mr. GRAY. Thank you very much.

I might say that we will have a very exciting model of what we propose at Union Station when the Secretary of Interior does testify, we hope later this week or sometime next week. Congress provided only \$10,000 last year and the Interior Department engaged the services of a planner and he has come up with a very exciting model. I hope all of you will be able to see it when presented at the time the Secretary testifies.