

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, may I be permitted to congratulate you on the proposed Visitors Center and to express the hope that in my testimony I have been able to show that the terminal exposition project fits in with your determination to improve Washington and the growing need for better terminals, both rail and bus, in the Nation's Capital.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for this opportunity to appear before the committee to repeat my support of the Visitors Center for the benefit of all the people who are coming to Washington.

Mr. GRAY. Thank you very much. That is a very fine statement and we appreciate it immensely.

We think they are compatible and can complement each other, the bus system and the need for serving the people who come here to visit the Nation's Capital.

(Extended remarks follow:)

EXTENDED REMARKS TO STATEMENT OF CLAUDE A. JESSUP OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1967, PRESIDENT, CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS EASTERN LINES

I wish to thank the committee for the unanimous consent which permits me to extend my remarks and to express my appreciation for the consideration given me in my testimony of September 13, 1967.

It is my hope that between the representative of Greyhound and myself we have been able to show the volume of passengers the bus lines carry annually. We have become an integral part of the public transportation facilities of this country, and each year we are faced with further expansion to meet the demands of the public. No one knows better than we that every form of transportation, rail, plane, and private car, as well as buses, is also equally needed. We welcome the development of the high speed trains and the growth of the airlines. There is enough business for all of us, and there is more to come.

I consider the use of the Visitors Center for chartered buses and school buses a most excellent idea, and one that could be advantageously copied by the other centers of tourist attraction in the United States.

Both Greyhound and ourselves have had much experience with such specialized services, and if we can be of assistance in any respect in aiding the practical development of these facilities at the Visitors Center, I am sure Greyhound will join with us in making this experience available to you.

Mr. GRAY. Our next witness is Mr. Virgil T. McKibben, assistant regional manager, Greyhound Lines, Inc.

He will present testimony for Mr. H. Vance Greenslit, chairman of the board of Greyhound Lines, Inc.

Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. GRAY. Back on the record.

STATEMENT OF VIRGIL T. MCKIBBEN, ASSISTANT REGIONAL MANAGER, EASTERN GREYHOUND LINES

Mr. MCKIBBEN. Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, my name is Virgil T. McKibben, assistant regional manager, Eastern Greyhound Lines, Division of Greyhound Lines, Inc., and I am representing Mr. H. Vance Greenslit, chairman of the board of our corporation, who regrets his inability to be present, as he is out of the country.

As stated by Mr. Jessup of Continental Trailways, we also charter a large number of buses to groups. H.R. 12603, providing a central point where visitors can initiate their tours of such a landmark as