

You present one way out which you think will satisfy everybody, that would be for D.C. Transit to run this route under a certificate granted by the Commission; correct?

Mr. DAWSON. That is right.

Mr. WRIGHT. Do you think the service ought to be provided? Correct?

Mr. DAWSON. I did not hear you.

Mr. WRIGHT. You feel it is a service that should be provided?

Mr. DAWSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. WRIGHT. And yet you have had an application pending for some time before the Commission to provide such service, and it has not been acted upon.

Mr. DAWSON. Mr. Wright, in some justification of that delay, may I say that the Commission was waiting for the court decision. In my judgment that was not a proper basis for delay.

I would point out that the Commission has a right to delay as long as it sees fit to, up to a certain point.

Mr. WRIGHT. Surely. Now put yourself in the position of the committee, or let's say of Congress. What we want to do is assure that this service will be provided. By eliminating section 5, we do not so insure, do we?

If we just eliminate all reference to it, we do not have any guarantee that this service is going to be provided, do we?

Mr. DAWSON. It will not be provided in the law, but I have the assurance that I have given you by Mr. Chalk that D.C. Transit will provide such a service.

Mr. WRIGHT. You cannot speak for the Commission as to whether it will grant you a certification of convenience and necessity?

Mr. DAWSON. I believe that the court case now being disposed of, Congress not taking contrary action, the Commission would grant that certificate.

Mr. WRIGHT. Well, our situation, as I think you understand is that we want to see to it that service is provided. We also want to make certain that at least parts of this service bringing visitors from the Visitor Center to the Capitol are provided on the basis that comports with what we are trying to do in parking their cars.

Mr. DAWSON. The company supports you wholeheartedly in that.

Mr. WRIGHT. Do you believe you could operate on the basis of a stub given to your driver for vehicles in the lots for a relatively nominal sum to transport people from the proposed Visitor Center to the Capitol?

Mr. DAWSON. We are using stubs in connection with the children's fare in the District of Columbia now.

Mr. WRIGHT. Thank you very much.

You can see that we have a somewhat knotty problem, I am sure, and we can appreciate your situation.

Mr. DAWSON. We appreciate your position.

Mr. WRIGHT. We do want to make sure the service gets provided not only to the Capitol, but I want to see to it that visitors get the opportunity to get on a separate shuttle service that will take them to the points of interest up and down the Mall.