

larly after the many, many meetings you attended as a member of the Commission and to reaffirm and restate your great interest in this national proposal.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. GRAY. Are there any comments or questions?

Are you not glad you waited, gentlemen?

Mrs. COOPERSMITH. May I tell you what Congressman Pickle said? He said, "I surely hope they get this done right away. Hurry it up."

Mr. GRAY. Next Tuesday and Thursday.

Thank you very much. We deeply appreciate it.

We have one concluding witness. If we can hear him, we will be able to wind up the public hearings after 4 days of testimony.

Is Mr. John Troutman, Director for Plans and Programs, National New Career Center, here?

Mr. TROUTMAN. Yes, sir.

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Troutman, I want to apologize for the fact we have been running behind schedule; but, as you know, having sat here for several days, some of these problems have been gone into in great detail. We appreciate your patience and appreciate your coming.

You can either read the statement or submit it for the record and summarize, or proceed in your own fashion.

STATEMENT OF JOHN TROUTMAN, DIRECTOR FOR PLANS AND PROGRAMS, NATIONAL NEW CAREER CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. TROUTMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Members of the committee, ladies and gentlemen, I am John E. Troutman, Director of Plans and Programs of the National New Career Center.

I have no formal prepared statement which I would like to read to you. I do, however, have a small brochure, which I think covers in fairly good detail the purposes of the National New Career Center.

Mr. GRAY. Without objection, we will enter your entire statement in the record at this point.

(The document referred to follows:)

THE NATIONAL NEW CAREER CENTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

PREFACE

In our society today as never before, the freedom of vocational choice is a vital and pervasive concern to all of us. Although a great deal of information designed to assist our young people in making the right choice is prepared by many sources, in both the public and private sectors, it is not always available to the many who need it, and particularly to those who need it the most—the youth, their parents, the counselors and the teachers of far too many of our nation's rural and inner-city communities.

To cope with this long standing and serious problem, in an effective manner, it is proposed that representatives of government, business, industry, organized labor and the many community groups be brought together on a voluntary and cooperative basis, to establish and support a permanent National New Career Center. The purpose is to provide, through the use of well prepared multi-media materials and dynamic physical displays, both an academic and physical panorama of the many diverse and often exciting career available within our free enterprise system.

To provide the best possible visibility for this important program, it is proposed that a permanent Career Center facility be established in the Washington area.