

On my way back from Expo 67, I stopped in at Ottawa and met with several of the officials of the Department of Manpower and Immigration. I was consultant to the Canadian Government last November, this same Department. I had an opportunity to go back to discuss business matters with these people. While I was there talking to two of the officials of the Department, I had the opportunity to review for them this National New Career Center, which we are looking at right here for the Washington area, and the chief official's comments were, he said, "Good gosh, we have got a Union Station here in Ottawa, too. Why can't we think in terms of doing the same thing?"

It occurred to me, Mr. Chairman, that I would recommend rather strongly that as you go along and develop your materials, your brochures, your programs, that you make the information that you are getting together, bring it to the attention of the mayor's council, because I am sure most of the cities have a Union Station. I know I do. I, for one, used to like to see the one in New York. I hated to see the Pennsylvania Railroad Terminal turned down. Based on this chance remarks of the Canadian officials, as I say, I think this is an excellent thing and I would like to see your organization make the mayors' council aware of this and let the rest of the cities look at the Union Stations as well. This allows us to retain our artifacts, as you will, in terms of the older buildings and this type of thing, and I think this a very commendable program you are working on.

Thank you.

Mr. GRAY. Thank you, Mr. Troutman. You have been very helpful. We deeply appreciate your patience in waiting and certainly your testimony.

Are there any questions or comments?

We have one statement here from Mr. James Hodgson, of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, who was to appear earlier but because time ran out he was kind enough to submit his statement, so it will be printed, without objection, in the record.

(The prepared statement of Mr. Hodgson follows:)

TESTIMONY OF THE CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY AND CAPITOL HILL
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

My name is James B. Hodgson, Jr., of 506 A Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. I have been authorized by the presidents of both the Capitol Hill Restoration Society (a sustaining member of the National Trust for Historical Preservation) and the Capitol Hill Community Council (a member of the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations) to make this statement.

The Capitol Hill Community has shared with this committee its long-standing commitment to the beautification of the Capitol environs including especially the preservation of the major landmarks which notably include the Union Station. We are very happy to see the felicitous solution to the difficult problem of the preservation of the Station which this legislation represents. We wish to recognize particularly the contribution which the Chairman of this Subcommittee, Mr. Gray, has made to leading the negotiations between the Federal Government and the owning railroads to an arrangement which appears to be so beneficial to the Nation as a whole. This represents an outstanding example of having found a new use for an old building which will preserve its architectural distinction for posterity.

We also hope that the further negotiations will be as outstanding in the field of transportation, because this project can also provide a model of the sort of "transportation center" about which Mr. Wilbur Smith has so eloquently written. This project, which is expected to handle some 5,000 visitors per hour, will be served by several modes of transportation and could provide a model solution to the "intermode transfer" problem.