

Mr. GRAY. I want to thank all of the subcommittee members for their kind attention in attending these hearings for 4 days. You have been very helpful.

With that, we will adjourn, and meet again on next Tuesday in executive session at 10 a.m. and, I hope, a full committee meeting on Thursday.

With that, I thank all of the public witnesses and again thank the members of the committee.

The meeting now stands adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 1:21 p.m., the public hearings were concluded.)

(The following was furnished for insertion:)

STATEMENT OF HON. JOHN J. FLYNT, JR., A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM
THE STATE OF GEORGIA

Mr. Chairman, as desirable as it may be to establish a National Visitor Center in our Nation's Capital, I suggest it must be considered in the context of the President's request for a surtax on individual and corporate income taxes in order to meet funding requirements of the Federal Government.

At a time when the Chief Executive considers an increase in the tax burden to be necessary, a new look must also be taken at the projects and programs which create increased demand for additional Federal funds. I believe it to be necessary to establish priorities among these demands for Federal funds and to weigh these priorities and the contents of the programs therein against the extent of the added burdens of taxation and the effects upon those who must assume these burdens.

In this context, the establishment of a National Visitor Center at this time does not, in my opinion, warrant the assignment of a priority high enough to recommend its approval.

For this reason, I am presently opposed to H.R. 12603. At another time and under other circumstances, I might conceivably feel very different about this proposed legislation.

STATEMENT OF HON. DONALD G. BROTZMAN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM
THE STATE OF COLORADO

Mr. Chairman, I welcome this opportunity to present a statement on H.R. 12603, the National Visitor Center Act of 1967.

When notice of these hearings was first given, I immediately began to gather background information on this proposal, but unfortunately many questions remain unanswered—particularly fiscal questions. I hope these will be answered during or as a result of these hearings.

Mr. Chairman, each month I have dozens of visitors from Colorado in my office. Many of them often have some complaint about the lack of visitor facilities in the Nation's Capital. I decided to poll all of the visitors who have stopped at my office and who signed my guest book during this session of Congress in an effort to determine what experiences they had and what their opinion was on the ability of the Capitol Hill area to receive visitors. The response to the poll was overwhelming and did point to a definite need for improvements. The results of the poll are included at the end of this statement.

The poll points out a pressing need for improvements in parking and restaurant facilities in the Capitol Hill area. Most of my visitors believed that the available public transportation and guide services are adequate.

Many of those responding to my poll took the time to write additional comments and observations regarding the proposed National Visitor Center.

One constituent wrote:

"I feel the National Visitor Center is a tremendous idea. By receiving instructions on how to reach points of interest from such a center, and by having buses run directly to the tourist attractions, the visitor could avoid many hours which are wasted merely in searching for a way to get around in Washington."