

is that the intent of 608 or the purpose of 608 relating to both foreign and domestic, is a good one.

When it comes to Federal agencies and AID, and other agencies that come through our Federal supply system where we asked them to validate their requirements; where we located excess and substituted excess. We know this is a valid, worthy program. We know that it saves the Government money; it reduces the requirements of appropriations.

Now, in speaking of AID, we want the authority under 608 continued as we presently understand it, so that for domestic excess property AID will have the opportunity to select property which would otherwise be purchased with Federal funds or which may not even be available to them on the open market in a timely fashion to meet their requirements.

Now, we don't want AID or any other Federal agency taking property that they don't see a clear need for and depriving the donation program of the property, or the Treasury of the anticipated receipts of the anticipated sale of the property. This is the basic objection we have, crystallized as meaningfully as I can make it. And that is my only objection.

Mr. BEASER. All right. Let me go back a little bit; 608 is an advance-acquisition program.

Mr. GRIFFIN. Right.

Mr. BEASER. They want to buy trucks, though.

Mr. BEASER. But they don't know where the need is, and what we have shown here—

Mr. GRIFFIN. They do have a great many years of experience in property acquisition for their approved programs.

Mr. BEASER. What we have shown here is that they have been acquiring this property, then going out and selling it to get rid of it—not in accordance with approved projects. When they acquire it, they have no concept at all what project is going to go where.

Mr. GRIFFIN. I cannot answer on the foreign excess.