

Mr. PATMAN. What type of tax return has ABC filed for its first year of operation?

Mr. HAYES. At this time, Mr. Chairman, we have not filed such a statement.

Mr. PATMAN. You are still waiting for that ruling that you didn't ask for.

Mr. HAYES. Correct.

Mr. PATMAN. Have you filed any kind of tax return of any kind?

Mr. HAYES. We have not.

Mr. PATMAN. You have not, okay. How much Federal income tax has ABC paid since the date it was organized? If you haven't filed a return you evidently haven't paid anything.

Mr. HAYES. I can't reveal that.

Mr. PATMAN. You can't reveal it.

Mr. HAYES. That information.

Mr. PATMAN. How much State income and other taxes has ABC paid since the date it was organized?

Mr. HAYES. Since this involves operations of the trust, as a trustee I can't reveal that information.

Mr. PATMAN. How much local taxes such as real estate, has ABC paid since the date it was organized?

Mr. HAYES. I can't reveal that as a trustee.

Mr. PATMAN. Does ABC consider that it is exempt from paying gasoline taxes?

Mr. HAYES. I can't reveal that information as trustee.

Mr. PATMAN. Well, you either pay gasoline taxes or don't, as a foundation. Do you pay them or do you not pay them?

Mr. HAYES. I can't reveal that information as trustee.

Mr. MOORE. Have you made application to the appropriate State agency for recoupment of any gasoline taxes paid by you as trustee of this organization?

Mr. HAYES. Again, sir, I can't reveal the operations of the trust.

Mr. MOORE. Have you ever executed an application for recoupment of gasoline taxes paid to the State of Illinois?

Mr. RAY. May I ask a question of the committee? What does this line of questioning have to do with the purposes?

Mr. MOORE. We haven't gotten very far with anything else so we might as well try this for awhile. All we want is an answer.

Mr. RAY. I would like to know how this applies to the purpose for which this committee was formed.

Mr. MOORE. We are inquiring about tax-exempt organizations and their claims for recoupment.

Mr. PATMAN. About gasoline right now only.

Mr. MOORE. That is right.

Mr. HAYES. I am sorry, sir, I cannot reveal this information.

Mr. PATMAN. All right, that is all right. How many of the members of ABC have applied for Federal tax exemption, do you know?

Mr. HAYES. I don't know the answer to that one.

Mr. PATMAN. And if you did know you wouldn't reveal it? How many of those applications for tax exemption have been refused by the Internal Revenue Service?

Mr. HAYES. I don't know.