

require spending money. As a matter of fact, modernizing and updating our visa laws would save a little bit perhaps, wouldn't it?

Mr. ARATA. Yes, sir; and there are two phases of that which would accomplish what you are driving at. One would be to bring the international conventions here per se and the other would be to permit anybody throughout the world who wanted to visit a U.S. convention, an American convention, to come here and take part in this particular convention. This is a growing field and we feel that you can move more bodies in this type of endeavor than you can by individual tourists coming in or groups of tourists.

Mr. CURTIS. But you are getting me off the track. This isn't what I am talking about. I am talking about the actions of the Federal Government which are in this instance a deterrent, an impediment, to bringing conventions here. I was then going to move on to consider the problems of the individual tourist coming over to the United States.

Again, as I have heard the story, it is these laws that we have that seem to be one of the main deterrents. Is this true?

Mr. ARATA. I wasn't trying to get you off the track. That is true. I was just trying to supplement what you were saying.

Mr. CURTIS. You see, even in your prepared statement you don't say anything about these laws. So I am the one who has to bring them out. This isn't as forceful as if you had said something about them in the beginning.

I don't want to draw these things out from reluctant witnesses. I am trying to get the picture. If the picture indeed is that the Federal Government, through obsolete visa laws, is one of the drags in this area, I would think somebody would come in and testify and raise the question, "Why not do something?"

Instead you have devoted a lot of effort explaining why you want us to have the Federal Government spend more money. This leaves me cold, I will tell you.

Well, let me get one other thing, if I can, from you. You say on page 2:

This industry, if this is the proper nomenclature for the varied type of member organizations we serve, is made up of service businesses, which this year will spend over \$200 million in promoting travel to and within the United States.

I wanted to be sure. Is this \$200 million that is spent to promote travel to and within the United States by people from abroad, or does this term "within the United States" include money spent to promote travel by Americans around the States?

Mr. ARATA. Both.

Mr. CURTIS. Then break it down, because for our purposes here I want to know what you might be spending to promote travel to and within the United States by people from abroad. What is that figure? How much of the \$200 million?

Mr. ARATA. I will have to supply it for you because I do not have the breakdown.

(The following information was received by the committee:)

Regarding our visa laws, we believe that making overseas visitors from friendly nations obtain a visa for travel in the U.S.A. serves as an impediment. We would recommend the elimination of all visas with respect to visitors from friendly nations and a reassessment of procedures presently used for