

Mr. LoFRISCO. It is not intended to give the same type of advantage to the foreigner that the American has in Europe. It is an attempt, however, to give, because of the great distance, the greater traveling distances, within the United States as compared to the distances from country to country in Europe——

Mr. BETTS. But the American traveler does not get the cut-rate that the foreign traveler does, traveling in the United States.

Mr. LoFRISCO. That is absolutely correct.

Mr. BETTS. Could there be a charge leveled that it is unfair to the American traveler?

Mr. LoFRISCO. It would be no more unfair to the American traveler than the American plan is to the European traveler.

Mr. BETTS. It would be unfair for an American traveler who did not want to travel to Europe, if he wanted to go to Oregon instead, is that correct?

Mr. LoFRISCO. That is correct.

Mr. BATTIN. You made a point specifically, and I am not sure we are on the same wavelength. You say you buy a ticket from this country to Rome and stop at all the intermediate stops without additional charge?

Mr. LoFRISCO. That is correct.

Mr. BATTIN. Why would it not be fair to say, then, if a person wanted to buy a ticket from Rome to Portland, Oreg., that he could make all the intermediate stops without any increase in fare rather than to say that once you get here and then decide to go to Portland you would get a discount? That would be the only way it would be analogous, to my mind. I think Mr. Betts is thinking that if one of his constituents loses his seat en route there is going to be some real conversation.

Mr. GRIMES. Right now there is an "Discover America" fare in effect for people who can travel from Rome to Portland, Oreg., with stopovers at a special rate. Now this rate which at the moment is in effect is a 25-percent reduction. What they are doing, they are adding an additional 25-percent discount to it and now it is 50-percent discount for a European to go to Portland, Oreg.

Now the question of whether we felt it was unfair to the American tourist, well, I would think it would be even unfairer to the American tourist if he were restricted to go to Europe. I think if we can make it easier for Europeans to come here through such an incentive I am sure he would not consider that unfair because it will not impede his freedom to travel.

Mr. BATTIN. I was not suggesting it would. But the example that the witness gave was that he could buy a ticket to New York and then travel in this country without any predetermined destination of travel.

Mr. GRIMES. Yes, right now he can do that within 30 days after he arrives. Under the "Discover America" fare he only needs to buy a ticket from New York. If within 30 days he decides to visit Oregon, he can do so. But after 30 days it is no longer valid.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Broyhill.

Mr. BROYHILL. I am not sure you answered Mr. Betts' question as to what the Association of Retail Travel Agents is. What is the difference between the Association of Retail Travel Agents and the American Society of Travel Agents?

Mr. GRIMES. Well, I am glad you asked me that.

Mr. BROYHILL. Are they the same type of travel agents?