

Mr. BUSH. I think you are right. I don't like this proposal. I came here with kind of an open mind. I don't like it, but I kind of feel that it is too bad that there is not some way to have some recognized patriotism, some sacrifice on the part of some people who are continuing to spend vast sums for sheer pleasure at a time when maybe it perhaps doesn't contribute as much as the administration thinks and maybe I think your focus is right on the size of the problem, but I think it is regrettable that there is no way that people will respond, the right people, the spending people, to a legitimate plea like this.

Mr. FROME. Perhaps one way we can reach that objective is by making life more meaningful at home and by developing the kind of meaningful places of interest at home. There was an article in the Washington Post about a week ago quoting the kind of people who have money, "Are you going to travel in the United States?" and they said, "Oh, no. It is a conglomerate of small towns and it is boring and I am going to go to South America."

I wanted to say, Mr. Bush, that I followed your interest in the Buffalo Bayou very closely and I think that you helped to save the taxpayers some money, that is, if the project goes along without having that attractive bayou cased in concrete.

I think if we could have Buffalo Bayous enhanced and made attractive all over the country and show people the treasures of the United States, that this might serve to accomplish the objective that you are asking for.

Mr. BUSH. I think you are right. Really I don't see the chance legislatively of getting it, but I am afraid that you both are correct when you say these people are the ones who are less apt to respond to persuasion.

I think it is a small part of the overall problem, but I just hate to see these fellows who just kind of thumb their nose at the administration's request on any kind of a consideration basis and get away with it, and yet I am terribly sympathetic to the testimony of both of you here.

Thank you.

Mr. LANDRUM. Mr. Kane, in your statement, specifically at the top of the second page, you refer to efforts to promote travel by people in other countries to this country and the expenditure by those people of money in this country for American tourists.

I wonder what influence, if any, is felt in this field by people traveling from countries that restrict the amount of money that people may bring out? For example, Great Britain restricts the amount of money that one can bring out. Italy restricts the amount of money. Japan, I believe, has been represented as restricting the amount of money.

How do you relate that to the proposal here to have our people pay some tax for the amount of money they spend abroad?

Mr. KANE. If I understand your question, you mean in the technique, the logistics of their plan, as contrasted to our proposals?

Mr. LANDRUM. What I am driving at is it is true that other countries limit tourists from that particular country, from a particular country, as to the amount of money that they can spend. When they come to America they are limited on the amount they can spend here.

Mr. KANE. Yes.