

The airlines of the United States have not opposed domestic user charges for the use of the Federal airways system. They have not opposed the payment of proper charges for the use of airports or any other ground facilities they use. They do not oppose the payment of international user charges so long as those charges are fairly and carefully arrived at. They do oppose the extension of a domestic user charge to international service when it is presented to the Congress by our Government without the slightest factual justification. The United States should carry out the obligation impliedly undertaken with other governments in the International Civil Aviation Organization to conduct the detailed studies and proceed to a determination of the methods by which countries charge users for their facilities.

CONCLUSION

This concludes my statement, Mr. Chairman. We hope that the committee will agree with us that the President's objective of reducing the travel gap by \$500 million can be achieved much more effectively by an affirmative program of bringing foreign tourists here than by restricting the travels of our citizens abroad. Particularly do we hope that the committee will examine critically and reject the Treasury's recommendations for an expenditure tax and an international ticket tax.

Mr. LANDRUM. Mr. Tipton, you desire your attachments to be included in the record with your statement I assume.

Mr. TIPTON. Yes, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. LANDRUM. Without objection they will be included.

(The attachments referred to follow:)

[Attachment A, if

EXPENDITURE PROFILE OF U.S. TRAVELERS TO EUROPE ON SCHEDULED FLIGHTS (12 MONTHS
ENDING APR. 30, 1967)

Purpose of trip	All travelers ¹					Travelers spending over \$500 or \$25 daily		Overage expendi- tures as percent of total expendi- tures
	Number	Expendi- tures in Europe (thou- sands)	Average expendi- ture	Average length of stay (days)	Average per diem expendi- ture	Number	Overage (thou- sands)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Business ²	1,610	\$1,319	\$819	25.2	\$32.50	918	\$593	45.0
Vacation.....	2,484	2,061	830	29.4	28.23	1,433	666	32.3
Visiting.....	867	438	515	33.7	15.28	226	81	18.5
Study.....	233	215	922	61.7	14.94	77	39	18.1
Other.....	201	155	711	52.7	14.63	94	41	26.5
Total.....	5,395	4,188	776	31.1	24.95	2,748	1,420	33.9
Percent of total.....						50.9		33.9

¹ Approximately 1 percent of U.S. residents traveling on scheduled transatlantic air services of IATA carriers was sampled as to their intended overseas expenditures and length of stay. Figures represent only the expenditure pattern of those who completed the questionnaire in all aspects (which represents two-thirds of total responses) exclusive of U.S. military traffic traveling on category A and Z fares, travel agents, and airline employees.

² Includes government.

Note: The basic data used above has been obtained from the most recent and as yet unpublished survey of the Port of New York Authority. Analysis of basic data and conclusions were developed by ATA.