

ADMINISTRATION'S BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROPOSALS

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1968

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, D.C.**

The committee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to notice, in the committee room, Longworth House Office Building, Hon. A. Sidney Herlong, Jr., presiding.

Mr. HERLONG. The committee will be in order.

The first witness this morning is Mr. Floyd Robertson. Mr. Robertson, would you take your place at the witness stand please?

STATEMENT OF FLOYD ROBERTSON, ASSISTANT TO GENERAL DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS; ACCOMPANIED BY REV. WADE T. COGGINS, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, EVANGELICAL FOREIGN MISSIONS ASSOCIATION

Mr. ROBERTSON. Thank you, sir.

Mr. HERLONG. If you will please identify yourself for the record together with the gentleman with whom you are associated I will appreciate it. Then you may proceed in your own way.

Mr. ROBERTSON. Thank you, sir. Mr. Chairman, my name is Floyd Robertson. I have with me the Reverend Wade T. Coggins, who is the assistant executive secretary for the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

During all of his adult life Mr. Coggins has served either as a missionary overseas or as a mission executive and he will be available in case you want to ask him questions.

I serve as an assistant to Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, who is the general director of the National Association of Evangelicals. Dr. Taylor regrets very much that he could not be here to make this presentation.

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the opportunity to appear before your committee and are grateful for the time you have given us to make a brief statement.

Confessing our inability to evaluate the overall issues, we are not disposed to take a position for or against the travel tax program as proposed by the Treasury Department. We are grateful for the privilege of bringing to your attention some of the adverse effects such a program would have, unless modified, on the approximately 100 missionary boards we represent, and the 15,000 missionaries serving overseas under those agencies.

In the relatively short time since the travel tax program was first