

would have on our industry, there would be a retaliation by the foreign governments which would cause additional hardship to the industry as well as the effect it will have on our balance of payment.

We cannot understand how a government such as ours can be so interested and anxious to help friendly foreign nations through the use of Foreign Aid and then take away the benefits of this Foreign Aid by the proposed legislation.

We would appreciate your cooperation and we wish to thank you for your indulgence.

Sincerely yours,

SAUL T. GRAND.

SALLY PARIS TRAVEL BUREAU,
Los Angeles, Calif., February 23, 1968.

MR. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. MILLS: We are respectfully submitting to you a petition signed by 261 citizens of the United States who are residing in the State of California, expressing their feelings with regard to the Proposed Travel Tax on Travel outside of the Western Hemisphere. [Petition is in the files of the Committee.]

Please note that every person who signed this petition protested against this proposal on the part of Treasury Secretary Fowler.

We must therefore ask that you please consider this petition as representing the feelings of a cross section of peoples of the United States, since these names come from all walks of life, industries, cultures and backgrounds.

Mostly, the feeling against this proposed tax is one against the restrictions attempting to be imposed against the free and unrestricted movement of citizens of the United States.

It certainly will not improve relationships with foreign governments or peoples and will do nothing to correct the supposed imbalance of trade, but only create chaos and disrespect for Americans everywhere. It will lead to retaliation on the part of foreign governments by forcing them to restrict travel to the United States, and the imports of our products. It will affect the economy of practically every locale in the United States in the manufacturing industry and otherwise.

We, therefore, urge that you earnestly consider the negative aspects of Secretary Fowler's proposal and inject your denial of such travel tax.

Sincerely,

SALLY PARIS.

SEVEN LEAGUE TRAVEL,
Monroeville, Pa., February 16, 1968.

MR. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is a letter of protest against the proposed legislation of a permanent tax on international air transportation and certain international water transportation and the temporary graduated tax on expenditures in connection with travel outside the Western Hemisphere.

We are very much opposed because the proposed legislature is discriminatory and unjust and could well be considered unconstitutional. It is against the American principle of free and unrestricted movement and is unenforceable, unworkable and leaves many many loopholes. Furthermore, the livelihood of 200,000 citizens is in danger. These proposals are a confession of failure of the Treasury Department and their ability to cope with the imbalance problem in a constructive manner.

We hope that you will involve yourself totally in the defeat of these proposals.

Sincerely yours,

P. FRANKLIN LONG.

SHELBY TRAVEL,
Babylon, Long Island, February 14, 1968.

MR. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: We wish to go on record as being categorically opposed to the travel tax proposals for the following reasons: