

WOODLAND, CALIF., February 28, 1968.

Mr. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.:

This is being sent in the form of a formal statement on the *proposal to tax overseas travellers*.

I wish to go on record as stating that this proposal is unfair to the majority of the citizens of these United States.

The proposed legislature is discriminatory and unjust and seems to me to be unconstitutional to the American way of life.

It leaves too many loopholes.

It is a short-sighted expedient which will not solve the financial problems of America but will create more serious problems in the future. Our so called good relationship with peoples of other nations will be seriously jeopardized.

I sincerely hope and pray that you good gentlemen will have the foresight to see the dangers in this proposed legislation and will vote against this.

Sincerely,

Miss FRIEDA HANKE.

THOUSAND OAKS, CALIF.,
February 25, 1968.

Mr. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: I would like to write to formally protest the proposed legislation concerning taxes on International travel.

I feel the proposed legislation is discriminatory and unjust. It seems to me that it is against the American principle of free movement.

I am writing to protest this most strongly and hope your Committee will realize the danger of this legislation.

Yours truly,

BORIS MANN.

STATEMENT OF STEVEN E. PEYETTE, ET AL, OF BERKELEY, CALIF.

Due to various administrative, economic, and political policies, the United States of America is presently faced with an extremely tense and critical drain of its economic resources. Part of the administration's proposed solution, is to initiate a temporary two-year tourist tax upon Americans traveling abroad, the amount of which is dependent on the traveler's destination and purpose. Consequently, such national legislation would deter many Americans from traveling abroad, and thus limit the number of American dollars flowing from the United States.

Possibly, this action would stem the present deficit balance of payments and bring our economy closer to international economic balance. However, I feel that this prospective tourist tax will impose yet another restriction upon my individual right to freedom of choice, upon which our philosophy of government was founded.

There are other solutions to resolve this economic dilemma; however, if we, as capitalists, deny or impose burdensome and monetary regulations upon our rights to travel and shop in the International Market Place, then we have usurped our concept of competitive freedom.

This loss of personal and economic freedom is essentially what brings me to submit this statement. I urge the Committee to oppose strongly this proposed legislation which attempts to deny each and every American his freedom of travel, his freedom of choice. If, however, such legislation is approved by our leaders, we can only look forward to the pendulum of increased restrictions in all areas of our political, social, and economic lives.

The following persons join me in the submission of this statement: Margaret L. Fraga, Jessica Nason, Barbara Brock, A. F. Jacobsen, Louis Taylor, Robert B. Moffett.