

Mr. GRAY. Our next witness is the Honorable Thomas F. Moyer, Assistant Corporation Counsel, District of Columbia. Would you please come forward, Mr. Moyer. We are delighted to see you this morning and welcome you before the committee. You may proceed.

STATEMENT OF THOMAS F. MOYER, ESQ., ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. MOYER. I would like to briefly quote the District's position from the letter, a two-page letter, the first page a brief description of the bill and from the standpoint of the government of the District of Columbia, we point out that the construction of streets and public facilities in the area formerly occupied by the Bureau of Standards now would be subject to coordination with and without cost to the District of Columbia. Thus, the bill contains adequate safeguards for the District of Columbia's concern such as streets and public facility construction on the property as described in the bill.

Also, we wish to point out in connection with this site, a temporary permit which the District of Columbia will give, and we state the Administrator of General Services has issued a permit to the District of Columbia making a portion of the Bureau of Standards property available to the Washington Technical Institute for not less than 3 years, nor more than 5 years, for temporary quarters. The District believes that the needs of the Washington Technical Institute should be coordinated with those of the foreign governments and international organizations which will be making use of property in the same area.

Then we conclude with the statement that the government of the District of Columbia has been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that, from the standpoint of the administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this report to the Congress, and that enactment of the bill would be in accord with the program of the President.

Mr. GRAY. Thank you, Mr. Moyer. We will insert the letter from Thomas W. Fletcher, Assistant to the Commissioner and dated May 7, 1968, into the record at this point.

(The letter referred to follows:)

May 7, 1968.

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. FALLON: The Government of the District of Columbia has for report H.R. 16175, 90th Congress, a bill "To authorize the transfer, conveyance, lease, and improvement of, and construction on, certain property in the District of Columbia, for use as a headquarters site for the Organization of American States, as sites for governments of foreign countries, and for other purposes."

The bill authorizes the Secretary of State to transfer property in a delimited area of the District of Columbia, formerly occupied by the United States Bureau of Standards, to foreign governments, to international organizations, and to the Organization of American States for official purposes. The bill also authorizes the transfer of the site of the Pan American Union building to the Organization of American States and the transfer of the Pan American Union Annex to the United States. Any building to be constructed on these properties is not to be subject to District zoning laws but would be subject to all District regulations relating to building construction, equipment and maintenance. The plans for any such building would be subject to the approval of the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission of Fine Arts. The construction of streets and public facilities in the area formerly occupied by the Bureau of