

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS,
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.

The Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds met at 10:45 o'clock a.m., in room 2253, Rayburn Building, Hon. Kenneth J. Gray, subcommittee chairman, presiding.

Mr. GRAY. The subcommittee yesterday held public hearings on H.R. 16175 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.

Certain questions were raised by the Chair and other members of the subcommittee relating to proposed costs of relocation of roads and other improvements in the area known as the proposed International Center. We felt it advisable to recess the hearings subject to the call of the Chair, in order to be able to have the expert knowledge of the General Services Administration witnesses.

I am delighted to state that we have Hon. Joe E. Moody, Deputy Administrator of the General Services Administration here this morning and with that announcement this hearing is hereby reconvened and I will ask Deputy Administrator Moody to please come forward at which time we can further develop this proposal.

I am delighted to have you with us, Mr. Moody. You have been pretty busy this week. We certainly always welcome you here and I notice you are accompanied by Mr. Hardy.

Mr. Moody, yesterday the Chair, as I stated earlier, and other members raised certain questions about the provisions of H.R. 16175 and I would like to refer to this illustrated chart over here. It says site plan for the proposed International Center. Are you familiar with plan, Mr. Moody?

STATEMENT OF HON. JOE MOODY, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION; ACCOMPANIED BY RONALD HARDY, ESQ., ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Mr. MOODY. Yes, sir; I am familiar with it.

Mr. GRAY. The General Services Administration has conducted site surveys and cost estimates and other work on this proposal?