

Mr. NELSON. They are built. And they are being sort of burned in. They are having technical——

Mr. ADAMS. So that on this project of the 3-hour schedule between Washington, D.C., and New York it is possible for this now to occur within how many months?

Mr. NELSON. Well, the task force, which was set up by the parties involved in the demonstration, made a prediction that it could be in operation within 7 months.

I think that is conservative.

Mr. ADAMS. In other words, within the next fiscal year, by July of next year, you think it will be possible for some of us to get on a Budd car in Washington, D.C., and ride it to New York in 3 hours?

Mr. NELSON. By July first of 1969?

Mr. ADAMS. Well——

Mr. NELSON. I guess if you can't I would have to carry you myself.

Mr. ADAMS. All right.

In other words, you feel within the fiscal year, people are going to be able to see something and get on and ride it?

Mr. NELSON. Yes, sir. Much before that I hope.

Mr. ADAMS. Now, the last one is the New Haven to——can I ask unanimous consent for 1 more minute to ask about the third project?

Mr. PICKLE. The gentleman is recognized for an additional minute.

Mr. ADAMS. On the third project between New York and Boston.

Mr. NELSON. The equipment has been built.

Mr. ADAMS. You are going to use their——

Mr. NELSON. Two turbotrains.

Mr. ADAMS. Terminal trains?

Mr. NELSON. Turbotrains. These are gas-turbine-propelled trains of a new light design. I might point out to you they are over at Union Station this morning, and the committee was invited to go over and I am sure that some of the committee——

Mr. ADAMS. Will they be there during the day today?

Mr. NELSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. ADAMS. So we can get over there and look at them?

Mr. NELSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. ADAMS. The turbotrains are in the terminal and they exist?

Mr. NELSON. Yes, sir, they surely do.

Mr. ADAMS. All right.

What is your roadbed situation on the New Haven?

Mr. NELSON. We have put in up to now a little over a million dollars into the roadbed on the New Haven. We will add about another \$500,000 or \$600,000. This will not by any means result in as good a roadbed as we have between Washington and New York, but it is going to be——

Mr. ADAMS. New Haven roadbed is pretty bad?

Mr. NELSON. Well, it is pretty curvy.

Mr. ADAMS. What sort of speed and schedule and when would you take off on them?

Mr. NELSON. We would hope sometime in the summer, I say hope sometime this summer, and unless there is some unforeseen technical breakdown we will be in operation by the end of the summer, with four round trips a day between New York and Boston.

Mr. ADAMS. How many hours?