

Mr. NELSON. Yes, sir; right.

Mr. PICKLE. But we must find ways to move these large bodies of people and I just hope that you pursue this demonstration project with all the vigor that your Department has, and that you institute a good test facility somewhere so that all phases of these types of systems can be tried, because therein lies our answer and our hope of mass transportation.

Mr. NELSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. PICKLE. Does anybody else have any questions?

Mr. WATSON. Mr. Chairman, may I ask Mr. Lang, as I understand some of these turbotrains or at least some cars are down at the station now?

Mr. NELSON. Yes, sir, Union Station.

Mr. WATSON. I recall we were invited to take a ride to Bowie or something. Will that be available during the day?

Mr. LANG. Unfortunately, Congressman Watson, they are going to have to take the trains north at noon, so I am afraid that the opportunity has been missed.

Mr. NELSON. We have 10 minutes.

Mr. LANG. They made runs at 9, 10, and 11 o'clock. The runs were originally scheduled last week and we had to take them off.

Mr. WATSON. At what speeds?

Mr. LANG. 110 miles an hour. I rode the 9 o'clock run. It was the first opportunity I had had to ride the trains. I had seen them before, and I must say the ride was extremely gratifying to me, because they do a good job and I think they offer real promise for a little bit of revitalization of passenger business in this country.

Mr. PICKLE. When are these trains going to come back that you just made reference to?

Mr. NELSON. These trains will not be back in Washington now. This is the last time they will be in Washington.

They will now go up to New England and run, to be seen in New England for a week or two, and then we are going to start crew training and hope that we will go into operation very shortly.

Mr. PICKLE. I noticed that there was a statement by one official in the paper this morning which was in considerable criticism of the Pennsylvania system, the manner in which the train bearing Senator Kennedy's body and the group accompanying him was conducted. Do you care to comment on the conditions of the cars, the tracks, the safety provisions or the lack of them?

Mr. NELSON. I would be happy to, but I think Mr. Lang should.

Mr. LANG. Well, Mr. Chairman, I don't know that I am fully informed of the precautions and the special arrangements that the Penn-Central made in connection with that train, but I do know they felt they had done everything they could to assure safety of bystanders and watchers.

Mr. PICKLE. Well, I thank you gentlemen for appearing before the committee. If there are no other questions —

Mr. LANG. Mr. Chairman, there is just one other slight thing I think perhaps would help clear up the record.