

SURVEY OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS PART 5—INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1968

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C.**

The subcommittee met at 10:07 a.m., in room 2247, Rayburn House Office Building, the Honorable Jack Brooks, presiding.

Present: Representatives Jack Brooks, William S. Moorhead, William J. Randall, Fletcher Thompson, and Margaret M. Heckler.

Also present: Ernest C. Baynard, staff administrator; William M. Jones, counsel; Irma Reel, clerk, and Lynne Higginbotham, clerk.

Mr. Brooks. The Government Activities Subcommittee, having been duly organized under the rules of the House of Representatives and a quorum being present, is hereby called to order.

Today the subcommittee is reviewing the economy and efficiency of operations at the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The ICC is the oldest as well as one of the largest of the regulatory agencies. It has far reaching responsibilities of the utmost importance to the interstate transportation industry in the United States.

Approximately one out of every \$5 in our national economy is spent for transportation. Some 9 million Americans, or almost 5 percent of our population, are employed by the transportation industry. These figures alone indicate the vital role of the ICC in our national economy.

The Congress foresaw the need for a regulatory agency in the infancy of our modern transportation system. Legislation was enacted during the 19th century creating the ICC. Many changes in transportation—and that is an understatement—have occurred since that time. We want to know how well the ICC is performing today.

In this hearing, we want to review the operations of the ICC on a program-by-program basis: What is each program? how much is being spent on it? what is the taxpayer receiving for his money in this operation?

The Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Paul J. Tierney, is here with us today. Before getting into the questions which the subcommittee has, Mr. Chairman, would you be so gracious as to introduce the officials of the ICC that may possibly be called upon to testify and who are accompanying you to this investigation.

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