

SURVEY OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

PART 11—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:15 a.m., in room 2247, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Jack Brooks, chairman of the subcommittee, presiding.

Present: Representatives Brooks, Moorhead, and Thompson.

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

Mr. Brooks. The Government Activities Subcommittee, having been duly organized under the rules of the House of Representatives, a quorum being present, the meeting will come to order.

Recognizing the need for a fully coordinated approach to the national transportation system, Congress last year set up a new Federal Department of Transportation. This new Department is appearing before this subcommittee this morning for the first time for a review of its programs.

The jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation covers all facets of domestic transportation—air, rail, and highway—that is, with the exception of water, pipelines, private trucking.

With the consolidation, it is now possible to plan effectively for the first time in applying our total resources to best meet the Nation's transportation requirements.

We want it to be possible for every American, no matter where he may live—on the farm, in a small town or community, or in one of the Nation's larger metropolitan areas—to travel safely, conveniently, and inexpensively to any other part of the Nation.

Transportation has played an extensive role in the building of this Nation, and is now a vital part of the American way of life. Under the Department of Transportation, Congress has directed a revitalized approach to transportation.

Fast new trains, for example, capable of speeds of up to 160 miles per hour, are under development. Giant air transports, carrying hundreds of passengers, are under construction. Mass transportation systems for our large metro areas are receiving appropriate priority.

We have with us this morning the Secretary of Transportation, Alan S. Boyd, a fine American, with a record of outstanding public service.

Mr. Secretary, the subcommittee is interested in what progress has been made during this past year, what the status of each of the Depart-