

Council on Community Affairs, is here and has offered to provide the committee at a later date with any assistance which it may desire affecting titles VII, VIII, and IX. We appreciate your offer and hope we may take advantage of it.

Our next witness, and I gather our last witness of the morning, is Mr. Harry L. Graham, legislative representative of the National Grange.

Is Mr. Graham here?

If Mr. Graham is not here, that completes our witnesses for the morning. We have tried to get our afternoon witnesses, but we have not been able to contact them. We hoped that they might be here this morning, but since we have not had success in that respect, the committee will stand in recess until 2:30 this afternoon.

(Whereupon, at 11:15 a.m., the subcommittee was recessed, to reconvene at 2:30 p.m., this same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senator BAKER. The committee will come to order.

Let me first apologize to the witnesses for being late in arrival. I hope it hasn't unduly inconvenienced you.

We welcome you to the committee, Mr. Libby, Mr. Goralnick, and Mr. Akerson.

Would you like to proceed?

TESTIMONY OF THEODORE LIBBY, REPUBLIC PIPE & SUPPLY CO., AND JAMES GORALNICK, PREMIER PACKING CO., REPRESENTING THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ROXBURY, MASS.; AND CHARLES AKERSON, NORDBLOM CO., BOSTON, MASS.

Mr. LIBBY. The order in which you just read them will be fine, sir.

Senator BAKER. You may proceed.

Mr. LIBBY. I am here representing the Roxbury, Mass., Chamber of Commerce, with Mr. Goralnick. Mr. Goralnick is president of the Premier Packing Co. in Roxbury.

We do not object to progress—we do object to the losses caused by that progress for which there is none, or inadequate compensation. These losses take several forms.

First—when we, who are in business, are notified of a proposed taking, we take valuable time from our business and spend much money on the search for new quarters. We also incur additional expenses caused by the delay between conception and execution. For example, our firm held a plot of land for 2 years at a cost of \$22,000 a year while waiting for a final taking. For this we cannot ask reimbursement. M. Brown and Co., another Roxbury firm, held two buildings similarly for over a year. They, too, get no redress for this double expense.

Secondly, we, who are in the path of a highway, are allowed a maximum of \$3,000 by the department of public works for moving expenses. Yet, the Boston Redevelopment Authority who did allow a maximum of \$25,000, now gives full reparation, while at the NASA site in Cambridge, Mass., full, and unlimited repayment of all relocation expenses have been allowed from the beginning of the project.