

Now we are going to do it on a 24-hour basis starting Sunday. This is good for us, the bus drivers, 3,000 of us. But what about the 800,000 people who work and live here in Washington, who ride the bus some time or other, it is going to cause a whole lot of inconvenience to these people when they give a dollar to the bus driver, he cannot give them anything in change but scrip. If a person happens to live over in Glover Park or McLean Gardens, he has to come down Sunday or Saturday way up to the other side of town to get his change, which is about 80 cents, 73 cents really.

Now, he will probably say, "Forget it." So all that money stays in D.C. Transit, making this man a little bigger, and making the man who is just working for a living, just trying to make ends meet, he is going to lose that money because he has to go to the other side of town to get that money, and it is going to be a whole lot of inconvenience to him, and I say this without wondering as to the effect that some of these, some of us, are going to be hurt when we tell these people we do not have any change to give them, we do not have any change at all, after we give them this scrip, explaining there is no doubt in my mind that some of us are going to be hurt.

Now, it has gotten to the point that you can be driving a bus, say, up F Street, for instance, in the afternoon, when the rush hour is going on, and you can be going along, and you can come to a bus stop and you can see the pickpockets standing there waiting to get on the bus because it is crowded.

I am not a policeman, none of these men who work with me are policemen, but they can pick out a pickpocket just as readily as I can, and just as soon as a person gets on a bus, you are not a policeman, you cannot stop this guy. All you can do is holler, like I do, all these times, "Ladies, watch your pocketbooks. Pickpockets are on the bus."

We see them, actually see them, but we cannot stop them. It has actually gotten that bad.

We have had guys robbed—today or tomorrow the guy will come back on the bus and give him his wallet back, come face to face with the guy who did the robbing, and give his wallet back, for the simple reason he knows nothing is going to happen to him. It is tax-free money—why not rob?

Mr. MACHEN. Tell us some details. Did you make a movie of one of those?

Mr. RICHMOND. Yes, I made a movie, Congressman Machen. In fact, you called my bluff. I told you I could make a movie of what goes on every day around the buses. I took this movie, and the movie came out real good. The Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority saw the movie, and they said that this is good. They said, "We are going to have to have this," and they took the movie, they took the film, and they sent it to New York and that is where it is now.

I planned on bringing this film down here and actually showing it to you. Actually, it is what goes on or the people climbing in the back windows of buses or scaring people off the buses, operators being chased off buses. I mean this can happen any day, any time of year. I can take my camera and go out and take you pictures of things that you would not believe.

I am not a good speaker, but I believe in showing you exactly what is going on, and that is what I planned to do today, but the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority has the film now.