

The bill speaks specifically only of studying construction costs and could, I think, be interpreted to mean simply contractor costs and I think it is clear from the material that we have heard in this hearing up to now that there is a social cost and a buyer's benefit and all sorts of costs and benefits that should be considered in addition to mere contract costs in this seasonality issue.

Mr. O'HARA. I thank you for your observation. I think it might be possible, if we get that far, to meld these bills in such a way that we could come out with something better than either one of them. There are some aspects of the Prouty bill that I think are a little bit better than our bill and there are some things that I don't think are as good.

I appreciate having your comments.

Mr. GIBBONS, did you have any questions?

Mr. GIBBONS. Only to say that, having lived in a part of the country where it is more pleasant to work in the wintertime than in the summer, I wasn't aware of this problem that you have and I think it needs correcting.

Mr. O'HARA. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GIBBONS. Yes; I will be glad to.

Mr. O'HARA. We didn't have any comments on Florida per se, but the statement was made here yesterday and not challenged that this seasonal pattern of construction is approximately the same everywhere in the country. It is approximately the same in International Falls, Minn., as it is in Key West, Fla.

Mr. HAGGERTY. But for different reasons.

Mr. O'HARA. The exception being southern California where they seem to have less seasonal unemployment than anyplace else. I didn't get a specific figure on Florida. Perhaps you might want to inquire on that.

Before you do that, may I say to Mr. Haggerty that I have a meeting of the Interior Committee which I must be at involving a park in Michigan. I am going to ask Mr. Gibbons to assume the chair. I am very happy to have heard your testimony.

Mr. GIBBONS (presiding). Do you have any figures on Florida?

Mr. HAGGERTY. Not as such we don't. We more or less are inclined to just off the top of our head class Florida and southern California along the same lines. There again the problem is not seasonality with weather so much as the programing of jobs and the availability of funds to start these projects.

We are told in the Federal Government now, if the words of the Senators' committee come true, that they are not going to spend millions or billions but are going to spend trillions. That is beyond my imagination so that I just repeat the word of the Senators talking about what is going to be available now.

If that is true and there was a \$5 billion bill recently talked about as an appropriation of funds for the Congress for housing and all that goes with it, that being the case, to inject that into the market without some planning and recognition of the whole problem could be a little bit harmful as to time and continuation of employment and completion of jobs.

Mr. GIBBONS. I have noticed that you mentioned a while ago that there were some problems that weren't weather that made it seasonal. Certainly on a governmental level we ought to be able to move to