

INTRODUCTION OF AFTERNOON SESSION ACTIVITIES

JOHN M. CLEARY

MR. CLEARY: In order to keep the program going this afternoon, I hope we can do better on our schedule than we did this morning. I don't know how many of you were so faithful as to stay with us or be with us at the end, but we only finished about 20 after 1:00 on what was supposed to be a noon finish this morning.

I think as you are filing back into your seats I will read to you the greetings to the participants, guests, and friends of the Interstate Commerce Commission's 100th anniversary.

"As Mayor of the District of Columbia, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to the participants, guests, and friends of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the occasion of your 100th anniversary, which is being celebrated on Friday, April 3, 1987. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the participants and coordinators who have worked diligently for this festive occasion. As you celebrate this milestone in your history, I know that the residents can continue to look forward to the services which you provide to this city and throughout our nation. On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, I send best wishes for a happy anniversary celebration. Marion Barry, Jr., Mayor, District of Columbia."

So that is kind of the official greeting and welcome from the Mayor.

I also think it is appropriate that we recognize — I should have really said it after Mr. Miller was here because it probably would have brought a pleasant smile to his face — realizing how well the Administration is dealing with budget deficits, one might ask how is this whole thing being funded and how much is the government spending on this celebration.

Well, the fact is the government is spending nothing on this celebration. We even pay to rent this governmental hall; that is, the ICC Planning

Committee does that through the gracious contributions of many sponsors. You will see names in the program this evening.

But what got this off the ground — and I was reminded this morning that, while Fritz Kahn certainly has been at the head of it, one of the suggestions came from Bea Aitchison at a luncheon of the local chapter of the Practitioners, I think it was, a little over a year ago. But Fritz is certainly to be commended.

However, we should mention some of the organizations that we originally contacted to see if they would lend their name in support, circularize their membership, do various acts, including printing stationery, helping on brochures, needless to say, offering time of personnel, and so therefore I would like to list some of those sponsoring organizations of the ICC Centennial Planning Committee: The National Industrial Transportation League, American Short Line Railroad Association, The Association of American Railroads, The American Trucking Association, The Interstate Commerce Commission, The Association of Transportation Practitioners, Transportation Research Forum, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Transportation Committee, ABA, Section of Administrative Law, and the Transportation Lawyers Association.

Those are organizations that we have had the privilege of being able to carry on our letterhead in generating support for this event.

So it is good to see you back here this afternoon. I think we have some interesting panels for the afternoon events. They may be a little controversial, maybe not. I hope we at least have the stimulation and good time to commemorate this special anniversary.

The first panel this afternoon is on the Congress and the ICC — the 1980s Legislation, and as the moderator, again we are honored to have a former Commissioner, Daniel O'Neal.

Commissioner O'Neal was a Commissioner at the ICC during 1977 until 1980. He was appointed to the position by President Carter on April 5, 1977.

During his tenure as Chairman, major changes were made at the ICC. Unprecedented administrative changes were accomplished, resulting in substantial deregulation of motor carriers, railroads, buses, and related brokers. Management of agency resources was also dramatically improved.

While Chairman, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Railway Association, and he was first appointed to the ICC in 1977. He was Chairman from the other dates that I gave you, '77 to '80.

Dan is now Chairman of Greenbrier Intermodal, a member of the

Greenbrier family of companies, and it is a pleasure to introduce him to-day as the moderator of this afternoon's first panel.