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Opening Statement

Hearing of July 6, 2017

I am sorry I could not be at today's hearing.

I expect this hearing will be the first of many and am honored and excited to be working with all of you on the task we have before us.

As a civil engineer, I have a keen interest in infrastructure projects and it is not often that you are given the opportunity to work on one of this scale and importance.

I'm often reminded, while walking the halls of the Capitol, that this is not just our place of work, but a living museum.

The Capitol building is an enduring symbol of California and the woeful condition of the Annex is unacceptable.

As we rebuild the Annex and bring it into the 21st century, we must be mindful to look forward to the future generations from around the world that will come through these halls.

We should be able to present them with the best of California, both in our history, which is well represented under this dome, as well as how we have developed to be at the cutting-edge in almost every industry.

I am proud to be part of such a large undertaking and cannot wait to get started.

Thank you.