

we have held thus far, because they will result, I believe, in saving lives as well as money. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BLATNIK. I thank the gentleman from Florida. One brief announcement. We are very pleased to have with us in the audience in attendance this morning about 60 students from Broome Junior High School and Richard Montgomery High School over in Rockville, Md. These students are sitting over there.

We welcome you. You are accompanied by two of your teachers, Mrs. Gail Auricchio and Mr. Ronald Burdette.

These students are a part of a larger group, as I understand. Is that true? About 130 students of the total group is visiting Capitol Hill and visiting other committees and activities. I think I can say without prejudice that you are witnessing the best session this morning.

No one challenges the remark? We will let it stand for the record. We welcome you. Now back to the hearings. Mr. May and Mr. Kopecky, we will have you open the hearings. Will you please stand and be sworn in at this time? Raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give before this committee will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. W. MAY. I do.

Mr. KOPECKY. I do.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Walter May, chief counsel of the Special Subcommittee on the Federal-Aid Highway Program, you are recognized.

Mr. W. MAY. Mr. Chairman, from time to time during the course of these hearings, Mr. Kopecky, of the staff, and I may be offering testimony. That is why we asked to be sworn in at this time. May we call as our first witness Mr. Charles W. Prisk.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Charles W. Prisk is the Deputy Director, Office of Traffic Operations, Bureau of Public Roads, U.S. Department of Transportation. Please stand up, Mr. Prisk. Raise your right hand.

Do you solemnly swear the testimony you are about to give before this subcommittee will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. PRISK. I do.

Mr. BLATNIK. Please be seated. Mr. May.

Mr. MAY. Mr. Prisk, will you identify yourself for the record, please?

TESTIMONY OF CHARLES W. PRISK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS, BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. PRISK. I serve presently as Deputy Director in the Office of Traffic Operations at the Bureau of Public Roads, in the Department of Transportation.

My education has been in the field of civil engineering. I have had graduate training at the Yale Bureau of Highway Traffic, in the field of traffic engineering.

This has been largely my career, in traffic engineering. I have approximately 4 years of highway department experience in Connecticut.