

Mr. LINKO. Yes, I told everybody and anybody who wanted to listen.

Mr. McCARTHY. What did they say?

Mr. LINKO. I told them over a year ago on some of this stuff; and I look at the brandnew roads they are opening up, and they have the same stuff.

Mr. BLATNIK. The same thing on new highways now being opened up that you told them about over a year ago, is that right?

I look at the brand new roads they are opening up, and they have the have the roadside saturated with these big concrete stanchions, and they have guard rails and bridge abutments close by where they could have been installed.

Mr. McCARTHY. And they did not take any cognizance of your pointing this out, they did not do anything about it?

Mr. LINKO. I do not see any evidence so far. They are still putting in these big concrete stanchions. And I don't know why. There is no sense to it.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Prisk, may I ask one question?

As I understand Dr. Haddon's memorandum of February 16, 1967, which I just referred to a minute ago and which was issued pursuant to the Highway Safety Act of 1966, the draft standards set out for highway safety that I mentioned, geometric design on rural highways and arterial highways in urban areas, do not really deal with the subject of off-the-highway safety features, do they? Off-the-highway problems that we have been referring to, obstructions near the traveled lanes?

Mr. PRISK. Problems such as Mr. Linko has discussed here are dealt with only to a limited extent.

Mr. CRAMER. And as a matter of fact, in November of 1966, the executive committee of the American Association of Highway Officials adopted the report of its traffic safety committee on "Highway Design and Operational Practices Related to Highway Safety," printed in document form in February 1967, which deals with this very subject matter, did it not?

Mr. PRISK. Precisely.

Mr. CRAMER. And yet Dr. Haddon, as head of the new National Highway Safety Bureau, has not seen fit to even adopt these or similar standards relating to the very problems we are discussing, is that not correct?

Mr. PRISK. If I have my dates correct, Dr. Haddon's February issuance that you mention is in the form of a preliminary standard. The final standard is not yet out, and I am informed that it is several weeks away from being out, perhaps even longer than that.

Mr. CRAMER. As of the moment, there is no basic, even minimal standard relating to off-the-highway safety features or hazards which we have been reviewing here this morning, other than the printed AASHO publication which has not been accepted or adopted by Dr. Haddon?

Mr. PRISK. Not by Dr. Haddon, but by the Bureau of Public Roads. The Bureau of Public Roads has accepted that publication and it does control the highway construction. From that standpoint, it has been recognized.