

mandatorily use this 1½ percent for research, which would include safety research, would it not?

Mr. PRISK. Yes.

Mr. CRAMER. Secondly, under the present law an additional one-half of 1 percent of State allocations for the ABC system could be used on a discretionary basis for research, is that right?

Mr. PRISK. That is correct.

Mr. CRAMER. That would also include safety research, would it not?

Mr. PRISK. It could.

Mr. CRAMER. So there is available a mandatory 1½ percent, a discretionary one-half of 1 percent of highway allocations, which today would mean approximately \$71 million, three-fourths of which must be spent for research, one-fourth of which is discretionary, and any reasonable portion thereof could be spent for safety research, could it not?

Mr. PRISK. At the State's election—

Mr. CRAMER. This is without recourse, three-fourths mandatory, one-fourth discretionary, and this can be without State matching.

Mr. PRISK. And a good bit of it is being spent for safety research.

Mr. CRAMER. And that is available, and it does not even require State matching. It can be 100 percent Federal funds for research, right?

Mr. PRISK. No; not necessarily. Most of it is matched.

Mr. CRAMER. The law permits it to be without matching.

Mr. PRISK. Permits it, that is right. It is not the practice.

Mr. CRAMER. And in addition to that, the Secretary himself under present law has authority for research.

Mr. PRISK. With other funds, yes.

Mr. CRAMER. And he can spend up to what, 3¾ percent of authorized Federal-aid highway funds for administration, including research?

Mr. PRISK. That is the legal limit.

Mr. CRAMER. Now, in addition to that, under the Highway Safety Act of 1966, the Congress specifically required the establishment of standards regulating design standards; that is another tool available, is it not?

Mr. PRISK. Yes, sir.

Mr. CRAMER. In addition to that in the Highway Safety Act there was written in a provision with regard to research concerning safety. Section 403. Is that not correct?

Mr. PRISK. Yes. This is basically an enlargement or reinforcement of existing authority.

Mr. CRAMER. And Congress authorized appropriations under the general safety provisions of section 402 of some \$67 million for fiscal 1967, \$100 million for 1968, \$100 million for 1969. In addition to that, for research itself under that act, section 403, there was authorized to be appropriated the additional sums of \$10 million for 1967, \$20 million for 1968, \$25 million for 1969, is that not correct?

Mr. PRISK. I believe those are the correct figures; yes, sir.

Mr. CRAMER. So I think the record should show that there are a lot of tools available to prevent this very thing from happening, at least in the future, and there have been tools available for many years in the