

HIGHWAY SAFETY, DESIGN AND OPERATIONS

Roadside Hazards

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE
ON THE FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:13 a.m., in room 167, Rayburn Building, Hon. John A. Blatnik presiding.

Present: Messrs. Blatnik (subcommittee chairman), Johnson, McCarthy, Howard, Cramer, Cleveland, McEwen, Duncan, Schadeberg, Zion, and Denney.

Staff present: Same as previous day and Sherman S. Willse.

Mr. BLATNIK. The Special Subcommittee on the Federal-Aid Highway Program of the House Public Works Committee will please come to order. We are resuming our public hearings in matters pertaining to efficiency and safety on Federal aid highways.

Before we get into our business, I have a brief announcement. We have visiting today another group of students from the Broome Junior High School, Rockville, Md. Mr. Charles Coblentz is the instructor with the group.

We had a fine delegation yesterday morning. We welcome you and we hope you will find the hearings informative and interesting. It is in the tedious and laborious sessions of subcommittees and full committees that the major work of the legislative branch of your Government, your Congress, is accomplished. We hope you will find this interesting and informative and we commend you for your interest in coming here. We welcome you.

Back to the hearings. We continue this morning, with the testimony of Mr. Joseph Linko, of New York City.

To review, for those who may not have been with us yesterday when we opened the hearings, Mr. Linko is a private citizen. He is a layman who became concerned at what he saw alongside highways while traveling around the environs of his native city. Without any encouragement or backing of any kind, and at considerable personal sacrifice and effort, he began cataloging what he considered to be examples of deficiencies in the design and construction of our highways, particularly from the safety standpoint. Over a period of 4 years, Mr. Linko put together an impressive display of documented photographs, part of which we witnessed at yesterday's proceedings.

As we resume today, I want to make one point very clear. As is our custom, this subcommittee scheduled public hearings only after