

HIGHWAY SAFETY, DESIGN AND OPERATIONS

Roadside Hazards

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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 recess, at 10:16 a.m., in room 2167, Rayburn Building, Hon. John A. Blatnik, chairman, presiding.

Present: Messrs. Fallon (Public Works chairman), Blatnik (subcommittee chairman), Kluczynski, McCarthy, Cramer, Cleveland, McEwen, Schadeberg, Zion, McDonald, Denney, and Esch.

Staff present: (Same as previous day.)

Mr. BLATNIK. The Special Subcommittee on the Federal-Aid Highway Program of the House Public Works Committee will please come to order.

At the conclusion of yesterday's session, we heard convincing testimony as to the existence of certain design deficiencies in our Nation's highways, including even some of our most recently completed Federal-aid roads.

The conditions described by Mr. Joseph Linko, our first witness, were limited geographically to the Greater New York area in his testimony because New York is where the witness lives and is, therefore, the scene of most of the research he performed in his unusual and commendable one-man inquiry. However, as our staff investigation has disclosed, the conditions described by Mr. Linko are varied and exist from coast to coast.

As we resume our hearings today, we will hear testimony from Dr. Donald F. Huelke, of the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Mich. An associate professor of anatomy, Dr. Huelke's interest in the cause and results of automobile crashes is of long standing. There is a lot more to be said about Dr. Huelke. We appreciate your appearance here.

We are very pleased to have with us our friend and colleague, Congressman Marvin Esch, from Ann Arbor, Mich., who is a personal friend and associate of our star witness of today.

Congressman, would you take over and make your presentation, make the introduction, as you wish?

Mr. ESCH. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee.

I am honored to be before this committee. I would like to associate myself with the remarks of the chairman and the other members of the committee as you begin this important hearing. I am also