

Mr. CRAMER. So one program is planting them and another program is taking them down; is that right?

Mr. PRISK. That is right.

Mr. CRAMER. It makes a lot of sense.

This particular tree is on the right-of-way. Obviously, by regulation or otherwise, it would not be permitted on a Federal-aid highway; is that right?

Mr. PRISK. True.

Mr. CRAMER. Actually what we are dealing with is a State-county problem, basically?

Mr. PRISK. I would say so.

Mr. CRAMER. Yes. Thank you.

Dr. HUELKE. Last year up in Lansing, when we talked about planting of trees on the outside of curves, especially, Mr. McCarthy, the chief designer of Michigan, said, "We don't do that any more." I had to point out to him that 15 minutes previous to my testimony, when I was going on an exit ramp off of a Federal-aid supported highway, I-96 by name, in the Lansing area, the road crew was out there planting trees on the outside of the curve at the very moment he said that this was not being done.

Mr. CRAMER. As Mr. Prisk indicated, that is a different program. That is a Federal program to plant trees; that is a different program.

Dr. HUELKE. Yes.

Mr. CRAMER. The other is a program to take them down. This is the program to plant trees. And that is the program we have before us now, to consider for further authorization, the program to plant these trees.

Dr. HUELKE. I believe that it is not the problem of planting the trees; it is where you plant them and how close to the roadside.

The interesting thing, and this is a typical road, this road was a very small trail about 20 years ago. They saw that it was being used more frequently, so they widened it and then put a gravel surface on it. Now this road is being upgraded and it is blacktopped, but still all of the roadside hazards are in place. The curves are just as flat as they have always been, and the problem is that now we have the higher speed roadway with all of the inherent bad characteristics of a very primitive road. We see this quite often.

This is an example of what I call entrapment. Two male occupants of a vehicle were driving on this curve one night at a relatively high

