

Mr. BLATNIK. If a car should happen to go off at a speed of 60 miles an hour, which is not excessive for that beltway or any throughway like it, and hits a 6-inch steel pipe——

Mr. O'HARA. That is correct.

Mr. BLATNIK. A car traveling at 60 miles an hour, Mr. Prisk, hitting a steel pipe embedded in concrete, would it be possible to give some estimate of what might happen?

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Chairman, if I might interrupt here, I would like to show you what happened as recently as 10 days ago, in just such a situation.

Mr. BLATNIK. Please proceed.

Mr. O'HARA. This vehicle hit a sign similar to the one we were just looking at. This accident occurred on Interstate Route 95, and I am showing this only for the purpose of letting you see what happens to a vehicle which hits one of these steel posts.

Mr. BLATNIK. Single-car-off-the-road type of accident, hitting the same type of steel post we just saw embedded in concrete?

Mr. O'HARA. That is correct.

Mr. BLATNIK. Hit no other——

Mr. O'HARA. No other objects.

Mr. BLATNIK. Or vehicle?

Mr. O'HARA. That is correct. And in the lower portion of that photograph you can see the 50 number from the sign laying on the ground.

Mr. BLATNIK. Fifty right at the very center?

Mr. O'HARA. Right where the light is shining (indicating) you can see the 50.

Now, in this accident four people were killed and five were injured.

Mr. BLATNIK. Where did this happen and when?

