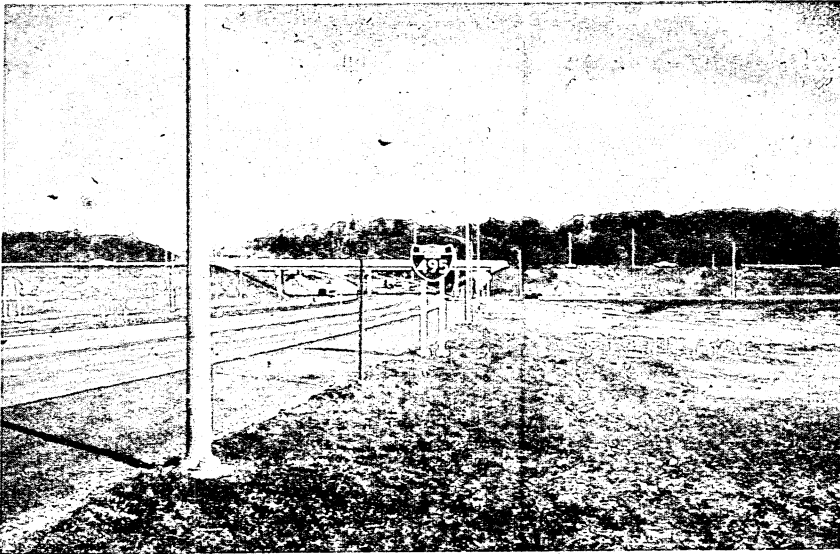




Another light pole, a merging traffic sign, another light, and so on down the roadway.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. O'Hara, will you pause for one moment.

We have been pleased to have a very fine delegation of students from the fifth and sixth grades of the Jackson School with us today. They are now leaving to meet with the Speaker, in the Speaker's office in the Capitol. Would you raise your hands?

(Raising of hands.)

Mr. BLATNIK. Mrs. Nancy Elisburg is the teacher of Jackson School's fifth and sixth grades. One of the students is Patricia Carroll. Her dad is Mr. Sterlyn Carroll, who is on the staff of the Committee on Public Works and has been for quite some years. We welcome the students, and I hope this gives you some idea of how a committee of Congress works.

This particular committee is the Committee on Public Works. This committee is responsible for the Federal-aid highway system, especially the Interstate Highway System. Mr. George Fallon, from Baltimore, who is here this morning, is the chairman of the committee and the leader and original author of this highway program.

Today we are studying how to make the highways more safe for you young people. We have made them very safe, but there are still more improvements to be made. This is true of anything. No matter how good it is, it can be made a little better.

We want to make these highways so good that, when accidents do happen, it will be no one else's fault but the person who has been driving. We are doing everything possible to help you.

Thank you for visiting us, and I hope you have an enjoyable day. Mr. O'Hara.

Mr. O'HARA. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The light pole which you see here on the left of the picture is a steel pole approximately 28 feet in height, together with the mounting