

Mr. Constandy, assistant chief counsel of our staff, will you please take over?

Mr. CONSTANDY. Mr. Chairman, during February 1967 we asked Mr. Frank Turner, Director of the Bureau of Public Roads, to submit a list of the latest sections of Interstate highway opened in each State.

We wanted to be able to choose one section in each of the nine regions of the Bureau of Public Roads, and to develop a sample which would be a fairly representative cross section of the Interstate System, as of this point in time, in order to review the design and construction from the standpoint of roadside hazards.

From the list Mr. Turner supplied in February of this year we selected the nine projects listed on the sheet before you, which I would like to offer now as exhibit 3.

Mr. BLATNIK. Without objection, so ordered.

(Exhibit No. 3 was marked and is retained in subcommittee files.)

Mr. CONSTANDY. These sections were chosen without any prior knowledge of what they looked like. We tried to select a group which had a variety of traffic volumes, a range in topography from flat to mountainous, and both urban and rural sections.

After selecting the group to be reviewed, we requested the assignment of Mr. Charles Prisk to assist in the analysis.

Both Mr. Prisk and I went to each section and took a series of photographs.

We are now prepared to present to the committee what was observed and photographed.

In order to assist the committee in this review, we have asked five distinguished gentlemen to appear before the committee and act as a panel. Each is nationally known, and highly qualified and respected, both personally and professionally. Each has had a career in which he has distinguished himself in the subject before us today.

Collectively they offer a needed opportunity to measure the state of the art in highway design as it relates to roadside features.

I would now like to ask, Mr. Chairman, if the panel members and myself might be sworn.

Mr. BLATNIK. Will the five panel members please stand. Please raise your right hand.

(At this point the panel members and Mr. Constandy were sworn by the chairman.)

Mr. BLATNIK. Please be seated.

Mr. Prisk, you are still under oath. We appreciate your standing by.

At the outset, the Chair speaks for the entire committee for the splendid cooperation of the members of this distinguished and outstanding panel. It is not necessary to qualify that description any further. I think the testimony to be presented in the course of this morning's hearings will be evidence in itself of the caliber of witnesses before us. We appreciate the special effort—first of all in the cooperation you have given the staff, and the special effort you have made to be with us this morning.

Mr. CONSTANDY. I will identify myself and then ask each of the panel members, beginning with Mr. Wilson, to do likewise.

I am, as you said, assistant chief counsel of this committee.

Mr. Wilson, will you give your name, address, and present occupation, please?