

10 States in terms of safety, what they have done, what kinds of guardrails they have, what their procedure is on location of signs and so forth, sort of an information gage on safety. Is there anything of this sort being made available by the Bureau?

Mr. PRISK. The Bureau of Public Roads mails reports from States as they become available on subjects of this sort, reports that are of particular interest. I recall as a specific example, the research performed in California on wrong-way driving, the use of ramps at interchanges in the wrong direction, causing headon collisions through this maneuver. A research report on this work was circulated to all State highway departments with the request that this be considered as they treated this problem.

This is one example, and as things appear that are of merit, these also are sent to the State highway departments.

Mr. McCARTHY. Which is the safest State in the Interstate?

Mr. PRISK. This is impossible—we have no yardstick to measure that.

Mr. McCARTHY. Well, you have statistics on accidents from each State, right?

Mr. PRISK. Yes.

Mr. McCARTHY. Then you must know which is the safest State?

Mr. PRISK. It is very difficult to measure this because it involves putting lives in terms of dollars and how much is a life worth in terms of dollars? You can count property damages in terms of dollars, but you can't count broken bones in terms of dollars, injuries, nor can you count the loss of a life, specifically or accurately.

Mr. McCARTHY. Well, is there any place where figures are published on death rate by State on the Interstate System?

Mr. PRISK. We are compiling right now State by State figures for experience on the Interstate System, yes. I would be glad to get this available for the next session of the committee, just where we are at the present time, so that it could be part of your consideration.

Mr. CONSTANDY. We will have testimony later in the hearing relating to that, Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. McCARTHY. Is this the first time you are compiling this information?

Mr. PRISK. This is the first time the Bureau of Public Roads or any Federal agency has undertaken to compile accident data on a nationwide basis, yes.

Mr. McCARTHY. OK. Thank you.

Mr. CONSTANDY. Will you continue, Mr. Prisk, with Ohio?

Mr. PRISK. Yes.

