

Mr. WILSON. I see. With regard to the light standards, studies we have done recently indicate, to us, if you are using a light standard without a breakaway base under it, you are better off having a light standard exposed than 20, 30, 40, or 50 feet of guardrail to protect it. The consequence of the accident is less if you hit the light standard.

Mr. CONSTANDY. Ideally you have a breakaway light?

Mr. WILSON. Right. California last year took steps to take a look at old light standards, with the idea of putting some kind of frangible base beneath them.

Mr. CONSTANDY. Yes. We have seen slides of some poles in the vicinity of Washington involving accidents. The light poles were not of the breakaway type.

