

In that connection, earlier we had displayed, during a segment of the hearing dwelling on the roadside hazards of the Capital Beltway, pictures of routing signs similar to this one, route signs mounted on 4-inch I-beams. We thought it would be helpful to get a piece of one of those posts to give some idea how big they are.

We asked the Bureau of Public Roads to furnish a piece of the sign support and they did.

Actually, the signs in Maryland are mounted on two of these, each in a 3-foot concrete foundation. Very formidable.

We recently asked the Bureau to furnish this size and one of the larger sizes. We got back this reply from the Bureau:

In compliance with the telephone request from the Washington office, we are delivering under separate cover two pieces of 4-inch galvanized steel I-beam. These pieces were cut from the sign support damaged in a highway accident. This size I-beam is used in the support for a great many of the signs on the Interstate System in Maryland. There is a larger size beam that is also used but the State did not have a damaged larger size available from which to cut pieces.

Kind of significant. They only had the 4-inch I-beam. The larger ones don't get damaged. So we were not able to produce the larger size to show you. I thought you might like to see just how heavy they are.

Mr. PRISK. Thank you.

That is exactly the same as the section that you have there on the table.

