

HIGHWAY SAFETY, DESIGN AND OPERATIONS

Roadside Hazards

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1967

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE
FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.**

The subcommittee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10:58 a.m., in room 2167, Rayburn Building, Hon. William H. Harsha (acting chairman) presiding.

Present: Messrs. McCarthy and Harsha.

Staff present: Same as previous days.

Mr. HARSHA. The Special Subcommittee on the Federal-Aid Highway Program will please come to order.

We continue to have with us this morning the panel of experts in the highway engineering field whose advice and comments have been so helpful to us at our public hearings this week. These gentlemen are performing a great service to the subcommittee, and to their fellow Americans, by making available to us their expertise and experience in analyzing and discussing design safety features found in recently opened Interstate projects selected from various sections of the country.

We will continue this morning with that discussion.

You may proceed, gentlemen.

FURTHER TESTIMONY OF CHARLES W. PRISK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TRAFFIC OPERATIONS, BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS; JAMES E. WILSON, TRAFFIC ENGINEER, CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS; EDMUND R. RICKER, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF TRAFFIC, PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS; PAUL SKEELS, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON GUARDRAIL, HIGHWAY RESEARCH BOARD; T. S. HUFF, CHIEF ENGINEER OF TEXAS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; W. JACK WILKES, CHIEF OF BRIDGE DIVISION, OFFICE OF ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS, BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS—PANEL

Mr. CONSTANDY. Mr. Chairman, we are pressed for time and I would like to ask Mr. Prisk if he could quickly go through the slides which cover the remaining three elements that we have—drainage, shoulders, and slopes.

I would like to ask if the members of the panel might perhaps jot down notes as we go through each section. As we complete it, perhaps