

HIGHWAY SAFETY, DESIGN AND OPERATIONS

Roadside Hazards

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 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 notice, at 10:08 a.m., in room 2167, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. John A. Blatnik (chairman) presiding.

Present: Representatives Blatnik, McCarthy, Cleveland, Clausen, Duncan, McDonald, McEwen, and Zion.

Staff present: Same as previous days.

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

For a number of weeks we have been holding these public hearings on the safety, design, and operational efficiency of our highways, roads, and streets.

This opening phase of our hearings has been mainly concerned with the problem of roadside hazards. The subcommittee's investigation, however, is a continuing one. And during the months ahead we plan to examine other important areas in the field of highway design.

After further exhaustive in-depth investigation into the subject matter has been completed by our staff, these hearings will be resumed.

Meanwhile, before we conclude this first phase of our hearings on Thursday of this week, it is entirely fitting that we should hear from representatives of AASHO, the American Association of State Highway Officials. Testimony by AASHO officials has been of considerable help to our subcommittee in past hearings covering a number of years. We not only appreciate but we welcome the comments and observations of the gentlemen present with us this morning relative to the subject matter of our current hearings on highway safety and design.

I also say further that close cooperation and coordinated efforts and assistance will be received from AASHO, according to Mr. A. E. Johnson, executive director, and my friend for many, many years.

Mr. Eugene Johnson, Chief Engineer, Mississippi State Highway Department, chairman of AASHO's design policy committee, we appreciate your coming here with the distinguished and experienced gentlemen with you.

As is customary, we do have the witnesses take an oath; so if you gentlemen will please stand and raise your right hands.