

Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you are about to give before the committee will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. E. M. JOHNSON. I do.

Mr. A. E. JOHNSON. I do.

Mr. IVES. I do.

Mr. SNIDER. I do.

Mr. GOODMAN. I do.

Mr. BLATNIK. Please be seated.

Mr. Johnson, would you please introduce your colleagues and associates who accompany you, and would you please proceed?

TESTIMONY OF EUGENE M. JOHNSON, CHIEF ENGINEER, MISSISSIPPI STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, CHAIRMAN, AASHO PLANNING AND DESIGN COMMITTEE, AND PRESIDENT, AASHO A. E. JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AASHO, WASHINGTON D.C.; HOWARD S. IVES, COMMISSIONER, CONNECTICUT STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, CHAIRMAN AASHO COMMITTEE ON ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT; MARVIN J. SNIDER, CHIEF ENGINEER, MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, CHAIRMAN AASHO COMMITTEE ON CONSTRUCTION; AND WARD GOODMAN, CHIEF ENGINEER, ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, CHAIRMAN, AASHO COMMITTEE ON BRIDGES AND STRUCTURE

Mr. E. M. JOHNSON. Gentlemen of the committee, I am E. M. Johnson, chief engineer, Mississippi State Highway Department, and president of the American Association of State Highway Officials.

I am appearing in the latter capacity and am accompanied by Mr. A. E. Johnson, executive director of AASHO, and several members of the special AASHO Committee on Traffic and Safety.

I would like to introduce these please, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Ives of Connecticut, who is chairman of the Roadside Development Committee of AASHO; Mr. Ward Goodman of Arkansas who is chairman of the committee on bridges and structures; Mr. Marvin Snider, who is chairman of the construction subcommittee.

We understand that Mr. John Morton from New Hampshire, who is chairman of the traffic committee, is en route. There are two other members who are unable to be here due to other commitments, Mr. Prahl of Washington, who is chairman of the maintenance and equipment subcommittee, and Mr. John Meyer, who is chairman of the design committee.

This special committee was created 3 years ago to emphasize traffic safety and to coordinate the work of the various committees that have primary responsibilities in that field.

It is made up of the chairmen of appropriate AASHO committees, and originally included the committees on planning and design policies, design, maintenance and equipment, and traffic, with the president of the association serving as the chairman because of the importance of the operation.