

Mr. KOPECKY. That is correct.

Mr. W. MAY. You say that the rate is increasing more than the vehicle miles?

Mr. KOPECKY. That is true. As indicated, during the 6-year period of 1961 through 1966 the deaths have increased 39 percent, while the vehicle miles traveled have increased 28 percent.

Mr. W. MAY. I might say that if any of the witnesses have any comments, we will be glad to hear them.

Mr. E. M. JOHNSON. May I make one comment?

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Eugene Johnson.

Mr. E. M. JOHNSON. I notice here on the chart that you are displaying that it is based on the deaths shown on the last tabulation attached, which came from the National Safety Council. I notice on the other tabulations of sheets showing fatal injuries, so forth, deaths, that the source is the Bureau of Public Roads which came from the various State tabulations. I also notice there is some difference in them.

Were you going into that?

Mr. KOPECKY. Yes.

Mr. E. M. JOHNSON. Excuse me.

Mr. BLATNIK. At this point I should say that any changes or questions can be added on in the record later on. None of us can grasp the full import of figures yet, table form or chart form, merely by glancing.

If there are any questions as to discrepancies or validity, the record will be open for quite some time for either further elaboration or correction.

Mr. KOPECKY. Mr. Johnson, that is a good point, and I was going to handle that. As long as the subject is up now, I will go into it.

The 51,032 as recorded by the Bureau of Public Roads covers those deaths actually reported by individual States in 1966. The National Safety Council figures include some other areas, namely, Guam, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, which account for some of the difference. In addition, the National Safety Council includes deaths which occur anytime during the 12-month period following the accident itself. So there were some accidents which took place in 1966, deaths will occur in 1967, which will revert back to the 1966 accident.

Mr. W. MAY. Also this is a report of 46 States.

Mr. KOPECKY. That is true.