

be the additional funding made available to cover this particular purpose.

Mr. CRAMER. So I think basically your problem is money, right?

Mr. TURNER. We think so.

Mr. CRAMER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. May.

Mr. W. MAY. Mr. Chairman, I think we should clarify one very important matter. This subcommittee is in the process of conducting an inquiry into highway safety design and efficiency.

This is going to be a continuing inquiry. We are going to analyze design features as we progress. These particular hearings have dealt with roadside hazard aspects.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Chairman, I am sorry, I have one more question. May I just briefly—I do not want to interrupt counsel. But we were told by the Deputy Director of the Office of Highway Safety within your Bureau, Mr. Turner, that he had lost, as I recall, 32 of his 53 personnel, including many that had the job of administering safety in the highway construction program. Is that a correct statement?

Mr. TURNER. There has been—

Mr. CRAMER. Due to reorganization, with some of them going to Dr. Haddon and other people.

Mr. TURNER. That is right. Our Office of Highway Safety was used to a large extent as a nucleus or recruiting area for a number of people who were initially transferred to the Highway Safety Bureau.

Mr. CRAMER. So they recruited employees out of your operational bureau to prepare the safety standards, the Highway Safety Bureau was obligated to promulgate. So how are you going to administer all these safety requirements if you do not have the personnel?

You are reduced from 53 to 21, was it not, something like that?

Mr. TURNER. There was some transfers. I do not believe it is to the extent you have indicated. We have since replaced some of those and are in the process of restaffing that former Office of Highway Safety under the new name of Office of Traffic Operations.

We have at the present time a request for 51 positions, 41 of which I believe we have funding for. And we do have about 30 on board at the present time.

Mr. CRAMER. You are going to have all of these new responsibilities relating to safety in administering the highway program, going back and redoing all existing highways in view of these safety requirements, building in these safety features to new highway construction; and you are going to have fewer personnel than you had without these requirements, prior to the Safety Act. Even if you get the full allocation of personnel, how many did you say, 41?

Mr. TURNER. 51.

Mr. CRAMER. 51?

Mr. TURNER. We have 41 funded.

Mr. CRAMER. Forty-one funded, that is what I am talking about. How are you going to do the job?

This is a major, tremendous, important job. How are you going to do it? You end up with 12 less people than you had before in the organization?

Mr. TURNER. We will do the best we can. That is all we can do.

Mr. CRAMER. You cannot do the job; let's be honest about it.