

Now let me come to the second point if you will bear with me for just a moment. I am familiar with what Dr. O'Connell has done at the University of Illinois, which is my hometown. Now this new approach to the question of insurance, and I am not sure, maybe we should not be in the area of where we were at least thinking about a new approach to this whole thing, but I surely would want to know what it is going to cost.

Secretary Boyd. Yes, sir. If I may go back for a minute, one of the things that makes me a little edgy about the money required for the study is that we are discussing extremely important issues. I believe it would be a tragedy if we are not able to do a thorough job of looking at all of the implications and evaluating all of the alternatives. I am very concerned that we may run out of money before we get the facts. I do not want us to come back here with a report which is incomplete in major respects.

Mr. SPRINGER. May I say that insofar as I am concerned, I do not expect this to cost millions and millions of dollars, but whatever is its cost, you ought to have.

If you are going to do the job, I think it ought to be done thoroughly.

Secretary Boyd. That will be our approach.

Mr. SPRINGER. I hope it will not come back with a lot of blame on insurance companies and nothing else.

If we do not come up with more than that, that is the reason I am starting on this side over here instead of on the other body where you have a bunch of prima donnas playing this song morning and night like a violin, finding fault with the people who are in business, and nothing else.

I hope you will come back, Mr. Secretary, with good, solid recommendations and not a blame on things that have already taken place.

If we are going to correct it, let us correct it.

Secretary Boyd. I agree. We are looking primarily for answers.

Mr. SPRINGER. I am glad to hear that because I don't think that ought to be the approach which you take. You have always been a pretty solid citizen in the jobs you have held in the Government, and pretty responsible. I am happy that you are the one who is undertaking this.

Secretary Boyd. We will give this all the priority that circumstances permit in the Department.

We have Cecil Mackey, Assistant Secretary, and his Deputy, both of whom are well grounded in studies of this type. We are going to put together what we think will be a fine professional staff. We will conduct it on the basis of an objective examination of the automobile insurance situation and its impact on the people and the various implications of different types of responsible suggestions which have been made for alternative methods of compensation.

Mr. SPRINGER. Mr. Chairman, thank you.

Mr. Moss. Thank you.

I would just like to observe as the author of the resolution that it is clearly my intent and desire that the study produce facts rather than assess blame and I know that because of the fact that additional information was necessary, Senator Magnuson and I determined that the best approach would be the avenue of study rather than any definitive legislative proposal to deal with the problem.