

I think, as the gentleman from Pennsylvania pointed out, in his State the period of time is considerable.

I think the testimony yesterday was that in the city of Chicago it is at least 6 years.

Mr. WATKINS. In Philadelphia, it is same thing.

Mr. SMITH. I think this is something that is very informative for the entire public.

I believe the study conducted as a result of your resolution here can bring out and perform very valuable assistance in informing the public, to the Congress, to the industry.

Mr. Moss. I think it is a situation where we do need many more statistics.

Mr. SMITH. I agree.

Mr. Moss. Mr. Blanton.

Mr. BLANTON. On these percentages and numbers of accidents you say one in ten in your estimation with a hundred million drivers. Now of these 10 million accidents, how many of them result percentage-wise in an insurance claim?

What I am getting at, the 2 percent he was talking about was accidents that did result in claims. But there is a difference between the number of accidents and the number of insurance claims, too. I think a vast difference.

Mr. SMITH. This is true. What we are talking of here with the 2 percent is the claims which end up in court going to trial.

Mr. WATKINS. Right. But you are talking about the number of accidents?

Mr. SMITH. Yes.

Mr. WATKINS. The number of accidents is far more than the number of accidents that result in insurance claims.

Mr. SMITH. That is true.

Mr. HOLDERMAN. The 2 percent, Congressman, is 2 percent of the 100 percent of claims. How many of the 10 million, if you want to use that figure as a real rough estimate, accidents would result in claims I would not hazard a guess. But of that percentage which did result in claims, 2 percent ultimately wind up in settlements in court.

Mr. WATKINS. I think your question on defining 2 percent is very important. I think we would be faced with that if we went to the full committee.

Mr. Moss. Are you gentlemen able to supply those figures?

If not, I will instruct the staff to supply the figures.

Mr. SMITH. I am certain we can get you some information on it, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Moss. Promptly?

Mr. SMITH. Yes, sir.

Mr. Moss. Thank you. You may proceed.

(The following supplementary statement was received by the committee:)

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF AMERICAN MUTUAL INSURANCE ALLIANCE

Mr. Chairman, in answer to the questions which you and Congressman Blanton have asked, I should like to submit the following data:

The National Safety Council estimates that, in 1967, there were 13,500,000 motor vehicle accidents.