

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION ACT OF 1967 AND RELATED LEGISLATION

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U.S. SENATE,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS,
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to recess, at 10:20 a.m., in room 457, Old Senate Office Building, Senator Edmund S. Muskie (chairman) presiding.

President: Senators Muskie and Baker.

Staff members present: Charles M. Smith, staff director; Robert E. Berry, minority counsel; E. Winslow Turner, general counsel; Lucinda T. Dennis, administrative secretary.

Senator MUSKIE. We are pleased to welcome you, Mr. Bridwell, this morning.

Please proceed with your testimony.

TESTIMONY OF LOWELL K. BRIDWELL, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR, ACCOMPANIED BY FRANCIS C. TURNER, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS

Mr. BRIDWELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Senator Baker.

For the record, my name is Lowell Bridwell, the Federal Highway Administrator. With me is Mr. Francis Turner, Director of the Bureau of Public Roads. Before beginning my statement, Mr. Chairman, I would like to comment that this subject of relocation assistance, in my opinion, is one of the most serious problems facing us in the Highway Administration and the Bureau of Public Roads, and one of the most serious problems facing the progress of the Federal-aid highway program. Before the Senate Public Works Committee we have recently provided considerable testimony and certain other materials related to its hearings on the problems that are encountered in the highway program in urban areas. Without question, I think, any rational examination of the problems that we face in the progress of the Federal-aid highway program has to have as one of its big parts the problems of displacing persons. So with that introduction, Mr. Turner and I both are very pleased to have this opportunity to appear before the committee to present our testimony, answer any questions, and certainly urge, very strongly urge, action by the Congress in this session to provide the mechanics, provide the tools with which we can, in cooperation with the States and local governments, do a much more adequate job of taking care of displaced persons and businesses.