

about \$17 million was received out of a total cost of about \$230 million, something like that, or \$208 million.

So I think in a way this present proposal may be designed to compensate for a previous situation; but I agree with you. I can see no reason why they all should not be on a the same basis.

Mr. CLAUSEN. I think this is the point that I want to make because you might aggravate the problem by offering more incentives to the so-called larger urban areas and lose the one opportunity that I believe we have to in effect decentralize this country.

Would you agree with this?

Governor ROCKEFELLER. Well, it certainly is an opportunity. I think there are others. I think the whole Federal highway program is very helpful too in getting money for these important highways that tie in these smaller communities and make them a part of the total.

But I agree with you that there is no reason why all communities should not be on the same basis.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Thank you.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Howard.

Mr. HOWARD. I wish to join the others in thanking you for appearing here and for your fine statement concerning the proposed Federal legislation.

We in New Jersey look upon your program for water pollution abatement with a good deal of respect and admiration. And I notice that it will end in 1972. And many of us hope to be seeing you administering and operating this program in New York State to its culmination. [Laughter.]

Governor ROCKEFELLER. I probably will. [Laughter.]

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. McCarthy.

Governor ROCKEFELLER. Can I say, Mr. Chairman, I only hope that I live to see the day when New Jersey cleans up its waters on the Hudson River.

[Laughter and applause.]

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Governor, as a Democrat from New York, of which you are the Republican Governor, let me say publicly that I have been very impressed with the dynamic role you played in the mobilization of the State, Federal, and local resources, to attack this tremendous problem of water pollution.

EFFECT OF PREFINANCING CUTOFF

Yesterday in a colloquy with the executive secretary of the Michigan Water Resources Commission, it was brought out that the prefinancing provision which you advance so vigorously, and which we followed through in putting into law, has been the foundation on which at least nine States—New York, Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and Pennsylvania—constructed or are constructing a full-scale pollution attack.

Now, this official, Mr. Oeming, told us that if the prefinancing provision is eliminated starting this July 1 no less than 229 of Michigan's