

is insured against crashes regardless of fault. This type of coverage might limit the personal damage possibilities in auto accidents and thereby reduce insurance premiums.

Other committee members are Governor Buford Ellington, Tennessee, vice chairman; Governor Harold Hughes, Iowa; Governor George Romney, Michigan; Governor Tom McCall, Oregon; Governor Robert McNair, South Carolina, and Governor Mills Godwin, Virginia.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you, Mr. Clausen.

We were very happy to hear from the chairman of the full committee, and Mr. Cramer, and Mr. Clausen. I have always said it is one of the finest committees in Congress, and the chairman is willing to sit here at the hearings from now until the first of July, and I am sure all of the members of this committee will help in their attendance with the chairman, and I hope we can take care of all the road problems between now and the first of July.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Chairman, will you just yield briefly?

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Yes.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Your visit, Mr. Chairman, to our congressional district in California has given the people of that area more in the way of interest and enthusiasm than any singular thing, when you recognized the need to advance the forest roads and the development of those forest roads, and your interest in this is something that I shall compliment you for from this day forward.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you.

Now, for the first witness I am delighted to have with us this morning Mr. John Jackson of the office of the Governor of Massachusetts, who will read the statement of Governor Volpe.

The floor is yours, Mr. Jackson, and we look forward to your remarks.

STATEMENT OF GOV. JOHN A. VOLPE OF MASSACHUSETTS, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE; PRESENTED BY JOHN JACKSON, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. JACKSON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, and distinguished members of the committee:

I appreciate this opportunity to present for the record of these hearings some thoughts on the highway situation facing the States.

The outstanding work which you have done over the years in developing the Federal aid highway programs has resulted in the construction of the finest national and State network of highways in the world. America is a Nation on wheels. And you have contributed significantly toward helping people travel from one place to another.

These hearings today on the Federal aid highway, ABC program are timely? They provide an opportunity for the Nation and the States to discover where they are in highway development, and also to determine where they can and ought to go from here.

The 1968 National Highway Needs Report, just presented to the Congress, tells the story in reasonably accurate estimates. The highlights of our needs are sobering:

A 71-percent increase in highway travel to more than 1.5 trillion miles a year by 1985.