

We feel that an annual federal disbursement of \$1 billion for this ABC has such an impact on the highway industry that the workers on these projects are entitled to the protection of the Davis-Bacon Act. Certainly it was the intent of Congress with the passage of the Davis-Bacon Act to protect workers on all construction projects in which the Federal Government is involved whether it be by direct contract or those federal assistance programs with a predetermined prevailing wage rate. Therefore, we feel Congress should, at this time, act to place the workers employed on these ABC Highways under the protection of the Davis-Bacon Act.

SAFETY AND THE ABC SYSTEM

As representatives of organized labor, we feel we have a social responsibility, both to our members and to the general citizenry, to insist that any highway program must attempt to halt the alarming fatality rate on our nation's highways. Every single day over 10,000 Americans are injured on our highways and every week more than 1,000 are killed; the monthly economic loss is well over \$800 million.

Congress is again to be commended for their most recent attempts in passing the Federal Highway Safety Act to reduce this shocking waste of human lives. We know that your Committee will continue to consciously search for answers to our nation's most disgraceful malady.

Again, we are appreciative of the opportunity to address your important Committee and trust that you will give our views and suggestions careful consideration.