

We solicit your Committee's review of this federal fund allocation procedure. We feel it is a serious matter that needs attention.

Very truly yours,

P. E. MASHETER, *Director*.

Mr. HARSHA. Thank you. That is all I have.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. The gentleman from Texas, Mr. Wright, any questions?

Mr. WRIGHT. None, thank you; except to commend the gentleman on a very excellent statement.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Any questions to my left?

Mr. Denney?

Mr. DENNEY. Mr. Stapp, I was interested in your comment that AASHO unanimously agreed not to recommend any additions to the interstate.

In the light of the testimony we heard on June 7, can you tell me approximately when AASHO members met and made this determination?

Mr. STAPP. December 12 in Chicago.

Mr. DENNEY. December 12 in Chicago. You recognize that there are three States in the United States that have no north-south interstate roads running through them, only east-west, and it makes a real lag in the north-south transportation and moving of commercial products because this situation exists, and I refer specifically to my State of Nebraska.

Was that ever brought up in the discussion?

Mr. STAPP. Yes, that was. And also, Mr. Denney, the statement I believe that I have in here, that the primary system could be brought to what could be considered interstate standards if the traffic warranted it under the new program.

Mr. DENNEY. In other words, your thought is that the primary system would be built to specifications of interstate and would serve the same purpose; is that right?

Mr. STAPP. Where traffic warrants that.

Mr. DENNEY. Where traffic warrants that.

Mr. STAPP. Not in its entirety; no, sir.

Mr. DENNEY. It would require a traffic survey.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Any questions to my right?

The gentleman from New York, Mr. McEwen.

Mr. McEWEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

In your testimony you have referred to the "After '75' Report" of AASHO. Can you say when that is to be available?

Mr. STAPP. Mr. Johnson advises me in about 6 weeks.

Mr. McEWEN. About 6 weeks.

I believe in answer to the question of the gentleman from Nebraska, you said that this decision of no extensions on the Interstate System both now and after 1973 or 1975, this decision was made at Chicago on December 12; is that correct?

Mr. STAPP. Yes, sir.

Mr. McEWEN. May I inquire: Was there any publicity given to that decision? Has that been announced prior to today?