

STATEMENT OF BURTON F. MILLER, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, AMERICAN ROAD BUILDERS ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY ROBERT S. HOLMES, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN ROAD BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, PITTSBURGH, PA.; SAM P. TURNBULL, ENGINEER DIRECTOR, FLORIDA ROAD BUILDERS ASSOCIATION, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.; AND KARL L. ROTHERMUND, JR., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OHIO CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Chairman Kluczynski, Chairman Fallon, distinguished members of the committee—

Mr. FALLON. Will the gentleman pause for a minute? I am glad to see Mr. Miller here this morning, and he is certainly no stranger to the committee. The American Road Builders have been of great assistance to this committee for many years. And I also want to recall, back in 1956, the contribution of the task force in putting this highway program over, and certainly it is a big help to this committee and the Congress.

And although Mr. Miller has appeared here many times as an associate, today we want to welcome him, on his first appearance in his new position as executive vice president of American Road Builders.

It is a pleasure to welcome you here this morning, Mr. Miller.

Mr. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am very grateful for those comments.

Mr. Chairman, with your pleasure, I would also like to have with us to present part of our statement, Mr. Sam P. Turnbull, of the Florida Road Builders Association, and Mr. Karl Rothermund, of the Ohio Contractors Association. I have asked these gentlemen to come in, Mr. Chairman, to present to this distinguished committee first hand the grassroots information regarding this cutback.

It so happens that Ohio and Florida are two of the States, perhaps, which were hardest hit by the cutback. Another one, I think, is the good State of Maryland.

Mr. Chairman, our presentation here this morning will be in three parts, with your permission.

First, we would like to discuss the ABC program; second, we would like to discuss briefly with you the cutback; and then, third, mention a very serious problem that will have a pronounced affect upon the highway program, and this problem is in the area of equal employment opportunity, which was mentioned briefly.

Now, Mr. Chairman, with your kind permission, I would like to present the president of the American Road Builders Association, Robert S. Holmes.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Holmes, you may proceed.

Mr. HOLMES. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the committee.

My name is Robert S. Holmes, and I am president of the American Road Builders Association, with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

I would like to have your permission, Mr. Chairman, to proceed with the testimony by paraphrasing it rather than reading it in complete context, since you have the complete text before you.