

Any questions to my right?

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Holmes, your recommendation, in the consideration of the ABC program, can you tell me as to the capability of industry to take on this additional workload? Would there be a great deal of increase in price? What effect would it have on the prices?

Mr. HOLMES. Insofar as industry capability is concerned, we can assure you that there is the capability there, because the American Road Builders Association made a rather quick study a year ago when we were preparing testimony for the cutback hearings which were recessed. This was adding to the original task force reports, which we prepared in order to back up the 1956 act.

We feel that we not only have the capability, but the current price structure should remain stable and only change as the national economy and the gross national product might change.

It would be affected by the state of the economy at the time, and industry as well as labor increases, if they should occur.

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Holmes, I read in the paper today that this committee, the members of this committee, inference was that they were holding these meetings, and by associating with State highway officials and representatives of industry, we are just friends of the lobbyists.

Now we, of course, up here believe that you are here to give us, the witnesses here are to give us the information which is necessary to transport goods, services, and the people, the safest way that can be done throughout the Nation.

What is your organization, that national organization, doing to get public support for a program of this kind?

Mr. HOLMES. We have had for some time in the association not only a public information program of our own, but we have worked on a cooperative basis with the American Association of State Highway Officials in an annual public information workshop, principally for the benefit of the State highway departments.

At our meeting in Las Vegas last week, the American Road Builders Association's board of directors approved a very much expanded public information program, which will extend nationwide in its impact and hopefully will provide favorable comment on the highway program such as the February issue of the National Geographic magazine is doing, in order to offset the adverse publicity that we seem to continually be receiving.

We not only have expanded this activity, and a very strong public information program to gain public support, but we also have a more cohesive, coordinated joint effort with the American Association of State Highway Officials to expand the public information workshop. This year this workshop will be held in June. We expect to gain much from that.

Mr. FALLON. Thank you.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Holmes, how many members do you have in the American Road Builders Association?

Mr. HOLMES. I will ask Mr. Miller for the current number.

Mr. MILLER. 5,363.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. 5,300 plus.

Mr. MILLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Have any of your members failed in the last 5 or 6 years, small contractors, I am talking about?