

architects and city planners, by just about everyone concerned with relationship between transportation and the city.

The shape of the future highway program will depend in large degree on the decisions of the Congress on this legislation. May I respectfully urge this committee to make these decisions in accord with the provisions of H.R. 17134.

Thank you for permitting me to appear before you. My colleagues and I are ready for questions.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you, Mr. Secretary, for that fine statement.

Mr. Secretary, you refer to a letter and testimony by Mr. Hughes of the Bureau of the Budget. To whom was the letter sent? Where and when was the testimony presented? And what did Mr. Hughes say?

Mr. BRIDWELL. Mr. Chairman, may I respond to your question?

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Bridwell.

Mr. BRIDWELL. The letter referred to was sent by Mr. Hughes to the Senate Subcommittee on Government Operations, chaired by Senator Muskie of Maine.

We will supply for the record a copy of the letter of report on legislation under consideration by that committee and a copy of the statement made by Mr. Hughes. We do not have those copies with us. However, we are prepared to discuss the contents of that.

(Material referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF PHILLIP S. HUGHES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, we are here to discuss S. 698, "The Intergovernmental Cooperation Act," which was introduced by the Chairman of the Subcommittee, and other related measures which have as their purpose the enhancement of our system of federalism and the improvement of the quality of American Government.

The purpose of S. 698 is to make more workable the machinery of our Government through achieving the fullest possible cooperation and coordination of activities at the Federal, State, and local levels in—as the bill phrases it—"an increasingly complex society." To achieve this purpose the bill as introduced is designed to: (a) improve the administration of grants-in-aid to the States; (b) permit provision of reimbursable technical services by the Federal Government to State and local governments; (c) establish coordinated intergovernmental policy and administration of grants and loans for urban development; (d) provide for periodic congressional review of grant-in-aid programs; (e) authorize the consolidation of certain grant programs; (f) provide for the acquisition, use, and disposition of land within urban areas by Federal agencies in conformity with local government programs; (g) establish a uniform relocation assistance program, and (h) establish a uniform land acquisition policy for direct Federal and federally aided programs.

Finally, the measure as recently amended by Senator Muskie would aim at improving the accounting, auditing, and financial reporting requirements associated with Federal assistance funds.

The present legislation before this Subcommittee is the direct lineal descendent of previous congressional consideration over the last several years of intergovernmental cooperation acts, all of which have been sponsored by the Chairman of this Subcommittee.

Last year the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations requested our assistance in developing an intergovernmental cooperation act. After discussions with the various affected Federal agencies and with the Advisory Commission, agreement was reached on a measure transmitted by the ACIR containing five titles which are identical or substantially similar to corresponding titles of S. 698.

My testimony today will also take into account this measure as it relates to the relevant titles of S. 698.