

Mr. FALLON. Well, will there be?

Secretary BOYD. No, sir. That urban mass transit program is authorized under the omnibus housing bill and has no provision for highway design, acquisition, or construction. It is strictly an urban mass transit program and it is related primarily to two things, to two operations. One is grants and loans for operation of bus systems; one is grants and loans for operation of rail rapid transit systems. In addition, there is provision in the authorization for research into urban mass transit technology.

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Secretary, in a letter to me on October 25, you stated that HUD would certify to the Department the adequacy of the continuing transportation planning processes in urban areas, that certification to your department by HUD would be advisory only.

Secretary BOYD. That's right.

Mr. FALLON. And you would not be bound by the recommendation of HUD.

Secretary BOYD. That is correct.

Mr. FALLON. Secretary Wood testified before the Government Operations Committee just 3 days before in which he made several statements that certification by HUD was the requisite and no plan could go forward without that certification.

Now there seems to be a conflict there in—

Secretary BOYD. That is incorrect. The fact of the matter is that the certification of the continuing comprehensive planning process is a requisite but it is a statutory requisite in the Federal Highway Act and there is no jurisdiction being transferred by the reorganization plan No. 2 from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. FALLON. Let me see if I get that clear. That means that although it is not certified by HUD, the planning and the building of highways is continuing on under the Federal Highway Administrator without that certification?

Secretary BOYD. That is correct, but I want to go on and make very clear that we expect HUD to participate with us in looking at this whole area of activity.

Mr. FALLON. Well, in what manner? How far does that go?

Secretary BOYD. It does not go to certification. It is an advisory situation.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you very much. The gentleman from Florida, Mr. Cramer.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Secretary, on that same subject, we presently have the highway planning agencies established under the existing law, which you just mentioned. They have been certified as planning agencies.

HUD, of course, in some instances, has now certified areawide planning agencies.

Are the presently certified-by-your-department planning agencies going to continue to have that function? Does HUD have to recertify those same agencies?

Secretary BOYD. No. No. However, where there are different agencies involved I expect to try, in conjunction with HUD, to get our operation so that we are dealing with the same planning agency for the area.