

Secretary BOYD. Yes, sir, that was our contemplation at that time.

Mr. CRAMER. What has happened since?

Secretary BOYD. Mr. Hughes, for the administration, has taken a position before the Government Operations Subcommittee in the Senate as outlined by Mr. Bridwell, and we fully subscribe to the principles and the statements made in Mr. Hughes' testimony.

Mr. CRAMER. Where would the money come from for the relocation cost?

Secretary BOYD. As I understand it, Mr. Cramer, the statements made by Mr. Hughes were broad general statements about all grant programs and the assumption would be that the relocation costs for each program would come from the authorized funds in that program.

Mr. CRAMER. In other words, the trust fund in this sense?

Secretary BOYD. Yes, sir.

Mr. CRAMER. Was any estimate made, to your knowledge, of what that contemplated cost would be under Mr. Hughes' suggested approach?

Secretary BOYD. I have no knowledge. I will examine the transcript and advise you.

(The following information was received:)

The Federal Highway Administration estimated the annual cost of the highway relocation provisions recommended by Mr. Hughes for the Administration to be \$173 million. This estimate consists of the following items:

\$75 million for replacement housing assistance (21,000 eligibles averaging \$3,500)
\$19 million for rental assistance payments (38,000 units averaging \$500)
\$14 million for cost of transferring property to the State (56,000 units averaging \$250)
+ \$5 million for business relocations in excess of amounts recommended in Highway Relocation Assistance Study
\$60 million for recommendations of Highway Relocation Assistance Study
\$173+ million total

These costs should decline in the next several years as land acquisition for the Interstate System tapers off.

Mr. CRAMER. Were you not asked for advice concerning what might that cost be concerning highway relocation?

Mr. BRIDWELL. Mr. Cramer, as you are aware, we made a study which we submitted to the committee last year in response to a statutory request for such a study. We did estimate the costs of the recommendations contained in that report.

The position taken by Mr. Hughes, representing the executive branch before the Senate Government Operations Subcommittee, is not identical with the recommendations in the study which we submitted to the Congress at the request of this committee, so that the estimates of cost are much less firm for the modifications advanced by Mr. Hughes.

However, recognizing that the estimates are not as definitive, we can give some information to the committee—if I can find it among all these blue tabs—on the estimated costs. Under the existing program—that is, the one that was enacted in 1962—and then projecting that type of assistance in the States, the 37 States and the District of Columbia which have implemented it, we estimate the cost to be about \$12 million annually. In other words, that is approximately what we believe the cost will be under existing law, and assuming no additional