

of the costs of such rights-of-way." Now, you do not have to reimburse under that 7-year provision.

Mr. BRIDWELL. I will have to provide an answer for the record, Mr. Cramer. I have not gone over this specific language in the sense you are asking it.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, I also find it very difficult to understand subsection (a) at all as compared to the present 7-year advance acquisition law.

Secretary BOYD. The concept as I understand it, Mr. Cramer, is to provide a revolving fund for the stated limitations from which the States can borrow without interest against the date when they undertake the project, which must be within 7 years. At the time they undertake the project, any moneys that they have utilized in that fund for that project must be credited back to the fund. That is the concept.

Now, the language creates some problems perhaps in how it is worked out, but that is what we are trying to accomplish.

Mr. CRAMER. It would be my observation the bill as drafted does not accomplish that and it is sufficiently confusing that, frankly, I cannot understand it. I read it half a dozen times. Well, let me ask you this question: Does subsection (a) authorize an initial hundred percent advance of right-of-way acquisition?

Mr. BRIDWELL. Yes.

Mr. CRAMER. I know (b) does, but does (a) as well?

Mr. BRIDWELL. Yes.

(At this point Mr. Kluczynski resumed the chair.)

Mr. CRAMER. Why does it not say so? You say so in (b), but you do not say so in (a). I wish you would look into that.

Secretary BOYD. All right, sir. Do you have any other questions relative to these sections?

Mr. CRAMER. Yes. What I am going to do is submit some questions in writing. I will write a series of questions if the Department will be kind enough to supply us with some answers.

Secretary BOYD. Right, sir.

(The following was received for the record:)

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION,
Washington, D.C., July 2, 1968.

HON. WILLIAM C. CRAMER,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CRAMER: Thank you for your letter of June 7, 1968, to which you appended a series of questions related to recent hearings by the House Roads Subcommittee.

The attachment provides replies to each of the questions in your letter.

Should there be any additional materials which you would wish from us, or more extensive discussion of any particular subjects, please let me know.

Sincerely,

ALAN S. BOYD.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS IN YOUR LETTER

1. Would section 108(a), pertaining to right-of-way acquisition as it would be revised by section 9 of H.R. 17134, authorize the advance of cash Federal funds to the States, or would it merely authorize the obligation of apportioned Federal aid funds for right-of-way acquisition?

Answer: No. The provisions of section 108(a) would be broadened by the insertion of the following phrase immediately after the words reasonable: "... to facilitate the orderly relocation of persons, businesses, farms, and other exist-