

Secretary BOYD. I would like to ask Mr. Bridwell to answer that.

Mr. BRIDWELL. Mr. Edmondson, most of the implementing legislation enacted by the State legislatures is in a form which makes possible agreements satisfactory to both the States and to the Federal Government, and several of our agreements have been concluded under that statutory authority.

There are several States—I am frankly unable to name them at this point—in which the legislation or the statute enacted by the legislature creates problems in terms of working out an agreement which we believe to be consistent with the Federal legislation, plus all of the additional clarifying statements that the Secretary has made as a part of the hearings, both before this committee and before the Senate Public Works Committee.

At this point in time, there is no case in which we have said we will refuse to conclude an agreement, and that a State will have to change its law before we will conclude an agreement. In other words, there has been no final confrontation between the Federal Government and any State.

Mr. EDMONDSON. When you refer to these 31 State legislatures that have acted, you feel that you are either in a position where you have approved their laws or where you are in a negotiating position with those 31 States?

Mr. BRIDWELL. No, sir; not quite, Mr. Edmondson. I believe there are going to be a few of those States in which we are going to have great difficulty with the State operating under the constraints of its State statute and we operating under the constraints of the Federal law plus the interpretation that has been made in the course of hearings.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Well, I know that our State has enacted—

Mr. BRIDWELL. Let me—without specifying the State, let me give you an example in which one State zoned all land adjacent to the Federal-aid system for a distance of 660 feet from the edge of the right-of-way as commercial and industrial property for the purposes of erecting billboards, which is clearly inconsistent with the Federal law. It is inconsistent with what the Secretary has stated and it is also inconsistent with what the committee has informally said is its interpretation of the Federal statutes. So that is the kind of problem. That is just one example.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I know our State legislature passed a bill which the newspapers, at least those circulated in the larger cities, describe as a tough billboard bill. The State has not been informed whether it is in compliance, or the act is satisfactory to the Department.

Mr. BRIDWELL. Mr. Edmondson, the agreement which will presumably result from the enactment of the Oklahoma Legislature has not come to me, so as of now I simply cannot say that we are or that we are not in agreement, because it simply has not gotten to me.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Well, I think it would be a helpful thing if we could have supplied for the record, Mr. Chairman, the 31 States that have enacted laws and the enumeration of the States among the 31 whose laws have been found satisfactory, and the basis for agreement. Could we have that supplied for the record at this point?

Mr. BRIDWELL. Yes, you may. We will be glad to supply it.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Without objection, so ordered.