

Mr. CRAMER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Cramer.

Mr. CRAMER. Are you interested on States enacting State legislation calling for the removal of billboards that are not in conformity to the Federal law? Removal now or in the near future?

Mr. BRIDWELL. We have not, Mr. Cramer, developed any model legislation in the sense that we suggest to the States or demand of the States what kind of legislation they should enact. There have been a few instances in which a State authority sponsoring legislation before a legislature has asked for our comments upon draft legislation, which has been provided.

Other than those kinds of conditions, we have not tried to suggest or require, or any other kind of action, what the legislation should contain before a State legislature other than providing each of the States the Federal statute plus the clarifying policy statements that have been made by the Secretary, either before the committee or in exchange of correspondence with the committee.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, you had some standards and we had some discussions about them and disagreements and so forth.

Mr. BRIDWELL. That is correct.

Mr. CRAMER. As I understand it, there have been no additional standards developed or promulgated or issued, as a guidance to the States, relating to their carrying out in particular title I.

Mr. BRIDWELL. I think the committee made it very clear that it was somewhat less than enthused with our draft standards.

Mr. CRAMER. You have not tried to redraft them?

Mr. BRIDWELL. So that you are quite correct, we have not attempted to redraft the standards for a very good reason, that the standards—if you may call them standards—apply individually in each State in accordance with the agreement reached with the State. So there are no such things as national uniform standards, but the standards result rather from the negotiated agreement with each of the States.

Mr. CRAMER. The thing that bothers me basically is that if you are encouraging States—and I am sure you would not discourage them—to pass legislation to take down billboards, there is no money to do it. The State is going to have to pick up the cost, right?

Mr. BRIDWELL. The State would have to pick up the cost or some other kind of action would have to take place; yes, sir.

Mr. CRAMER. How many of the 17 agreements are with States whose legislatures have not yet acted?

Mr. BRIDWELL. I will have to supply that for the record, Mr. Cramer.

(The information follows:)

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING AGREEMENTS WITH STATES WHOSE LEGISLATURES HAVE NOT YET ACTED

During the hearing on May 23, 1968, Mr. Cramer inquired as to how many of the agreements are with States whose Legislatures have not yet acted.

These are: Minnesota, Maine, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

The original agreement with New York was signed prior to the time that the Legislature had taken action. On May 23, 1968, the New York Legislature enacted an outdoor advertising control bill, which is presently awaiting the Governor's signature. This bill ratified and approved a revised agreement with New York, signed May 13, 1968.