

The original agreement with Maryland was signed prior to the enactment of State legislation. The Maryland Legislature later enacted a law containing substantially the same terms as the agreement. Certain minor changes were made by the Legislature in the standards; these are considered acceptable and a revised agreement will be executed in the near future.

The agreement with Alaska was signed prior to enactment of State legislation. Subsequently, the State Legislature enacted a law ratifying the agreement.

Mr. CRAMER. Some of them are?

Mr. BRIDWELL. Yes, the one that I am particularly familiar with right at the moment, because the legislature is in the process now of enacting legislation to carry out the agreement, is the State of New York, so that is one instance.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, I think maybe the only way we will get to the bottom of what is being done, what judgments are being exercised, what importuning is taking place relating to the State, legislatively or otherwise, would be, Mr. Chairman, to suggest that they submit a State-by-State analysis of what has occurred and what the present status is.

Mr. BRIDWELL. We will be glad to supply such an analysis, Mr. Cramer. We, I believe, routinely have supplied to the committee copies of each of the agreements signed.

Mr. CRAMER. We have that, I think.

Mr. BRIDWELL. So that there has been a very positive attitude on our part that the committee should be fully informed of the progress of our program of attempting to reach agreements with each of the States.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Bridwell, will you supply the committee with that information?

Mr. BRIDWELL. Yes, we will be glad to, Mr. Chairman.
(The information follows:)

OUTDOOR ADVERTISING CONTROL—STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS

During the hearing on May 23, 1968, Mr. Cramer requested that the Department submit for the record a State-by-State analysis of what has occurred during the negotiations on outdoor advertising control, and the present status of said negotiations.

Following the hearings before the Subcommittee on Roads in April and May of 1967, Secretary Boyd wrote to Chairman Kluczynski on May 24, 1967, outlining four points of policy which would be followed in administering Title I of the Act. Chairman Kluczynski released the text of this letter in a press release on June 2, 1967, and on June 8, 1967, the Secretary acknowledged the press release of June 2 and advised that he had on that date directed the Federal Highway Administrator to proceed as expeditiously as possible to work out, within the framework of the May 24 letter, agreements with the States for implementation of the Act. These three documents were transmitted to the States by Federal Highway Administration Notice of June 26, 1967, together with Mr. Bridwell's statement of May 2, 1967, before the Subcommittee.

The pattern of negotiations has been virtually the same with respect to all States. During the initial meeting or correspondence with the State, the State has been requested to work out proposed standards and criteria which, in the State's opinion, would be reasonable and effective in the light of conditions within the State. State officials have been informed of the status of negotiations in other States, and copies of agreements executed have been transmitted to all States shortly following signature. In this manner, the initiative in developing the standards has come from the State, and all States have been kept fully aware of the status of negotiations and agreements with their fellow States.