

desire to cooperate in every manner possible in implementing the Act as soon as the Florida Legislature authorizes them to do so and Congress appropriates sufficient funds to proceed.

GEORGIA

Negotiations with Georgia were begun on November 29, 1967. On that date representatives of the Federal Highway Administration met with State officials in Atlanta. At the meeting the Georgia officials were advised that the existing Georgia law contained features which would be regarded as objectionable insofar as forming the basis for an agreement. Subsequently by letter dated December 28, 1967, the State submitted a proposed agreement, based on the existing Georgia law, for consideration. By letter dated January 29, 1968, Mr. Bridwell pointed out that certain features of the agreement would not be considered acceptable to the Secretary, and, in addition, certain provisions would conflict with the language and intent of the Federal Act. Mr. Bridwell offered to discuss the matter further or to negotiate an interim agreement pending further State legislative action. By letter dated April 24, 1968, the State accepted the offer to meet and negotiate, and a conference has been scheduled for June 18, 1968, in Atlanta.

HAWAII

Chief Highway Engineer Albert C. Zane advised in March, 1967, that the State highway department was agreeable to entering into an agreement providing for outdoor advertising control in Hawaii. Hawaii wished to consider two different agreements, one incorporating the standards contained in the January 10, 1967, report to the Congress and the other to contain the more restrictive requirements of State law. In response to the State's request two sample agreements were prepared in the Washington office and transmitted for the State's consideration. The State elected to sign an agreement incorporating the more restrictive provisions of State law. This agreement was executed on July 13, 1967.

IDAHO

Negotiations were commenced on July 31, 1967, in Boise. On that date a Federal Highway Administration representative met with State officials. Negotiations were continued in Boise on August 22, 1967, and in compliance with their law the State held public hearings in late August 1967 in Boise and five other locations in Idaho concerning their proposed regulations. By letter dated December 1, 1967, the State submitted a draft of a proposed agreement; on December 15, 1967, three signed copies of a proposed agreement were submitted by the State. On January 18, 1968, the agreement was discussed telephonically with State Highway Engineer Mathes and on January 26, 1968, Mr. Mathes wrote that the proposed changes suggested would be placed on the agenda of the Idaho Highway Board at its next meeting. On February 23, 1968, Mr. Mathes submitted a revised agreement, which was under consideration when the State advised by telegram that they had been enjoined in State court from enforcing any provisions of their State outdoor advertising law and executing an agreement with the Secretary. The State's telegram revoked the offer to agree and the signed agreement forwarded by letter dated February 23, pending disposition of the suit.

ILLINOIS

Negotiations with Illinois were commenced on May 5, 1967, when a representative of the Federal Highway Administration met with State officials in Springfield. Discussed at that time was an outdoor advertising control bill which had been drawn up by the Illinois Division of Highways for submission to the Legislature. On May 9, 1967, an Administration representative testified before a hearing of a committee of the Illinois Senate and stated that the Illinois Division of Highways bill would form a satisfactory basis for an agreement with the Secretary. A more liberal bill was reported out favorably by the Senate Committee and telephonic negotiations were commenced by Administration representatives and State officials as to points of acceptability in the bill under consideration. These continued until June 1967 when the bill was defeated in the Illinois House. Since that time the State has declined to continue further negotiations.