

proposed standards and on January 30, 1968, an attorney of the Maryland State Roads Commission visited the Washington offices to discuss the proposed agreement. Several minor language changes were suggested. The agreement was executed on February 15, 1968.

MASSACHUSETTS

Negotiations were commenced on July 26, 1967, when an Administration representative met with State officials in Boston. At that time, the State indicated that a legislative study committee had been assigned the responsibility of drawing up proposed regulations and legislation. Although the Administration has offered to continue these negotiations on several occasions, no affirmative response has been received from the State. On April 8, 1968, Deputy Administrator Jamieson wrote to Commissioner Ribbs assuring Mr Ribbs that the Administration was ready to resume the negotiations begun on July 26, 1967.

MICHIGAN

Negotiations were commenced on December 5, 1967, when Administration representatives met with State officials in Lansing. The State, by letter dated February 16, 1968, submitted a proposed agreement which was based on the provisions of the existing Michigan outdoor advertising control law. By letter dated March 8, 1968, Highway Beautification Coordinator Fred S. Farr advised the State that he was of the opinion that certain provisions in the proposed agreement would not be acceptable as a basis for agreement with the Secretary, and in addition certain of the provisions appeared to conflict with the language and intent of the Federal Act itself. Mr. Farr's letter stated that the Administration would be happy to discuss the matter further with the State at their convenience. At the State's request, representatives of the Administration appeared before a joint committee of the Michigan Legislature in Lansing on April 23, 1968. The Administration's objections to the existing Michigan law were explained and the Administration again offered to meet with officials of the State to work out mutually agreeable terms which could be included in a proposed amendment to the existing law. The joint legislative committee asked that Federal and State officials meet with representatives of the outdoor advertising industry in attempting to resolve the differences. The Administration representatives readily agreed to do so, provided State officials were also willing.

MINNESOTA

On August 9, 1967, representatives of the Administration met with officials of the State in St. Paul. These negotiations were continued on November 20, 1967, when Administration representatives again met with State officials in St. Paul and discussed the provisions of a draft agreement. The agreement was prepared in final form by the State and submitted on December 4, 1967, and was executed by the Administrator on December 11, 1967.

MISSISSIPPI

Federal Highway Administration representatives met with State officials on November 1, 1967, in Jackson. Objections to certain provisions of the existing Mississippi outdoor advertising control law were pointed out to State officials. By letter dated December 1, 1967, Chief Engineer Johnson submitted a proposed amendment and on December 13, 1967, Administration representatives met with Mr. Johnson and other State officials to discuss the provisions of the proposed amendment. Minor changes in the language of the draft were suggested. By letter dated December 20, 1967, Director Robbins submitted the revised draft for review; by letter dated January 22, 1968, the Administrator advised Mr. Robbins that the standards and criteria contained therein were felt to embody the minimum requirements under which an agreement could be entered into. At the request of the State, an Administration representative met with officials of the Mississippi Highway Department and representatives of the outdoor advertising industry on April 4, 1968, in Jackson. Final details of a proposed amendment to the existing Mississippi law were worked out. The outdoor advertising industry indicating that it would support such an amendment.