

PUERTO RICO

Negotiations were begun on June 25, 1967, when an Administration representative conferred with Commonwealth officials in San Juan. It was determined at that time that the agreement would incorporate by reference the more restrictive provisions of existing Puerto Rico law and regulation. The agreement was signed on January 23, 1968.

RHODE ISLAND

Negotiations began on May 26, 1967, between State officials and an Administration representative during a meeting in Providence. The State subsequently developed a proposed agreement, which was discussed at a second meeting on June 21, 1967. The agreement was signed on June 28, 1967.

SOUTH CAROLINA

On August 7, 1967, Administrator Bridwell wrote to Commissioner Pearman asking that the State develop proposed standards for study and mutual discussion. By letter dated December 12, 1967, the State submitted a draft of a proposed agreement, which was discussed in detail on January 17, 1968, at a meeting in Columbia attended by State officials and a representative of the Federal Highway Administration. By letter dated March 8, 1968, Highway Beautification Coordinator Fred S. Farr offered comments on proposed legislation which was being prepared by the State.

SOUTH DAKOTA

On September 27, 1967, the State submitted to the Secretary a copy of its law controlling outdoor advertising and requested a determination as to whether an agreement could be negotiated under the terms of the State law. By letter dated January 9, 1968, the State was advised that the existing law did not provide for the necessary control as contemplated under the Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under date of January 16, 1968, the State submitted a proposed agreement based on the existing law and by letter dated March 7, 1968, Administrator Bridwell advised Director Olson that the agreement was unacceptable. Mr. Bridwell offered to have Administration representatives meet with State officials to discuss this matter in further detail.

TENNESSEE

On August 7, 1967, Mr. Bridwell wrote to Commissioner Speight asking the State to develop proposed standards for study and mutual discussion. On September 11, 1967, Administration representatives met with State officials in Nashville and explained the provisions of the Federal Act and the procedures which were being used in negotiations. On December 8, 1967, negotiations were continued; however, Commissioner Speight indicated that a committee of the Tennessee Legislature was presently studying the problem and had not at that time requested assistance from the Tennessee Department of Highways. Mr. Speight continued that under the circumstances he felt it unwise to enter an interim agreement.

On January 26, 1968, Administration representatives attended the Southern Regional Conference meeting of the Council of State Governments in Knoxville, Tennessee. The meeting was sponsored in part by the Tennessee Legislature and a number of Tennessee Legislators were present. An Administration spokesman explained the Department's policy in negotiations, stating that the Department desired the initiative to come from the States, but that the Department also felt strongly that it should be consulted in the development of the standards and criteria to be included in any agreement.

TEXAS

On August 17, 1967, Administrator Bridwell wrote to State Highway Engineer Greer asking that the State develop proposed standards for study and mutual discussion. On September 12, 1967, Administration representatives met with Mr. Greer and other State officials in Austin. In January 1968 the State was contacted to determine whether further negotiations were desired. By letter dated January 22, 1968, State Highway Engineer Dingwall pointed out that there were no Federal appropriations for highway beautification at that time, there were still indications that Congress might possibly either change the legislation or the