

in my office and went over H.R. 16622 and took away a copy of it with them.

Secretary BOYD. We will do the best we can, Mr. Cleveland, and if we can respond about 2:30 this afternoon, we will do so. If we cannot, we will tell you when we can.

Mr. CLEVELAND. All right. And I guess my question is already answered about another legislative item I submitted, which is H.R. 10276, and I asked the same people that came from your staff whether or not they felt that the purposes of this legislation, H.R. 10276, were commendable and whether it would have your approval to be incorporated in this legislation as an amendment, and I can only assume that that message did not reach you either.

Secretary BOYD. H.R. 10276?

Mr. CLEVELAND. Yes, sir. This is a very interesting piece of legislation. I will not bore you with the details now. I have no further questions.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Cleveland, the Secretary, Mr. Bridwell, and Mr. Turner will be here again at the end of the hearing.

The gentleman from New York, Mr. McEwen.

Mr. McEWEN. Mr. Chairman, I would like to inquire into one matter now and defer other matters until this afternoon.

I believe it was you, Mr. Bridwell, who referred to this matter of States implementing legislation on the beautification. You referred to New York, as an illustration, legislation I take it that has to implement the existing agreement. Is that correct?

Mr. BRIDWELL. That is correct, yes, sir.

Mr. McEWEN. In other words, in the case of New York State, you do have an approved agreement?

Mr. BRIDWELL. We have an agreement, Mr. McEwen, which was signed between the Federal Government and the State government, which establishes the conditions under which the highway beautification program, specifically the outdoor advertising control, will be conducted in the State of New York. That agreement contained the clause which said, in effect, that its implementation was subject to authorization by the State legislature.

The State legislature is now in the process—and I cannot give you the status as of today—is in the process of enacting implementing legislation. So far as I know, there is no particular reason to believe that the implementing legislation will not be enacted. I am told that there is agreement within the State of interested parties on what the legislation should contain. That is informal and secondhand information to me.

Mr. McEWEN. This would be legislation that will enable the State to meet the requirements of the agreement?

Mr. BRIDWELL. Yes, sir.

Mr. McEWEN. The gentleman from Florida brought up this Arizona situation. Has there been a similar letter addressed to New York?

Mr. BRIDWELL. Not to my knowledge, Mr. McEwen.

Mr. McEWEN. Mr. Secretary, do you know?

Secretary BOYD. Not to my knowledge. I have no recollection of the letters that have been involved in this. But I reiterate, we have not written letters except in response to requests, and I have no knowledge