

we are threatening and cajoling and intimidating, is just absolutely false.

Mr. McEWEN. Well, Mr. Bridwell, the law itself holds the threat over their heads, does it not, with the 10-percent penalty?

Secretary BOYD. We have made no effort to prevent anybody from reading the law.

Mr. McEWEN. Thank you.

Mr. BRIDWELL. I think everyone should be completely clear in terms of what the Secretary has stated, in writing, and verbally before both committees, on what his policy would be, and I would suggest that it is a very liberal policy.

Mr. CRAMER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. McEWEN. I yield to the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. CRAMER. I can read plainly what was said to Arizona—whether that was the intent of the interpretation or not, it clearly says penalty January 1, 1969, if the legislature does not act, if the legislature has had an opportunity to do so.

With regard to these agreements being entered into, is it not true that these agreements deal prospectively with the future erection of signs, control relating to areas to be zoned concerning future sign erection?

Secretary BOYD. As Mr. Bridwell indicated, we have sent copies of every agreement to the committee.

Mr. CRAMER. That is a correct analysis, is it not, that they deal prospectively with future signs?

Mr. BRIDWELL. I am not sure that I understand exactly what you are saying, Mr. Cramer. Yes, they deal prospectively with future signs, but not to the exclusion of everything else.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, are you requiring Federal signs to come down now without compensation?

Mr. BRIDWELL. No, because no sign is required to come down until 1970.

Mr. CRAMER. You are requiring that they do come down in 1970, starting then?

Mr. BRIDWELL. We are requiring what the law states; namely, they start to come down in 1970.

And obviously that assumes that the Federal Government will meet its obligations.

Mr. CRAMER. I understand that 5 States have signed agreements that have not been authorized by the State legislature: Delaware, Maine, Minnesota, New York, and Pennsylvania. And you have negotiated these agreements. Is that correct?

Mr. BRIDWELL. Well, that is what I will have to supply for the record, Mr. Cramer. I have no reason to believe that you do not have accurate information. I have already referred to the one that is current in my knowledge of the process of implementing legislation, in the New York State Legislature at this time. There are a number of States about which there is no question in our mind that implementing legislation, adequately implementing legislation, has already been passed and in which we are negotiating agreements.

Mr. CRAMER. Maybe the gentleman from New York knows.

Is the legislature still in session in New York?

Mr. McEWEN. Still in session.