

I would hope with all the cutbacks that we have had in the trust fund, \$600 million now outstanding, that we would look elsewhere for some of these funds for programs that are not suffering as badly as this one at the present time.

Of course, that is not your decision, I understand. But it is discretionary with the President as to in what area the \$6 billion shall come from. That is my understanding.

Secretary BOYD. Yes, sir; and I think the President has made it clear in his judgment a cutback of \$6 billion in expenditures will be catastrophic.

It seems to me that if we are going to start laying the blame around here, there should have been some consideration given to the President's views on how much of an expenditure cut the budget could bear without crippling any number of programs. That is a decision the Congress is apparently in the process of making.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, Congress, in attempting to manage the fiscal problems of the country, it appearing some management is needed, I might add—that is my opinion—it has got to set some kind of guidelines. And of course that is what is being discussed at this time. However, discretion as to where the cuts will come will rest with the executive branch.

I would hope that in looking for cut areas, he might delve into some of the new programs that are not well underway and not as productive as this one, and some that have not been cut as deeply as this one in the past by the President.

But I understand the statement has been made that \$80 million is likely to come out of the highway trust fund in the \$6 billion cut.

Secretary BOYD. I do not know anything about that statement of any precise figure. I do think it is a fair statement, Mr. Cramer, that the executive branch of the Government is going to be just as willing to take the blame for these cuts as the Congress is.

Mr. CRAMER. It is interesting to me, when money is needed, they always look to the trust fund, which is supposed to be a trust, and set up in the interest of the highway users, with their tax money going into it for a tax base to build the highway, and that is the first fund they dip into.

Secretary BOYD. It is a reliable source.

Mr. CRAMER. It has money in it, that is for sure. It also has headache expenditures.

I will yield.

Mr. CLAUSEN. I would appreciate it if the gentleman would yield. I have to go over to the floor. I did want to ask the Secretary and Mr. Bridwell this question, because in California there is the Century Freeway that you are working on and one of their major concerns is the apportionment factors used for the Interstate Freeway System in draft legislation, compared with the Department of Transportation for the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1958, does not include the cost of the Century Freeway, which has been added to the Interstate System.

Now, was this an oversight, or would you comment on that?

Mr. BRIDWELL. If I may, Mr. Clausen, I would like to comment on that.