

CONCLUSION

In summary, we believe extension of Davis-Bacon to the A-B-C system is out of step with the need of the times and adds fuel to the current inflationary trends. It would also constitute an unnecessary handicap to the construction industry's efforts to make maximum use of the hard-core unemployed and disadvantaged as trainees. We believe Davis-Bacon extension to the A-B-C system is unnecessary and would constitute an unwarranted increase in labor costs and in expensive administrative procedures and would interfere with collective bargaining and normal wage patterns in local areas, and would constitute an unwarranted interference with the normal operations of State governments' prevailing wage procedures. For these reasons, we would urge the defeat of all proposals to extend Davis-Bacon to the A-B-C system.

Thank you.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you, Mr. Teer, for a very nice statement.

Now, Mr. Gilvin, in line with your comments on the cost, do you consider these present estimated amounts adequate, or do you believe the actual cost to complete the Interstate System would be higher; if so, how much higher?

Mr. GILVIN. We have an estimate on that and I will ask Mr. Sprouse to answer that.

Mr. SPROUSE. The present estimate is \$56.5 billion.

Mr. Chairman, in April of 1966, Mr. W. A. Rogers testified before the committee and said that it was our considered opinion that the ultimate cost of the Interstate System would reach \$53 billion.

I testified personally later in the Senate on that and we were not ridiculed by some of our colleagues. We were told we had inflationary ideas on our minds.

I will have to speak personally to this point. I do not think the estimate is nearly enough. Mr. Gilvin may not agree with me.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Fallon, any comments or questions?

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Kluczynski, I certainly have a comment on Mr. Gilvin's paper, and I do not think I can agree more with the text of his statement than if I had written it myself.

I would say that Mr. Gilvin has stated this afternoon what the members of this committee have tried to do all along.

I might say also that you have agreed with us in what we have been doing for so many years because you have been one of the greatest supporters of this program and I certainly want to not only welcome you, but thank you for coming all the way from Amarillo, Tex., to Washington, D.C., I hope that you had good roads all the way.

Thank you again for coming here.

Mr. SPROUSE. He flew in from San Antonio, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GILVIN. Mr. Chairman, I am having to guess on this, but it is \$56 billion now.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. What did you say?

Mr. GILVIN. If your estimate is \$56 billion now, it would be a minimum by 1974 of \$18 billion more.

Mr. SPROUSE. We projected some of the wage increases we are faced with this year on out to 1974, which is the date you are attempting to