

greatest call for Federal aid, but Federal aid, by the nature of it, should be for the more important roads.

Now, sir, I am sure that I would be one of the poorest of persons to attempt to redefine Federal aid. I am a city person. I would not wish to be in that role at all.

I would doubt if the institute or any of its officers would want to be specific in any redefinition though I understand your point perfectly.

I think it is important to bring out this basic point that this sentence is in here and I must say that personally I think it becomes a very important point if one can stand off and look at the problem in the overall, and say where are the greatest needs, where can the best service be performed for the people of America.

I think if one does this it is doing something about the consideration of where Federal aid responsibility lies as to the left, sir, of the secondary roads, be they urban and/or rural.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Actually, Mr. Marsh, I think the fact that you indicated that you are more city oriented probably attempts to explain why you establish that kind of a priority in your mind where a number of the people, of course, that come from rural areas would tend to reflect that point of view, and with this in mind, when Governor Rockefeller from the State of New York was here before the committee, we were discussing the method of allocation for sewage treatment and discussing the method of allocation for sewage treatment plants and that sort of thing and at that time, I brought up the fact that statistically we find that the 70 percent of the people in this country are living on 1 percent of the land, and I think that this is a little on the ridiculous side.

I believe with a change in our revenue allocations and some of our formulas for financing public facilities, including sewage treatment plants and/or roads that we might be able to conceivably provide quite a bit of pressure relief in these major cities by actually improving the opportunity for rural America to absorb a portion of this population that is now seeking opportunities and adding to the burdens of the problems in the urban areas.

While I will not prolong it, I did want to at least convey to you what some of us are very much concerned about, because we have this problem in California.

We have many people going into the Los Angeles Basin and being a native myself, I try to relate the entire State of California to that with which I am familiar. If you were to distribute your population in an airplane on the same pro rata basis as we have in California, it would not fly. We need to balance out the population patterns of the people in this country and the economy and relieve some of the pressures on the cities.

Mr. MARSH. This sentence does not represent my thought. It is the representation of a composite group of a number who are rural oriented and which I am not. I am city oriented.

I understand your point, sir, and I have great sympathy for it and I would like to say again with utter sincerity that I have the greatest sympathy for the needs of the people in rural areas.

This is just a question of how you come to the hard business of where the basic and major responsibilities are and, even if we do not think that some people should be in urban areas, that is where they are. They seem to be growing.