

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY ACT—1968

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ROADS
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:10 a.m., in room 2167, Rayburn Building, the Honorable John C. Kluczynski (subcommittee chairman) presiding.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. The hearing will come to order.

The Subcommittee on Roads will continue hearings today on overall Federal aid-to-highway legislation, including two bills which were introduced by myself and the chairman of the full committee, Mr. Fallon, H.R. 16994 and H.R. 17134, by request.

Last year, when hearings were held and debate was heard on the floor of the House on legislation reported by the committee, I advised the membership at that time that I would give full consideration to any and all requests for an increase in the interstate mileage.

This is one of the purposes of these hearings and particularly at this time when we have our colleagues here who wish to testify on this matter.

We will, of course, hear from all who wish to testify at any time on all points.

At this time as our first witness it is my pleasure to introduce the fine gentleman from Florida, Congressman Fascell.

STATEMENT OF HON. DANTE FASCELL, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Mr. FASCELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee.

I have a prepared statement, Mr. Chairman, which I would like to submit for the record in toto at this point and then I will summarize the statement and make some extemporaneous remarks.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The prepared statement of Mr. Fascell follows:)

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN DANTE B. FASCELL

Mr. Chairman, I greatly appreciate having the opportunity to testify before you this morning. I commend the Subcommittee on its diligence in meeting the pressing highway needs of this country. Today's hearing is yet another indication of your continuing interest in insuring safe and adequate highways to carry the ever-increasing volume of interstate motor vehicle traffic.

I wish to address my remarks today specifically to the extension of the interstate system. All of us are aware that after 1972 expansion in the amount of mileage authorized will be a clear necessity.