

Whatever you have in Florida, if you double it, it will not be enough.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. How much mileage are you talking about? You are talking about 28 miles from Miami to Homestead?

Mr. FASCELL. That is 28 miles and Tampa to Miami is 268 miles.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. The gentleman from Florida, Mr. Cramer.

Mr. CRAMER. I join in welcoming the gentleman from Florida to the committee and congratulate him on his testimony.

I also join the gentleman in his stated concern about the prospect that the State roads department might not present the case in support of this missing link principally and in discussing it with the Governor's office and the road board secretary's office, they have agreed it was not of such significance to justify an appearance on that subject in particular.

Now, we have a very able man in Mr. Charles Hopkins, who is the interstate engineer and has been with the program since 1956 here, and I am sure he will justify it.

I want to congratulate the gentleman on his testimony and his support for this because this connection would link the two major population metropolitan areas in the State of Florida and probably the only two major ones in the Nation not now connected by the Interstate System.

Mr. FASCELL. The gentleman is absolutely right and I say it is such an obvious gap that it needs to be filled.

Mr. CRAMER. You have about 1.2 million in the west of Florida and about 1.5 million on the lower east coast of Florida. That gives us two of the major metropolitan areas in the country not connected by the system.

Mr. FASCELL. The gentleman has raised a very important one, the additional need is a defense need and between Homestead and Tampa. We saw this in the Cuban missile crisis when we had to move a tremendous amount of materiel over inadequate highways and one of the areas affected was the Tampa to Miami link.

Mr. CRAMER. I think it is correct also to say that the Florida delegation is unanimously in support of this missing link, in closing this missing link.

Mr. FASCELL. I believe that is right. I do not think we all have bills. I know you have a bill and I have a bill and I think everybody else does.

Mr. CRAMER. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Any questions?

The gentleman from South Carolina, Mr. Dorn.

Mr. DORN. I want to commend my distinguished and able colleague for his testimony and I am in complete agreement with the gentleman.

Mr. FASCELL. I thank you. I cannot think of a finer thing to do than to link Florida with South Carolina.

Mr. DORN. I might say to my friend that down Highway 75 it is possible, and I have done so, to get up when there is ice in Greenwood, S.C., and go swimming in Miami that night. That used to be a 2-day trip. I think this is one of the connecting up of all the roads. It is obvious to me that Tampa and Miami should be directly connected with superhighways and perhaps even west of Miami to the southern