

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. About 200 miles?

Mr. PICKLE. Yes.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. We thank you for your statement, Mr. Pickle.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Wright.

Mr. WRIGHT. I would like to say, Mr. Chairman, that our distinguished colleague from Texas, Mr. Pickle, has always dealt with this case adequately and well. He has done his homework. I am certain it will attest to the need for this additional mileage to serve this great and growing center of Austin and to facilitate the flow of traffic on this great east-west thoroughfare from El Paso to Houston, two of the fastest growing cities in the entire Southwest.

I want to compliment the gentleman on his splendid presentation today.

Mr. PICKLE. I thank my colleague very much.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. Pickle, is it possible for the committee to have that chart?

Mr. PICKLE. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I will leave the chart for the committee.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Without objection, the chart will be made a part of the files.

I recognize the gentleman from Florida, Mr. Cramer.

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Pickle, I appreciate your testimony and your interest obviously in this connecting link.

Just as an additional matter, do I understand that the Texas Highway Department has submitted a letter signed by J. C. Dingwall, State highway engineer, on May 16 of this year, in which he indicated, and I quote, in answer to the chairman's request for information concerning additional mileage, he says:

I have polled my commission and our collective judgment is that the minimum additional needs for the Interstate System in Texas is approximately 1,500 miles at this time.

How much mileage is involved in this?

Mr. PICKLE. 200 miles or a little less than 200.

Mr. CRAMER. You know if that was included in the submission by Mr. Dingwall?

Mr. PICKLE. No, sir, I do not, Mr. Cramer. Mr. Dingwall is here and he will testify today.

Mr. CRAMER. I will ask him, then.

Mr. PICKLE. I did not know it is included because I have not received an official vote by the State highway commission for his particular project concerned.

I have reached a complete agreement with all of the counties through which it might pass.

Mr. CRAMER. Thank you very much.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Any other comments or questions?

Mr. DORN, the gentleman from South Carolina.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Pickle, of course we welcome you to the subcommittee and are pleased with this thorough statement that you have gone into. There is no objection on the part of the people around San Antonio on this into Austin, is it?

Mr. PICKLE. I have had no objection to San Antonio. Mr. Dingwall may have some expression on that.