

Mr. MAHON. That is right.

Mr. CLEVELAND. A dollar that is unexpended for foreign aid this year or unexpended for one of the other programs this year, unlike the trust fund situation, that dollar is saved to the budget, saved to the taxpayers.

Mr. MAHON. Unless it is a deferral.

Mr. CLEVELAND. Well, I appreciate your candor and thank you very much.

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

Mr. CRAMER. I have a couple of questions I wanted to asked the gentleman and I did want to yield to the gentleman from New Hampshire.

On this question of money, of course the money that is deferred and not spent out of the trust fund is going to be spent sometime later on in all probability, is it not, if the so-called inflationary pressures should ease up?

Now, the fact of the matter is we have practically in existence the \$600 million cut in the expenditures in the highway trust fund by Presidential order.

I contemalte that when we have done our work that the President may contact the Congress and outline a program which the legislative branch and the executive branch might jointly undertake in order to achieve the \$6 billion reduction.

As we all know the President has taken the position that the \$6 billion cut is too deep.

To some extent we followed a similar course last year in House Joint Resolution 888.

Now, coming more specifically to the question. If you are going to cut \$6 billion in expenditures, you have to make some cuts in highway expenditures, in my opinion, and I think some cuts will be made there. Nobody has told me that, but I do not think you need a crystal ball to figure out that if we have a \$6 billion cut in spending, some of that cut is going to be in the highways and that would be most regrettable. But I think that is the way we are moving.

Mr. CLEVELAND. I appreciate the candor of the gentleman from Texas and I still am at a loss and I think some members of this committee are at a loss as to how the Executive can cut these highway expenditures when the money is in a trust fund. I have never heard it even contemplated that social security trust funds would be cut back and I just cannot get it through my head how they can turn these highway trust funds on and off like a faucet.

Mr. MAHON. Those who administer a program of this type can slow down expenditures. This can be done through the apportionment process, authority for which is contained in the Antideficiency Act. The road program could be slowed down more conveniently than could a social security program in which case payments must be made to individuals by formula under the law. There is a little difference in the matter but I agree this is a very serious problem.

In addition to that, as of May 18, as I am sure the distinguished chairman knows full well, because he helped to try to solve the problem in the House, at least, of \$400 million short as of May 18, so that as of that date there is no more Federal-aid money available for highway expenditures until July 1 of next year, unless there is a supplemental appropriation passed.