

In his address Mr. Clausen added that it is essential to develop a method for multinational coordination and cooperation relating thereto; and that to realize the great highway proposals put forth by the several countries of the Americas; there must be proper and effective means to finance and implement the proposals to reality.

In this respect, the distinguished member of the United States Congress emphasized that the Pan American Highway Congress was the proper body by which to focus all our hemispheric efforts in highways and that in this position of great responsibility it could serve as an effective instrument to assure the efficient coordination of the highway systems among the countries and the improvement of our highway management capabilities to provide the most economic, safe, and effective service to the users of our hemispheric highways; and

Mr. Donald H. Clausen further suggested that it was time to consider the establishment of a planning body within the Pan American Highway Congresses to coordinate these and other proposals on an overall basis; therefore,

Resolves:

1. To create an Ad Hoc committee composed of five members named by the President of this Congress:
 - a. to assemble information on major international, interregional, regional, and intercontinental highway needs which are hemispheric in nature;
 - b. to serve as a coordinating body to develop an overall proposal for a comprehensive intercontinental and international and interconnected major highway network; and
 - c. to consider ways and means to advance the resulting highway system primarily through action by individual countries, but also by intergovernmental coordination, and, inter-American cooperation.
2. To request the member states to provide the basic information needed by this Ad Hoc committee;
3. To request the Ad Hoc committee to submit a report to the Permanent Executive Committee on or before January 1, 1969, at which time the committee shall be dissolved; and
4. To request the Permanent Executive Committee to submit a report together with its recommendations regarding the work of this Ad Hoc committee to the Eleventh Pan American Highway Congress.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. I now call on my colleague, Congressman Ken Gray, from the State of Illinois.

STATEMENT OF HON. KENNETH J. GRAY, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

Mr. GRAY. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you for this privilege of appearing here before you to speak about forest highways and forest development roads and trails. Sections 5(3) and 5(5) of H.R. 16994 and H.R. 17134 cover authorizations.

Several times I have spoken in favor of the proposed George Rogers Clark Scenic Highway traversing from the Mississippi River near Grand Tower, Ill., to the Ohio River across the Shawnee National Forest.

I also want everyone to know that I am in favor of the complete Federal-Aid Highway legislation program. It is very important that our highway network not be thought of in terms of only spectacular projects and connections between major cities. Our country depends upon an adequate system of roads in our rural areas.

My district in southern Illinois has been going through a transition period for several years now. Our economy has had to shift rapidly away from one of predominantly coal mining and very small farming operations. We have demonstrated our faith in the area and have continued to look forward to the time when our southern Illinois area can be developed. This development is not just for the people of southern Illinois, but rather, it is for the Nation.