

need the missing links in the Interstate System to furnish transportation routes to get the industrial areas where these people will work. Is that not true?

Mr. SEACREST. I think that is very true. This is the cattle feeding and packing area of the United States.

We have workers in all of these States that commute 50 miles to work in the business plants, and the rural areas are very properly called the bedroom communities for the metropolitan areas.

Mr. DENNEY. Following that, Mr. Chairman, I would recommend to every member of the committee that they read this statement. This is a compilation of many hours of work. There is a map of what he referred to attached to it.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. I recognize the gentleman from California, Mr. Clausen.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Seacrest, your presentation is one of the finest that we have had during these hearings.

Now, we have had some excellent testimony, but you brought with you two basic things: One, you brought documented evidence, but, most important of all, the thing you focused attention on was alternatives.

I think that you have not only served your own area well, but the information included in your testimony is going to give this committee some excellent background material upon which to make our final decision.

It seems as though you and your Congressman are communicating with each other very well. Frankly, it has been my privilege to serve in most of the subcommittees with Mr. Denney, and he has pointed out with regularity the problems that you have with respect to the bridge out there; and then, of course, also the basic content of your testimony.

We are deeply grateful to you, sir, for what I think is some of the finest testimony we have ever had before this committee.

Mr. SEACREST. Thank you, sir.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Mr. McEwen?

Mr. McEWEN. Mr. Seacrest, I, too, would compliment you on your presentation.

Your Congressman, Mr. Denney, had handed me your testimony prior to your coming to the witness stand, the excellent compilation you have made of your case.

Now, I have not had an opportunity to read every word, but I commend you and those who have worked with you in preparing it. It is very wonderfully done.

Mr. Chairman, I must say I noticed with some interest one of the parts of this called—a map, which is called the missing links; and I was pleased to note that northern New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine, there is a broken line where some of us in that area, too, were quite concerned about having no east-west connection or south.

Mr. DENNEY. I think this is a perfect example of how well defined we are in Nebraska. We not only look after our own constituency, but we want to make the entire country popular.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. DENNEY. Yes.