

Mr. CLAUSEN. In addition to the comments I have made, really and truly I do not think the Congress and the people of the United States fully understand what you are talking about, because when they consider the overall social, economic factors and the problems of the big cities, I could have said to some of the Members of Congress if they want to resolve some of the problems of the big cities, to recognize there is a lot of space, as Mr. Denney pointed out. And one of the things we can do in the Congress to redirect the population is the method in which we develop our rural areas. And I think you have given us the finest example of what we have been talking about.

Rural America must be built.

Mr. McEWEN. If I have any balance of time remaining, I would second the sentiments of the gentleman from California.

I have witnessed what has happened in the "rural" areas. My own area with interstates, where we do not have them and where we do have them, I have seen whole new industries grow up with these new arteries of transportation, and I have seen the areas where they do not have it, not developed.

I have made the statement that communities that do not have access to interstate highways in the future are going to be like communities in the 19th century that did not have access to a railroad.

Mr. Chairman, these things are absolutely necessary. These highways are vital to the development of the economy of an area, and I assure you and the gentleman from California, the greatest solution to some of the urban problems would be to move some of these people out where there is sunshine and fresh air and space; and this highway system is a means of accomplishing it.

Mr. CLAUSEN. There are some decisions that will have to be made so that some of the smaller communities of America will have the necessary public facilities, so they can accommodate industry.

Once they make that decision, I would couple that with a tax credit for industry to move out.

I would like to have your comment on that.

Mr. SEACREST. It is identical in principle to the income tax on welfare. It is a simplification that would solve a problem that we have had a great deal of legislation to try and solve them in the alternative.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. I want to thank you, Mr. Seacrest, for your presence here; and, as I said before, this is an all-American committee that is neither Democratic nor Republican.

When you go back to Lincoln, Nebr., I want you to tell the people that we have, and we are honored to have, on this committee a great man from your State, Mr. Denney. In all of the meetings I have had with the Subcommittee on Roads, Mr. Denny was always present, from the time we convened until the time we left. I appreciate someone like that. It shows he is interested in this great country of ours, and a greater America.

Your testimony has been helpful to this committee, and I want to thank you and to assure you that we will have every member read every word of your testimony.

It has been a pleasure to have you with us.

We will recess now until 2:30 this afternoon.

(Whereupon, at 12:15 o'clock, p.m., the subcommittee recessed, to reconvene at 2:30 o'clock, p.m., of the same day.)