

Mr. SCHWENGEL. You seem to be a very worthy successor for him and I commend you for your statements.

Mr. DINGWALL. Thank you.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you, Mr. Dingwall.

Mr. DINGWALL. Thank you.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you.

Gentlemen, we are pressed for time here now. We are anxious to have Mr. Cramer here so we can get to the State highway directors from Florida. We will have to wait until Mr. Cramer gets here.

I notice one witness is from the State of Iowa and one from Michigan.

I recognize Mr. Schwengel from Iowa. He can introduce the next witness.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Mr. Chairman, I am very happy to have the chance to introduce Mr. Coupal, of the highway commission. He has been before this committee before. He is an immigrant to Iowa; he came from the great State of Maine where he had a great experience, a very successful experience. He is doing a great job in the State of Iowa.

I remind this committee and those interested in roads in Iowa that Mr. McDonald came here early, Bureau of Roads, and made a tremendous contribution. This man is successor to him, Mr. White, and many others who have been before this committee from Iowa.

I am looking forward with anticipation indeed.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you, Mr. Congressman.

It is a pleasure to have you before this committee, Mr. Coupal. You may take the witness chair. Proceed as you wish.

STATEMENT OF J. R. COUPAL, JR., DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, STATE OF IOWA

Mr. COUPAL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Do you want to read your full statement?

Mr. COUPAL. No, sir. I think it would not be necessary. I have prepared statements for the staff.

I should like to very briefly comment on the pertinent points.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. In other words, we will make it a part of the record in its entirety. You may hit the high points; proceed as you wish.

Without objection, this will be part of the record.

(The prepared document follows:)

STATEMENT OF J. R. COUPAL, JR., DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS, IOWA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, JUNE 4, 1968

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, we thank you for this opportunity to appear before you to present our views on the significant matters receiving your attention at this time.

Today, I will confine my remarks primarily to four general areas:

1. The continuing federal aid program, and
2. Federal laws relating to weight and dimensions for commercial vehicles, and
3. The need for Congressional action on the Great River Road.
4. The need for uniform nation-wide commercial vehicle registration.

I. CONTINUING FEDERAL AID PROGRAM

As you gentlemen are well aware, it's vital, if the states are to do meaningful and intelligent planning for future highway construction and maintenance, that they have adequate and timely information on the character, magnitude, and scope of the future federal aid highway program.