

ance to us to bring some order out of the chaos that exists in interstate commercial vehicle registration.

Iowa happens to be one of the prorate States. We are in a compact with 18 other units, agencies, States and Provinces. We have reciprocity agreements with the rest of the States. And I know of no single problem that has caused us more trouble than attempting to control these interstate commercial movements.

We are strongly in favor of States rights in Iowa and it is with some reluctance that we have come to the position that we feel must be taken; that is, there must be some uniformity of commercial vehicle registration throughout the 50 States, and we would ask that you consider supporting legislation that would provide for uniformity of commercial vehicle registration.

Finally, and very briefly, an item that is of primary interest to our region, the Midwest Federal parkway system on the Mississippi River. There has been for several years included in the Federal parkway system, the Mississippi River Parkway. There are several bills pending now. Congressman Schwengel has one. I believe Congressman Culver has one in the Public Works Committee that would appropriate a small amount of money, I believe \$2 million a year, for advance acquisition of rights-of-way and for some planning for this parkway.

This is a regional problem. We do not expect or even suggest there should be any great amount of money expended on this parkway now. But we do feel that this is an ideal time to be doing some planning, to have some plans on the shelf so when that day does come, when funds are freed up, when we are looking for worthwhile projects to pursue, that the Mississippi River Parkway would be ready to become constructed.

Again, I have briefed these remarks down very substantially.

You have in the supporting documentation a map showing our freeway-expressway system and the supporting documentation on costs. Obviously this is a major concern to us and I would be glad to answer any questions that you gentlemen might have. Thank you.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you for that splendid statement.

The gentleman from Iowa, Mr. Schwengel, any questions or comments?

Mr. SCHWENGEL. No. I thank Mr. Coupal for his fine statement. This will be helpful as always.

Mr. Coupal, going into the truck weight matter, we will be into it in full detail, get all facts on board before the committee will act. I am sure the committee will consider all the aspects of this problem when this is presented to us.

Thank you for coming here. Also thank you for the great job you are doing in the State of Iowa. I especially appreciate your comment on the Mississippi River Freeway there, which I think is in the offing and should be given certain consideration at some future date.

(The following was received for the record:)

IOWA MISSISSIPPI RIVER RESOURCE

A PRELIMINARY PLANNING REPORT

It is the purpose of this preliminary planning report to present for review and consideration some thoughts relating to the future development of Iowa's potential resource related to the Mississippi River Frontage. This is in connection