

Incidentally, the State roads department is cooperating with the turnpike authority by working with them. We have called the Bureau of Public Roads in as observers, so that we can handle the study along Federal requirements so that if we can get the mileage, all this work that the turnpike authority is doing will not be wasted. It will be turned over to the Road Department so that we can use it in our dealings with the Bureau of Public Roads.

Mr. CRAMER. So, in effect, if it appears that there is no relief whatsoever that there would be available in the reasonable future on the Interstate System additional mileage, then at least a small portion of that could end up as a toll road?

Mr. HOPKINS. Probably would, sir, yes, sir.

Mr. CRAMER. And if that happened, for all time in the future, it appears that that mileage would thus be preempted and used up as a toll road and you could not even build a free road in the same traffic corridor until the bonds were paid off, could you?

Mr. HOPKINS. No, sir.

Mr. CRAMER. So that is the reason why the decision on this matter this year is imperative in the State of Florida, is it not?

Mr. HOPKINS. Yes, sir.

Mr. CRAMER. Thank you very much, Mr. Hopkins, for your testimony and your assistance.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Gentlemen, we are getting short of time now.

We have some witnesses that have to get to the airport in the next 25 minutes, and also we have the gentleman from Illinois who is very much interested and has been here since this morning and has been kind enough to wait until the afternoon to be heard.

At this time the Chair will call the next witness, the gentleman from Michigan, Mr. Stafseth, Director of the Michigan State Highway Department.

Mr. Stafseth, do you have a prepared statement? If you do, how long will it take you?

STATEMENT OF HENRIK E. STAFSETH, DIRECTOR, MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE HIGHWAYS

Mr. STAFSETH. Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have a prepared statement and I can move rather quickly through it.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Would you do that, please, because other people, all the way from Illinois are here and have to get back; and Mr. Lorenz has been here since early this morning.

Mr. STAFSETH. I will be brief, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and distinguished members of the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Roads.

I serve presently as the Director of the Michigan Department of State Highways. Previous to this, I held the positions of Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of State Highways responsible for planning and governmental liaison; engineer-manager of the Ottawa County Road Commission; engineer-manager of the Lenawee County Road Commission; city engineer for St. Joseph, Mich.; and bridge construction engineer for the Michigan Department of State Highways. During World War II, I served for 4 years with the U.S. Navy in engineering and administration in construction and public works.