

Under urban renewal, of course, they are paid very well. The business is paid \$25,000 plus, and we do not have that under the highway legislation.

Mr. CLAUSEN. I ask unanimous consent that their statement in response to my statement be included in the record, in regard to the National Association of Counties. (See p. 529.)

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. It was a pleasure to have you. There were several more questions we wanted to ask you, and we are running short of time.

We want to complete these hearings today and tomorrow.

Then we will have to sit down and write some kind of a bill and have it before the Rules Committee; and we hope to pass this legislation before the end of June.

We do not want to shut anyone off. We want to hear from everybody concerned.

Thank you again, and you too, Mr. Pikarsky; and tell Mayor Daley of Chicago you were before this committee, and you were not mistreated.

Mayor BRAMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Any further information we can give to you in writing, we will be happy to write you and supply it.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Our records will be kept open for a couple of weeks.

At this time it is a pleasure to have the outstanding Congressman, Joe D. Waggonner, of Louisiana before us.

The floor is yours and you may proceed as you wish.

STATEMENT OF HON. JOE D. WAGGONNER, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

Mr. WAGGONNER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee.

I want to express my appreciation to you for the opportunity to appear briefly before your committee this morning, and I will be brief.

I want to compliment the Subcommittee on Roads for doing now what they advised the Congress late last year they would do this year, and that was to hold hearings on the matter of roads in the United States.

You have listed, as items to be included but not limited to, some five items. I want to speak to three of those items, the extension of the Interstate System, prohibition of future cutbacks, and application of the Davis-Bacon law to the ABC program.

I have been, and still am, and expect always to be, a supporter of the interstate highway program.

There are some people who are critical of it, and I suppose that we have made a number of mistakes, but, in retrospect, it seems we have made fewer mistakes, and some people won't really admit it.

Our own State of Louisiana has been investigated by one of the public works subcommittees and, in my personal opinion, in an extremely fair and capable manner, and the findings of that subcommittee with relation to Louisiana's participation in these aid programs has been of benefit to Louisiana and to the program as a whole, the country over, I believe.