

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. If there is no objection, we will have that information inserted following your testimony.

Mr. LAMB. Yes, Mr. Clausen, I think you are very wise in making this request.

On fringe parking facilities, we would like to comment briefly on the proposal to provide funds for fringe parking facilities. As we see it this is mainly for demonstration projects. We believe that such demonstrations would be beneficial since we need to find ways to make public transportation more attractive to the all-day commuter and reduce traffic in downtown streets.

We see this as an important part of the total transportation system in metropolitan areas. We should point out, however, that with the current demands and priorities on highway funds, we do not envisage many States taking advantage of this provision.

We want to thank you for this opportunity to testify on this legislation. We would be happy to answer any questions you may wish to ask us.

Going back to what we said about the additional burden on the trust fund, it may appear we would not be consistent in our thinking, but we realize, for relief in the metropolitan areas, on the mass transit problem, that you are going to have to some way try to get some relief; and in this fringe parking area there is some problem.

We are not offended over the thought of the local government assisting some way in this fringe parking in relation to this problem.

We want to thank you for this opportunity again, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may wish to ask.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you very much. I am very much pleased with your statement. I am sorry more members are not present to get the benefit of this statement. I do hope they will read it when we go into executive session, or when we start marking up the bill.

This will be very helpful to the committee when we do get into writing up the bill.

I recognize Mr. Clausen, the gentleman from California.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Yes, Mr. Chairman, it has been my privilege to participate recently in a panel that was chaired by Mr. Lamb, along with our very able Director of Public Roads, Mr. Frank Turner.

This was during the discussion on the cutbacks in the program, and the testimony that he has presented comes as no surprise to me because he certainly is highly regarded, not only in his own area but throughout the entire Nation, as one of the better experts in transportation.

I am certainly pleased to welcome you before the committee, Mr. Lamb.

Mr. LAMB. Thank you.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Also I would like to place additional emphasis on some very key points that I think the gentleman has made, and I am making these points throughout the hearing and that is: Far fewer miles are being built today with the same amount of money on the ABC system, and I think, in effect, what we are doing is we are losing ground with the same amount of money; and, yet, the problems are increasing.

The next one, of course, a very key point is the desire to complete the system as soon as possible and it has to be balanced with the needs of the several thousands of miles of major highways in the Nation.