

is telling you gentlemen that the price which they themselves forced down our throats is too high, and also that the Department of Transportation should not now have the power to set national standards for billboard control, that this should be left to the States. This tactic is the good old "red herring" such as insisting that compensation be paid for all signs which are removed, but at the same time doing all that they can do to kill Federal authorization and appropriation for paying this compensation, thereby at one stroke attempting to completely destroy the bill, which they do this time.

Let them beware! Vermont has set the example, South Carolina is strengthening her affiliation with the Federal bill, and Virginia is again on the march.

We believe that you should uphold the Federal bill. It is your duty to do so. You do have a commitment to the American people.

It is within your power to stop the exploitation of America's roadsides, and we beg you to strengthen this bill and to pay a tribute to three great Presidents and a gallant fighter, Lady Bird Johnson.

Thank you.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you, Mrs. Lindsay.

I thought you were before the committee 3 years ago when we passed the Beautification Act.

Mrs. LINDSAY. Yes.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. I made several remarks then: If anybody was against beauty, he belongs to St. Elizabeths.

Mr. LINDSAY. Yes.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. I do remember 3 years ago the job we did for Mrs. Lyndon Johnson on the beautification bill. We had a lot of opposition, too. I was hoping then that we would get some of the garden clubs to help us out in passing that legislation.

We were fortunate in passing the legislation.

I am sorry that other members are not present here. You know, we are in session on the floor. I understand very few committees are meeting because of what happened early this morning, the tragedy this morning.

Mrs. LINDSAY. Yes.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. But knowing that people came here, witnesses from all over the country, I thought I would not make them stay over until tomorrow.

We are very happy to have you testifying this morning. I am going to ask the members of the subcommittee to read your statement. I know it is sincere, it is from the heart, and it is something they will enjoy reading.

Mr. Denney, any questions?

Mr. DENNEY. Mrs. Lindsay, I want to compliment you. You have given a very comprehensive statement.

I am just concerned at this time of fiscal responsibility in our State. I believe we have beauty out in Nebraska like nobody has ever seen—our sand hills are the most gorgeous things, this time of year, you have ever seen.

I have been down through Virginia and I think it is gorgeous—marvelous job through local control.