

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee our situation on Guam is unique under the American flag in that the whole island is by way of being a military base as well as a de facto center for the Trust Territory of the Pacific. Our present highway system is wholly inadequate for both civilian and military purposes. Without immediate help, such as the proposed amendment would make possible, an already bad situation will become much worse.

Therefore, I urge your favorable action for inclusion of Guam in the Federal Highway program.

Again, thank you for hearing me.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY ACT OF 1968

To amend chapter 1 of title 23 of the United States Code, relating to Federal-aid highways, in order to provide that Guam shall be considered as a State for the purposes of such title.

Sec. ----- That effective for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1969, section 101(a) of title 23 of the United States Code is amended in the clause relating to the definition of the term "State" by inserting "Guam", after "District of Columbia".

Sec. ----- Section 103 of title 23 of the United States Code is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

"(f) The system or systems of highways in Guam, on which Federal-aid funds may be expended under this chapter shall be determined and agreed upon by the Governor of Guam and the Secretary."

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Thank you, Mr. Pat.

Mr. DENNEY. Are you flying back tonight?

Mr. WON PAT. No, sir; I will be going back in a couple of weeks to make a report to the legislature.

Mr. DENNEY. Good to have you here.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. The next witness will be Mr. Jack Buchanan, manager of the Douglas Studs, South Fork, Colo.

STATEMENT OF JOHN F. BUCHANAN, MANAGER, DOUGLAS STUDS, INC., SOUTH FORK, COLO.

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I wish to thank you for the privilege of offering testimony on the Forest Service road authorizations for fiscal 1970-71.

You have been given my statement, and I will try to brief it more than it is now.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. That will be just fine. Your full statement will appear in the record at this point.

(Prepared statement follows:)

STATEMENT BY JOHN F. BUCHANAN, MANAGER, DOUGLAS STUDS, INC., SOUTH FORK, COLORADO

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, I wish to thank you for the privilege of offering testimony on Forest Service road authorizations for fiscal 1970-1971. My name is John Buchanan. I am the manager of Douglas Studs, Inc., located at South Fork, Rio Grande County, Colorado.

We operate a modern, highly automated sawmill, specializing in the manufacture of 2x4-8' which are the vertical, load-bearing members used in wall and partition home-construction, and which are commonly referred to as "studs."

South Fork is located at the northwest end of the San Luis Valley. The majority of the Valley's citizens are of Spanish American origin—which is also true of our mill and woods employees. Two of the five counties in the San Luis Valley, Conejos and Costilla, have been named, recently, as the only two counties in Colorado where malnutrition prevails. The level of unemployment, with the consequent public assistance load, is higher in the San Luis Valley than the average for the state as a whole.