

Mr. HOWARD. Thank you, Mr. Kee, for your fine statement.

The committee is grateful to you not only for your excellent statement this morning, but for a tremendous contribution that you have made as a member of the committee in relation to the Interstate System and all other subjects under the jurisdiction of this committee.

Mr. KEE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HOWARD. Are there any questions?

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Chairman, I merely want to compliment our colleague. He is always well prepared. He always speaks out forthrightly on what he believes, and his statement is most useful to me. I appreciate having the opportunity to hear him.

Mr. KEE. Thank you very much, Mr. Edmondson.

Mr. HOWARD. Mr. Clausen.

Mr. CLAUSEN. I, too, want to join my colleagues in complimenting the gentleman from West Virginia for a very fine statement, who has obviously given a great deal of thought in enunciating the peculiar problems you have in your State.

You do serve on the committee very well, and we will be looking forward to hearing from your colleagues from the State House of Delegates of West Virginia.

I have no questions.

Mr. KEE. Thank you.

Mr. HOWARD. Are there any further questions on my right?

Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask our distinguished colleague from West Virginia to take a look at this picture. This is from the Tuesday, June 4, edition of the Buffalo Courier-Express, Mr. Chairman, and I ask unanimous consent that it be placed in the record at this point.

Mr. HOWARD. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Reserving the right to object—I do not intend to object—may we have a description of what this exhibit is? What the picture is?

Mr. KEE. Show it to him, then I will look at it.

Mr. MCCARTHY. The picture shows a triple bottom truck which is now running on the New York State Thruway. This operation just commenced.

What I wanted to ask the gentleman from West Virginia is in connection with the statement on page 2, is it your understanding, Mr. Kee, that trucks of this size would be permitted under this legislation?

You talk about triple bottoms there under the results from the Idaho study.

Mr. HOWARD. If I may break in, hearing no objection, this will be made a part of the record.

(The picture follows:)